



**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

**26-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа**

**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



**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ephesians 5:9-19

Luke 12:16-21

**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.**

**Today: Monetary collection for the Vancouver Food Bank at both morning Divine Liturgies.** If you would like a tax receipt, please write your name and address on the envelope marked "*Vancouver Food Bank Donation*". Please make cheques payable to "St. Mary's Parish" and indicate in the memo portion that it is for the "Vancouver Food Bank." May Our Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity

**Today: Parish Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Parish Auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. It is open to registered parishioners only. All committee heads are required to attend.

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

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

Communion: page 246: Вірую Господи, Viruyu Hospody

Closing: page 24: О хто, хто Миколая; O khto, khto Mykolaya

### **Thank You!**

I would like to thank the Parishioners for the Divine Liturgies, blessings and good wishes for my operation and recovery. The operation was a success and I am back home getting my strength back, I'm still a little weak, but I am hoping to be back in church for Christmas. God Bless you all and Thank You. Beverly Pacholko

Our Family would like to thank the Parishioners for their offerings of Divine Liturgies, prayers, well wishes and encouragement for the health and recovery of Pat Sorochuk. Please know that it is very uplifting and so much appreciated.

Sorochuk and Richards Families

Copies of the Christmas Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav (in Ukrainian and English) can be found in the church vestibule.

**Tuesday, December 9: Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Non-obligatory holy day. Divine Liturgy: 7:30 am in the Residence chapel.

**Wednesday, December 10: 10:00 am:** Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

**Saturday, December 13: 10:00 am: UCWLC December Meeting** in the Fellowship Room. This will be a short meeting to complete our year's activities, followed by Christmas fellowship. Ladies, please try to attend so we can have our Christmas blessings and fellowship. God Bless! Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

**Sunday, December 14:** Tickets for our Parish Christmas Dinner (Sunday, January 11) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

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

**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 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

**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.**

**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.

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

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

The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** celebrated on December 8 in the Roman Rite and December 9 in the Byzantine Rite. On this feast day the Church celebrates Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Philip's Fast (Pylypiwka)/Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, “from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin.”

The observance of this feast began with a Papal encyclical by Pope Pius IX, when he formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, *INEFFABILIS DEUS*, on December 8, 1854. Several years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes stating, “I am the Immaculate Conception.”