



**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

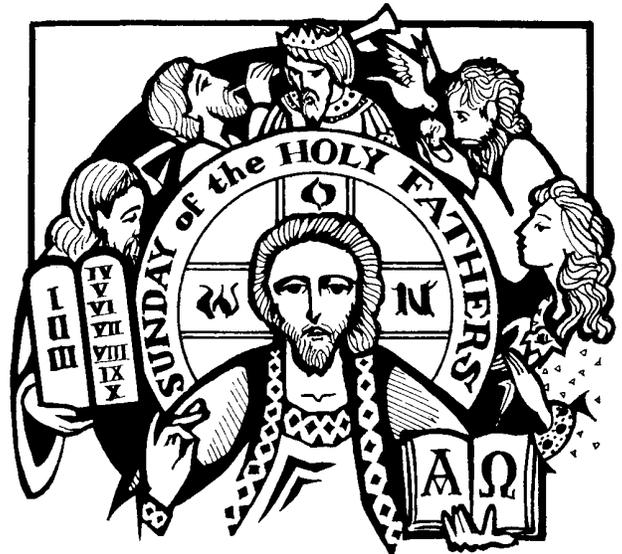
Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Неділя перед Різдром

Неділя Святих Отців



Sunday before Christmas

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2

Matthew 1:1; 17-25

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 106: Хто там по дорозі; Khto tam po dorozh

Communion: page 244: Витай між нами; Vytai mizh namy

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

We offer our **sincerest condolences** to Tracey Moir on the passing of her mother Mary Golinsky. Funeral service pending. Please keep the late Mary Golinsky and her family in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

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.

We encourage Parishioners to make their Confession before Christmas

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve (Abstinence from meat products)
9:15 pm - Great Complines followed immediately by **Solemn Divine Liturgy**;
Blessing with Holy Oil

Thursday, December 25: Feast of Our Lord's Birth (Holy Day of Obligation)
10:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Bilingual); Blessing with Holy Oil

Friday, December 26: Synaxis of the Mother of God and St. Joseph
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 27: Feast of Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

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.**

Заохочуємо парафіян приступати до сповіді перед Різдвом

Середа, 24 грудня: Навечір'я Різдва (піст-не дозволено їсти м'ясних страв)
9:15 вечора - Велике Повечір'я і зараз потім
Торжественна Служба Божа, мирування

Четвер, 25 грудня: Різдво Христове (обов'язкове свято)
10:30 ранку - Служба Божа (у двох мовах), мирування

П'ятниця, 26 грудня: Собор Пресвятої Богородиці і Св. Йосифа
10:00 ранку - Служба Божа

Субота, 27 грудня: Первомученика й Архидиякона Стефана
10:00 ранку - Служба Божа

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...

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 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

Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

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

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.

