



**Українська Католицька Парафія
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці**

**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

12-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

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.

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

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 234: В страсі і покорі; V strasi i pokori

Communion: page 258: Тіло Христове; Tilo Khrystove

Closing: page 290: Царюй між нами; Tsariui mizh namy

Tuesday, September 2: 10:00 am: Meeting of St. Mary's Centennial Committee in the Fellowship Room. This committee has been formed to begin preparations to celebrate our Parish's centenary in 2027.

Sunday, September 7: Monetary collection for the Vancouver Food Bank at both morning Divine Liturgies.

Sunday, September 14: A **Parish Picnic** will be held after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please keep this date in mind.

Tickets for our Parish Praznyk Dinner (Sunday, October 5) will be available in the church vestibule next Sunday (September 7) following both Divine Liturgies.

Многая Літа! Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to:

- **Rhaya Wasylynchuk** who received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on June 15, 2025.
- **Alina Zhordaniia** who received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on June 29, 2025.
- **Thomas Ukrainetz** who received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on July 27, 2025.

Sincerest condolences are extended to Subdeacon Adrian Kopystynski and Family on the passing of Irina Kopystynska (nee Slijouk). Please keep them in your prayers.
Вічна Пам'ять

Vancouver Food Bank Donations

Our Parish will be collecting monetary donations for the Vancouver Food Bank. A collection will take place four times a year, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December.

A collection, MONETARY ONLY, will be held on Sunday, September 7 at both Divine Liturgies. Let us help those in need.

If you would like a tax receipt, please write your name and address on the special envelope "Vancouver Food Bank Donation". Make cheques payable to "St. Mary's Parish" and indicate in the memo portion that it is for the "Vancouver Food Bank." May Our Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity.

UCWLC Meeting

The next UCWLC meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 am.** This is our first meeting following the summer break. Ladies, please try to attend. Looking forward to seeing everyone following our nice summer. Marlayne, President

Parish Praznyk/Feast Day Sunday, October 5, 2025

Ordination to the Diaconate of Subdeacon Adrian Kopystynski

We give thanks to Our Lord for all the blessings that our parish has received. We remember in prayer (at both Divine Liturgies) our parishioners and their families. We pray for their health and well-being. We also remember our deceased parishioners.

At our Parish Feast Day we will be joined at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy by His Excellency Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski who will ordain our parishioner Subdeacon Adrian Kopystynski to the Diaconate. We are grateful for the gift of Subdeacon Adrian's vocation and we pray that Our Lord will bless him in his ministry. Axios!

A Praznyk Dinner will be held in the parish auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Dinner tickets will be available after both morning Divine Liturgies as of Sunday, September 7.

Preparing for the Christmas Fair

In preparation for the upcoming Christmas Fair on November 29, the young adults will be organizing a few pyrohy (perogy) making sessions, beginning in early September. Please keep this in mind, as we would really appreciate your help. Specific dates will be given soon.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Christmas Fair 2025

This year our Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. We will be having crafts, gift baskets, silent auction, baked goods, preserves, frozen perogies, sit down lunch/take-out food, concession. There will be "NO RUMMAGE SALES".

At this time of year, many of you may be starting to make your jams/jellies, pickles, etc. If so, we are asking you to make a few more jars of jam and pickles for our sales. Any kind of fruit jam/jellies, and any kind of pickles, beets (pickled) are accepted. Any sauces/antipastos cannot be accepted.

Also, if there are any crafters in our parish that would like to display their crafts, tables are available: \$30 for one table; \$50 for two tables. Please contact Marlayne, 604.274.3164 for more information.

There will be updated information in the Fall.

Fair Committee: Michael Myckatyn, Pat Sorochnik, Marlayne Andrijaszyn

Holy Father's Intention for August 2025

For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



The Diaconate - A Call to Service

“The Order of the Diaconate is a permanent order in the Church. In openness to the Holy Spirit, it is a call that arises from a deepening desire to love, know, and serve God. The road to becoming a deacon in the Catholic church begins first with personal prayer and guidance. In formation, these lead to more committed study in theology, Holy Scripture, and the Liturgies of our church. The most visible aspect of a deacon’s role is assisting the priest with liturgical services: chanting litanies, proclaiming the Word of God, incensing the church and faithful, and assisting with distribution of Holy Communion.

A less visible, yet equally valued quiet ministry of service occurs behind the scenes. This includes ministry to the members of the parish, in visiting the sick and elderly; teaching children and adult learners in the parish, along with other parish functions as necessary.

Most deacons make major sacrifices in answering the call to their vocation. Deacons make themselves available to the parish and priest as needed. They do so in addition to managing their private family needs, workforce and career responsibilities, and all of the same things most people struggle with normally on a daily basis. Essentially, permanent deacons time manage all they must accomplish in both the secular and spiritual realms, while continuing to reserve time for daily active prayer, the foundation of their service. Overall, deacons play a valuable role in our churches and in enhancing our worship services together with the parish priest.

Parishioners can support ministries such as the diaconate by offering words of encouragement to deacons and their families, and offering prayers for them. Parishioners should remember to pray for vocations. The need to be blessed with more holy deacons and priests cannot be emphasized enough.

The seeds of vocations are found in families that make religious practices and education a normal part of everyday life in the home and outside. Many very faithful Catholics forget that these vocations are the fruits of virtue practiced with consistency and that parents are the first line as role models.

The next layer in vocational development is at the parish level. Parishes that have members united to the primary reasons for being in communion, those where a vibrant culture of lived faith exists, a desire of members to learn and grow in discipleship, create a foundation for vocations. These are parishes that succeed in every way. All spiritual change and growth ultimately depends on the power of the Holy Spirit to reach the depths of hearts and transform souls. In prayer is this only possible. And in all things with God, it is never too late to move towards what God desires for all.

May God Bless all deacons of the Catholic faith for answering the call to serve God and to serve the people of their parishes.