



**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

Неділя Закхея

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



Zacchaeus Sunday

1 Timothy 4:9-15
Luke 19:1-10

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.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 54: Возвеселімся всі разом нині; *Vozveselimsia vsi razom nyini*

Communion: page 52: Во Вифлеємі нині новина; *Vo Vyfleyemi nyini novyna*

Closing: page 33: Весело співайте; *Veselo spivaite*

A huge Thank You to all the volunteers who made last Sunday's Parish Christmas Dinner such a wonderful success. Thank you to all who picked up supplies and groceries, set the tables, took down the tables and chairs, and cleaned up afterwards. This was a real team effort. May Our Lord bless you for your hard work and dedication.

Thank You also to *Lyrika Ensemble of Vancouver* for carolling at our Parish Christmas Dinner, and for leading the sing-along. Your voices were beautiful, and you provided an extra special Festive feeling to our event.

Home Blessings: If you wish to have your home blessed please contact the parish office.

The **2026 Almanac "Svitlo"** is available in the Bookstore at a cost of \$20/copy.

Eternal Memory! Sincerest condolences are extended to Barbara Ballhorn on the recent passing of her sister-in-law Roselynn Ballhorn in Alberta. Please keep the late Roselynn and her family in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

Sunday, January 25: "Alcohol Free January" Fundraiser. Join us in the Fellowship Room after the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies for a hot dog and a beverage for \$5. The *St Mary's Team* hopes you will support our fundraising goal of \$5,000 by the end of the month. Hope to see you there.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

Next class: January 19th. A Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's 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.

Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

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

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.

St. Mary's Parish -- Logo Design Contest

Thank you to everyone who submitted a design for our Centennial Logo Contest. We received many creative entries, and the Centennial Committee is grateful for your enthusiasm.

The Committee will review all submissions at its meeting in early February. The winning design will be announced shortly afterward.

Thank you for helping us begin our 100th-anniversary celebrations with such creativity and spirit.

ALCOHOL FREE JANUARY

Canadian Cancer Society Fundraiser - St. Mary's Church Team

Starting January 1, 2026, our parish is participating again in the *Canadian Cancer Society* fundraiser "**Alcohol Free January Challenge.**" This fundraiser challenges you to go alcohol free for 31 days. It is a good start to the year which helps you get healthy while also raising funds to aid in cancer research.

You can donate on-line. **CLICK on the link**

<https://fundraisemyway.cancer.ca/teams/9165>

You may also donate by making out a cheque to the **Canadian Cancer Society** and putting it in the Sunday collection basket, along with your **name and address**. Cash can be given the same way. Tax receipts are issued for any donations \$20 or more.

Our St Mary's Team hopes to raise \$5000. We need your continued support.

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...

Zacchaeus Sunday

The Paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he “sought to see who Jesus was” (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Easter. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Exodus 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God’s mercy and compassion by Christ’s words to Zacchaeus, *“Today salvation has come to this house.”*

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2014/02/02/1-sunday-of-zacchaeus>

History tells us that later on, Zacchaeus followed the Apostle Peter who appointed him Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine, where he faithfully served the Gospel and died peacefully.

Tropar at Sunday Matins:

(On the Sundays of Tone 1, 3, 5, 7)

“Today salvation has come to the world. Let us sing to Him Who is risen from the tomb, the Author of life Who has crushed death by His death and bestowed victory and great mercy.”

В неділю на Утрени співаємо:

(як припадає голос 1, 3, 5, 7)

“Сьогодні спасіння світу сталось; прославмо Воскреслого із гробу і Начальника життя нашого; бо здолавши смертю смерть, перемогу він дав нам і велику милість.”