



**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 8 months before the
marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Празник Христа Царя



Feast of Christ the King

Colossians 1:12-20
John 18:33-37

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.

Today: *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!

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: pg. 332: Богородице Діво; Bohorodytse Divo

Communion: pg. 358: О Маріє, Мати Божа пречиста; O Mariye, Maty Bozha prechysta

Closing: pg. 290: Царюй між нами; Tsariui mizh namy

Tuesday, October 28: 7:00 pm: Rosary in the residence chapel.

Wednesday, October 29: 10:00 am: Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room. Please note the time change.

Thursday, October 30: 7:00 pm: Rosary in the residence chapel.

Reports for the Parish Annual General Meeting

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025 in the auditorium. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your report for the Parish Annual General Meeting to the parish office by Friday, November 21.

Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. 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.

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 or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

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.

Christmas Fair 2025 - Raffle Baskets

As part of the Christmas Fair this year, we will be having raffle baskets. All contributions for the baskets will be greatly appreciated.

Suggestions for contributions:(new items please)

- small household items
- Christmas related gifts
- specialty snacks such as chocolates, candies, nuts etc.
- Children's toys, games, puzzles, stuffies, etc.
- specialty coffee/tea, mugs, etc.
- spa items (lotions, soaps, candles)

Contributions can be left in the Fellowship Room after Sunday Divine Liturgies on November 2, 9, 16 in marked boxes.

Contact Olga Kochan at 604.274.9804 for any questions or further information. Thank you for your donations.

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!

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.



Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated each year on the last Sunday of October.

Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King during the Jubilee Year of 1925 with his encyclical "Quas primas" (from the Latin "In the first"). The Feast was declared during an especially unsettling time in history that witnessed an alarming escalation of totalitarianism in varied horrific forms. In contrast to bloodthirsty worldly despots as well as rising tides of secularism and atheism in traditional Christian countries, the Catholic Church unapologetically reaffirmed Christ the King as the answer to all human problems and fulfillment of all human desires.

Does the New Testament refer to Christ as a "king"?

- (John 18:36) Jesus announces: *"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my disciples would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."*
- (Matthew 28:18) Although the actual word "king" does not appear here, Jesus declares sovereignty over all in no uncertain terms when He states, *"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*
- (1 Corinthians 15:25-28) St. Paul writes: *"Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads that God "has placed all things under his feet." But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will then subject himself to the One who made all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all."*
- (Philippians 2:10-11) St. Paul writes: *"At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

On the eve of the Feast, from Vespers we pray, *"Your kingdom, O Christ our God, is not of this world, for its beginning is in heaven; its end - is the knowledge of God and eternal happiness; its King - the Ruler of the heavens; its law - the divine will, supernaturally revealed; its reward - the contemplation of God face to face. Therefore, although we are in this world, let us not live for this world, but with faith in Christ our God."*

The Feast of Christ the King serves as a reminder of Christ's reign over all of creation and emphasizes his kingship as one of humility, not political power. The celebration focuses on Christ as the ultimate King of Peace who came to serve, reconcile all things, and establish a kingdom based on love for God and neighbour.

