



**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

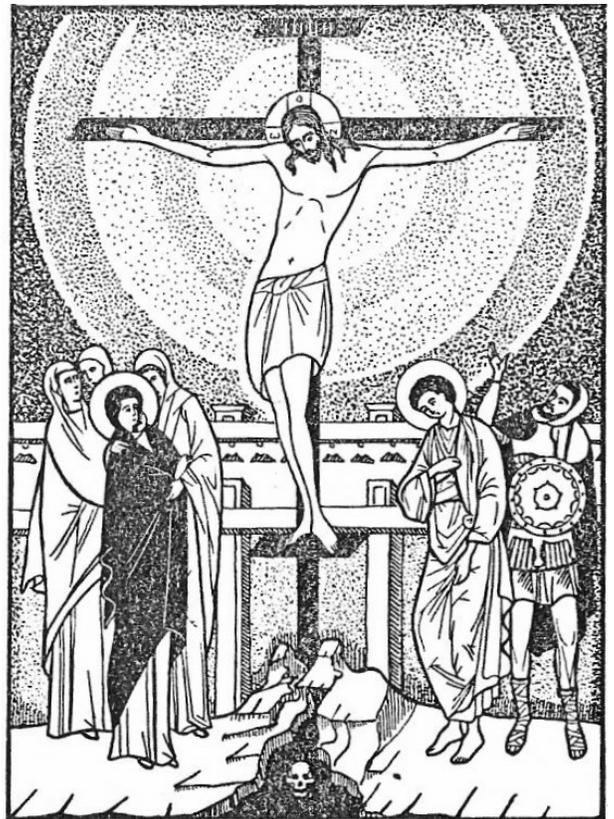
Marriages - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**Празник
Воздвиження Чесного Хреста**



**Feast of the
Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

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.

No coffee and sweets after today's Divine Liturgies.

Tickets for our Parish Praznyk Dinner will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

Today: A Parish Picnic will be held after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

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

Communion: page 4: Вітай нам, хресте; Vytai nam, khreste

Closing: page 8: Хресту Твоєму, Владико; Khrestu Tvojemu, Vladyko

Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 am: UCWLC Meeting in the Fellowship Room. 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

Monday, September 22: 7:00 pm: A Parish Christmas Fair planning meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room.

A **Ukrainian Embroidery Club** will meet on Monday evenings at St. Mary's, **beginning Monday, September 22**. Classes are 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.

St. Mary's Parish - Celebrating 100 Years of Faith Logo Design Contest

Our Parish's Centennial Anniversary is fast approaching (2027) and we are looking for your creative touch!

As we prepare to celebrate 100 years of worship and community, we are inviting you to help us mark this incredible milestone with a logo that captures and represents:

- our parish's legacy and mission
- the joy of faith and fellowship
- a hopeful vision for the future

The winner will receive their logo featured on all centennial materials, a special gift of appreciation and recognition during our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

How to enter: submit your design by email to office@stmarysbc.com or drop it off at the church office. Digital and hand-drawn entries are welcome.

Submission deadline: December 31, 2025.

Help us celebrate 100 years of faith through your creativity. Together we design the future!

**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!

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**Parish Praznyk Dinner / Diaconal Ordination of Adrian
Sunday, October 5, 2025**

Divine Liturgies: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

12:30 pm: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Catered Dinner - Tickets: Advance purchase only

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - Following the Divine Liturgies on September 14, 21, 28

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: October 2, 2025

Adults 19 & up: \$35

Youth 12-18: \$20

Children 6-11: \$10

Children 5 & under: no charge

No walk-ins at the door

Preparing for the Christmas Fair 2025

In preparation for the Christmas Fair, the young adults will be organizing a few pyrohy (perogy) making sessions in the next few months. If you are free on the dates below we would love for you to join us. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com

September 19 - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

September 20 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

October 10 - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

October 11 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

September 26 - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

September 27 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

October 17 - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

October 18 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Готуючись до Різв'яного базару, молодь організує декілька днів щоб ліпити вареників у наступні декілька місяців. Якщо ви вільні у ці дати, ми запрошуємо вас доєднатися до ліпки вареників. З будь яких питань, звертайтеся за імейлом: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com

19 Вересень - 17:00 - 20:00

20 Вересень - 9:00 - 17:00

10 Жовтня - 17:00 - 20:00

11 Жовтня - 9:00 - 17:00

26 Вересень - 17:00 - 20:00

27 Вересень - 9:00 - 17:00

17 Жовтня - 17:00 - 20:00

18 Жовтня - 9:00 - 17:00

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.

Fair Committee: Michael Myckatyn, Pat Sorochnik, Marlayne Andrijaszyn

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on September 14. A cross, beautifully decorated with flowers, or an icon of the cross, is placed on the tetrapod for veneration. The day of the feast is a day of fasting from all meat products. Red vestments are worn by clergy and all celebrants for liturgical celebrations from September 14 and for the entire post-feast until September 21. The verse "*To your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify your holy resurrection*" is sung after each liturgical service during this time, and all present prostrate themselves before the holy cross of Our Lord.

This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335 AD. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown on Good Friday, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, prisons, hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's. We unite our sufferings to those of Our Saviour.

We often make the sign of the cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism the sign of the cross is used; the priest makes the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the sign of the cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way.

May we look to the cross often. Each time we make the sign of the cross, may we do it with reverence and humility, and realize we bring our whole selves to God - our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts - everything we are and will become.