



**Українська Католицька Парафія  
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці**

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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 8 months before the marriage

**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**18-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа**

**Святих Отців**

**Сьомого Вселенського Собору**



**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Fathers of the  
Seventh Ecumenical Council**

Hebrews 13:7-17

John 17:1-13

**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.

**10:00 am:** Rosary in church.

A special **Thank You** to all who helped organize, volunteered to set the tables, served or helped clean up at last week's Parish Praznyk Dinner. Your hard work and dedication are very much appreciated. May Our Lord bless you all.

### **Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

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

Communion: page 252: Назарету любий цвіте; Nazaretu liubyi tsvite

Closing: page 336: Вихвалайте, доли, гори; Vykhvaliaite, doly, hory

**Monday, October 13: Thanksgiving Day.** 9:30 am: Rosary in church.

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving in church. Please join us.

**Tuesday, October 14: 7:00 pm:** Rosary in the residence chapel.

**Thursday, October 16: 7:00 pm:** Rosary in the residence chapel.

**Saturday, October 18: 10:00 am: UCWLC Meeting** in the Fellowship Room. We have some information to be passed on to members from our Congress attendees.

**Sunday, October 19: 10:00 am:** Rosary in church.

**Sunday, October 26:** *Lyrika Chorus* of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Vancouver will be presenting a short concert in our Fellowship Room, beginning at 12:15 pm. There will be liturgical pieces by the Ukrainian-Canadian composer Roman Hurko, as well as some Ukrainian folk songs. Please join us!

**Rosary in October** - Please note that in the month of October we will pray the Rosary on Sundays, at 10:00 am in church. We will also pray the Rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the residence chapel.

Під час місяця жовтня, спільна вервиця буде відмовлятися в неділю о год. 10:00 ранку в церкві, в вівторок, і в четвер о год. 7:00 вечора в резиденційній каплиці.

**Ukrainian Embroidery Club** meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Classes are from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the downstairs classroom. **Next class: October 20.**

New students, family and friends are welcome. For more information, please call Emily at 778.888.3057.

**Ukrainian classes** for adults on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Please come join us. All levels welcome. For more information and tuition rates, etc., email [info@ukrainianclasses.com](mailto:info@ukrainianclasses.com) or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

## Gratitude and Thanksgiving

*"I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the angels I sing to you."* (Psalm 138:1).

Expressing gratitude to God is our way of acknowledging that God is the source of everything. Prayer of thanksgiving can be a spontaneous "Thank God!" after hearing good news after a difficult time, or a formal prayer such as grace before meals.

Prayers of thanksgiving can be specifically related to an answered prayer or an unexpected good outcome. They can also be born of a mindset of gratitude, where we come to recognize everything as God's gift. Finding the good in every situation, and thanking God for it, can fortify those suffering challenging times.

On page 53 of our Divine Liturgy the priest prays: *"It is right and just to sing of You, to bless You, to praise You, to thank You, to worship You everywhere in Your domain."* Thanksgiving is our obligation to God, but it is more than an obligation - it is good for us. Prayers of gratitude strengthen us in humility, reminding us again and again that we cannot (and do not) get through life without God's help. Similarly, looking for the good in all circumstances and offering thanks to God for it helps us persevere through difficult times.

It is in our human nature sometimes to neglect giving thanks, as we see in the Parable of the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19), in which only one of the 10 lepers who were healed returned to thank Jesus. Maybe the nine who neglected to say "thank you" were too caught up in their excitement - we don't know for sure. But we do know that Jesus was dismayed that only one of the lepers returned to thank him. It is not that Jesus needs to be thanked, but we need the fruits of our own gratitude, i.e.: strengthening of virtues. Expressing our gratitude to God reinforces our relationship to him, in the same way expressing our thanks to someone for giving us a gift or helping us can strengthen our friendship or family bond.

Thanksgiving is easy when we receive something we want, and much less so when we don't receive what we'd been hoping for. But St. Paul writes, *"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We need to look for, and be grateful for, God's gifts even in difficult times or when we're dealing with something unexpected. Gratitude must be more than a feeling, so we can take steps to building grateful hearts. We can start by deliberately listing things for which we can be thankful, making us aware of God's Providence in our lives. And we can bring that gratitude into our prayer.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (page 75 of our Liturgy books) says: *"We thank You, O Master, lover of mankind and benefactor of our souls, that even today You have made us worthy of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Make straight our path. Make us all firm in fear of You. Protect our lives and secure our steps, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary and of all Your saints."*

Let us celebrate Thanksgiving Day with grateful and prayerful hearts.

## The Holy Father's Intention for October 2025

**For collaboration between different religious traditions.** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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### 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](mailto:office@stmarysbc.com) or drop it off at the church office. Digital and hand-drawn entries are welcome.

**Submission deadline: December 31, 2025.**

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### 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 listed, we would love for you to join us. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at: [syoungadultsvan@gmail.com](mailto:syoungadultsvan@gmail.com)

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

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

Готуючись до Різдва'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: [syoungadultsvan@gmail.com](mailto:syoungadultsvan@gmail.com)

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. There will be crafts, gift baskets, baked goods, preserves, frozen perogies, sit down lunch/take-out food, concession. There will be "NO RUMMAGE SALES."

If you are making jams/jellies, pickles, etc., 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.

**Mark your calendars! Come and support our Fair!**