



**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

**Неділя Святих Праотців
Попразденство Непорочного Зачаття**



**Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers
Post-Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Colossians 3:4-11

Luke 14:16-24

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 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please join us.

Tickets for our Parish Christmas Dinner (Sunday, January 11) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 332: Богородице Діво; Bohorodytse Divo

Communion: page 344 Левадов, долинов; Levadov, dolynov

Closing: page 106: Хто там по дорозі; Khto tam po dorozі

The **2026 Parish donation envelopes** are available in the church vestibule.

2026 Parish Calendars can be found in the church vestibule. Please take one calendar per family.

A copy of the **Schedule of Christmas Services** can be found in the church vestibule. It can also be found on our parish website.

Tuesday, December 16: 7:00 pm: Post Christmas Fair Wind-up meeting to be held in the Fellowship Room.

Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

Frozen pyrohy (perogies) will be available for purchase after both Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room kitchen. \$10/dozen.

Prayer for Sick Parishioners and their Families

Heavenly Father, look with mercy on all of our parishioners who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them, and upon their families who suffer along with them.

When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties.

When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.

When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care.

When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction.

When they are in pain, ease their suffering.

When they despair, give them hope.

May they experience your comfort and healing. We ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed Mother Mary place them under your mantle of protection. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

The Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada have written a Christmas Pastoral Letter (English and Ukrainian). These letters are found on the Eparchy of New Westminster's website: <https://nweparchy.ca>

Parish Christmas Dinner

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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

12:00 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Catered Dinner

Tickets: Advance purchase only

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - following the Divine Liturgies on December 14, 21, 28, January 4

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: January 8, 2026

Adults: \$30 / Children & Youth (7-19): \$20

Children 6 & under: no charge

No walk-ins at the door

The Holy Father's Intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Year End Contributions

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations throughout the year. For any donations that you want included on your 2025 tax receipt, **all contributions must be in the parish office and your cheques dated no later than December 31, 2025.**

Dear Baking Ladies,

On behalf of St. Mary's Parish Christmas Fair committee, I want to thank you for your donations to the Bake Sale Corner.

All the creations baked in your ovens/kitchens, were totally amazing. It was a blessing to price them, and display them for sale. Our customers were excited to select from an array of amazing baking. There was variety, creativity, and Ukrainian flavour.

For those of you who gave donations, or support in other ways, it is valued, appreciated and understood.

May God Bless you for your donations and dedication to our parish and the support for Ukraine.

"It is in giving, that we receive", (*Prayer of St. Francis*)

Any suggestions at all, as to how we could improve on our "Bake Sale Corner," please let me know. Improvements are always a plus.

God Bless You,

Theresa

Adult Catechism in the Byzantine Tradition

The Catholic Church is a “symphony of faith” with many liturgical traditions, all united under the Holy See. Among these is the Ukrainian Catholic Church, where the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and the rich theology of the East express the same Catholic faith in a unique and beautiful way.

Starting January 5, 2026, Holy Resurrection Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton will begin a 12-week Adult Catechism in the Byzantine Rite. **This course will be held in person and on-line.** Together, we will explore:

- The history and spirituality of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- The Divine Liturgy: heaven on earth with chant, incense, and icons
- The Sacraments (Holy Mysteries) in the Byzantine tradition
- Unity with Rome: breathing with “both lungs” of the Church

To register (by January 3, 2026) click the link:

[Byzantine Adult Catechism Course – Fill out form](#)

<https://forms.office.com/r/2fQLvqibky>

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.

Two Blessings

There are two kinds of blessings: temporal and eternal. Temporal blessings are health, honour, friends, wealth, family, a home, and other things from our journey in life. But we reside in the hotel of life, as travellers moving on, not as owners intending to remain. For eternal blessings are eternal life, the body and soul's incorruption and immortality, the allegiance of angels, the heavenly city, unfailing glory and the Father - the former without death, the latter without an enemy.

These blessings make us desire them with eagerness and ask for them with perseverance. We don't ask with lengthy words, but with groans. A longing desire is always praying even though the tongue is silent. For if you ever long for these things, you are praying. When does prayer sleep? When desire grows cold. So then, let us beg for these eternal blessings with eager desire. Let us seek these good things with entire earnestness. Let us ask for them with assurance. May we always trust our Heavenly Father to give us the blessings that we need.