



**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 8 months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

21-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



21st Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 2:16-20

Luke 8:5-15

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 238: Увійди, єрею; Uviydy, yereyu

Communion: page 254: О Ісусе, Ти з любови; O Isuse, Ty z liubovy

Closing: page 270: Наче повний голос дзвону; Nache povnyi holos dzvonu

Sunday, November 9: In honour of *Remembrance Day* both **Divine Liturgies** will be celebrated in memory of all those who lost their lives in the service of their country. A Panachyda will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Sincerest condolences are extended to Michelle Krakowski and Family on the passing of her mother Charlotte. Please keep them in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

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.

St. Mary's Christmas Fair Saturday, November 29, 2025 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Our Christmas Fair is a vibrant, cultural, and community affair.

There will be a variety of crafters, home baking, preserves, perogy/sausage lunch take-out or sit-down meals available in our Boardroom. Included will be raffle baskets, concession, church tour and a visit from St. Nicholas.

Your help is needed for our Fair to be successful. Donations in baking, preserves and raffle basket items will be much appreciated. If you wish to donate anything in these categories, please contact the following:

Baking:	Theresa McNicholl	604.732.7982
Raffle Items	Olga Kochan	604.274.9804
Preserves	Marlayne Andrijaszyn	604.274.3164

Please come and join in the community spirit and make this year's Fair a success. This event will also support Ukrainian Relief efforts through *CNEWA Canada (Catholic Near East Welfare Association)*.

The Holy Father's Intention for November 2025

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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.

Christmas Fair 2025 -- Calling all Bakers!

Join us in making this year's Bake Sale a sweet success!

Whether you're an experienced baker or just enjoy whipping up something simple, we need your help. Every contribution, big or small, adds more love to our table and helps support our parish and charitable causes. It's not just about cookies, cakes and pies – it's about coming together as a community in the spirit of giving.

Please contact Theresa McNicholl (tmcnicholl@shaw.ca) to submit your baking ideas of what will emerge from your kitchen. Thank you for your anticipated donations.

Молитва за душі в чистилищі

Боже, Ти наказав нам любити всіх людей як братів і сестер, а також любити тих, кого смерть взяла з цієї землі. Усі бо живемо в Тобі, всі з'єднаємося з Тобою в одній вірі та любові.

Допоможи нам, милосердний Боже, завжди прямувати до цього з'єднання, з любов'ю допомагаючи нашим живим братам і сестрам порадою і добрим прикладом, а померлим - молитвою і заслугами, що є плодом наших добрих учинків.

Прийми цю молитву з безмежного милосердя Твого, а через Страсті і смерть Ісуса Христа, Твого Сина, нашого Спасителя і Відкупителя, змилуйся над душами у чистилищі, які мусять спокутувати за свої гріхи, перш ніж увійти до Твоєї слави.

Зішли Твого Духа, Утішителя, щоб Він освітив їх світлом і Твою благодаттю, а також зміцнював їх у надії Твого милосердя. Введи їх до Царства Твоєї слави за заступництвом Пресвятої Діви Марії і всіх Твоїх Святих, а також заради молитов Твоєї прославленої Церкви і нас усіх, недостойних слуг Твоїх, які благаємо Тебе про милість для них. Через Христа, Господа нашого. Амінь.

November is dedicated to praying for the Souls in Purgatory

During our Liturgical year the Church has special days that are dedicated to praying for the dead, example: during Great Lent. We also pray for our departed on the anniversary of their passing, perhaps on the anniversary of their birthdays or other special occasions. We pray that the deceased may have a share in Christ's victory over death. This is especially true for the souls who need purification after death - the Souls in Purgatory.

The dogma of the existence of Purgatory was proclaimed by the Church at the Council of Lyons in 1274. It was additionally confirmed by the Council of Trent (1545-1563) in a special decree. It is based on statements from the Holy Scriptures and Church Tradition, which dates back to the second century. St. Augustine made a great contribution to the development of the doctrine of Purgatory. The dogma emphasizes two truths: (1) the existence of Purgatory as a punishment for sins after death, where the soul has to purify itself before entering heaven, (2) and the possibility and necessity of our prayers and sacrifices for the Souls in Purgatory, as our help to the souls for a speedy purification before entering heaven.

Those souls who attained Purgatory after death are already safe. Why? Before death if a person repented from their sins, was in the state of grace but did not have a chance to fully atone for the temporal punishment resulting from their sins, then Purgatory is the place of purification before being admitted into heaven. So, the Souls in Purgatory know they will eventually get to heaven, because they are in God's hands. They can be sure of salvation, but they still have to prepare for it.

Purgatory is the vestibule of Heaven. It is a manifestation of God's mercy, which purifies those who have not been fully perfected in love of God, neighbour and of self during their earthly life. The state of Purgatory should not be understood only as a punishment, but as a preparation for complete union with God in Heaven. For the dead to have a share in Christ's victory over death, they must be completely pure.

Let us sincerely help our sisters and brothers in Purgatory, offer Divine Liturgies for them, visit cemeteries, pray for them and do works of mercy for them.

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

O Lord God Almighty, I pray You, by the Precious Blood which Your Divine Son Jesus shed in the garden, deliver the souls in Purgatory, and especially that soul amongst them all which is most destitute of spiritual aid; and vouchsafe to bring it to Your glory, there to praise and bless You forever. Amen.

"I encourage Catholics to pray fervently for the dead, for their family members and for all our brothers and sisters who have died, that they may obtain the remission of the punishments due to their sins and may hear the Lord's call: "Come, O my dear soul, to eternal repose in the arms of my goodness, which has prepared eternal delights for you"

(St. Francis de Sales, Introduction to the Devout Life, 17, 4)