



**Українська Католицька Парафія
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Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Parish**

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*“Today the Virgin stands before us in the temple,
And together with the choirs of saints prays to God for us.”*

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

Неділя/Sunday: 8:30 am English

10:30 am Ukrainian

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 am

Щодня/Daily (Mon-Sat)

7:30 am in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions

Before both Sunday Divine Liturgies

By appointment during the week

Baptism by appointment

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/

Eucharist for the sick - any time

Marriages - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Неділя Мироносиць



Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43 - 16:8

Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes everyone to our Sunday Divine Liturgy. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Your presence is a blessing to us.

Today: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God.

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Cemetery Services at Forest Lawn Cemetery beginning at 2:00 pm.

Thank You

Last Sunday's Parish Easter Dinner and First Holy Communion was a wonderful event! Thank you to all who helped set tables, serve food, wash dishes, clean up, or assist in any way. Your help was very much appreciated. May Our Risen Lord bless you.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: pg 192: Христос воскрес, велично дзвін; Khrystos voskres, velychno dzvin

Communion: pg. 184: Сей день; Sei den'

Closing: pg. 188: Согласно заспіваймо; Sohlasno zaspivaimo

Moleben to the Blessed Mother will be celebrated during the month of May. We will celebrate Moleben on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the residence chapel, and at 10:00 am in church on Sundays.

Tuesday, May 6: 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

Thursday, May 8: 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

Saturday, May 10: 10:00 am: UCWLC Meeting in the Fellowship Room. Ladies, please try to attend as there are many important items to discuss.

12:00 noon: Cemetery Services at Gardens of Gethsemane. The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, May 11: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God in church.

Flea Market

St. Mary's UCWLC will be hosting a **Flea Market** on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** in our parish auditorium. This is the time for you to do your spring cleaning.

This market is open to the community so we are hoping to have a good response to this event. If you are interested and want more information, please contact Marlayne at 604-274-3164.

Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

Frozen pyrohy (perogies) will be available for purchase after both Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room kitchen. \$10/dozen.

Papal Intention for May 2025

For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

A Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the downstairs classroom. New students, family and friends are welcome. For more information, please call Emily at 778.888.3057.

Ukrainian Classes for Adults

Ukrainian classes for adults are held on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Please come join us. All levels welcome. For more information and tuition rates, etc., see ukrainianclasses.com, email info@ukrainianclasses.com or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

St. Mary's Parish is seeking to add a volunteer to the Booking Coordination Team for Parish Auditorium rentals. Duties would include being the main contact for rental inquiries and advertising. Knowledge using Word, Excel and Google Calendar is necessary. Good customer relations skills would be an asset. Opening, closing and dropping in at events may occasionally be required. A working knowledge of the English language is essential.

Please contact St. Mary's Parish Office by email (office@stmarysbc.com) or by phoning (604-879-5830), if you have an interest serving the Parish on the Booking Coordination Team.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women Reflection from Saturday evening Vespers

Early at dawn, the myrrh-bearing women arose and, carrying spices, they came to the tomb of the Lord; and not finding what they expected, the pious women pondered the removal of the stone. They spoke to one another, saying: Where are the seals of the grave? Where is the guard which Pilate sent with great care? And behold, a radiant angel appeared and proclaimed to them: Why do you tearfully seek the living One Who gives life to all mortal flesh? Christ our God has risen from the dead. He is the almighty One Who grants to all enlightenment, eternal life, and great mercy.

Жінки мироносиці рано-вранці, взявши пахощів, дійшли до Господнього гробу і знайшли те, чого не сподівалися. Побожно замислившись над відваленим каменем, одна до одної говорили: Де гробні печаті? Де Пилатова сторожа й дбайливе забезпечення? А здивованим жінкам звістив осяйний ангел, кажучи: Чому ж це з плачем шукаєте Живого, що дає життя людському родові? Встав Христос, Бог наш, із мертвих, як всемогутний, даючи всім нам нетлінність і життя, просвічення й велику милість.

Pope Francis wrote this in the Hospital. ❤️

The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches.

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports.

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar.

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist.

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care.

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor.

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person - do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect.

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life - and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.

Pope Francis