



**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

Fr. Dionysiy Zavedyuk, OSBM - Assistant

4-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



4th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6:18-23

Matthew 8:5-13

Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes everyone to our Sunday Divine Liturgy. Your presence is a blessing to us.

Happy Father's Day! We extend our best wishes to all the Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers of our parish! Today we pray and thank all men who have shared their love, kindness and wisdom with us. We ask that our Lord bless you now, and in the years to come. Многая Літа!

We also remember and pray for all those who have passed away. Eternal Memory!

Вітаємо із Днем Батька! Бажаємо усім нашим Татам і Дідусям щастя, здоров'я і Божого благословення! Многая Літа!

Today: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Hymns at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy

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

Communion: page 252: Назарету любий цвіте; Nazaretu liubyi tsvite

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

Sunday, June 28: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Monday, June 29: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Obligatory Holy Day.
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in church.

Papal Intention for June 2026

For the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

St. Mary's Christmas Fair 2026

This year our Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. We will be having crafts, gift baskets, baked goods, preserves, frozen perogies, sit down lunch/take-out food, concession. There will be "NO RUMMAGE SALES".

At this time of year, many of you may be starting to make your jams/jellies and later in the summer pickles etc. If so, we are asking you to make a few more jars of jam and pickles for our sales. Any kind of fruit jam/jellies, and any kind of pickles, beets (pickled) are accepted. **(There is a request for 2-quart jars. If you have any 2-quart jars to spare then please bring jars to the parish office).** Sauces/antipastos cannot be accepted.

Also, if there are any crafters in our parish that would like to display their crafts, tables are available: \$40 for one table; \$60 for two tables. Please contact Marlayne, 604.274.3164 for more information. There will be updated information in the Fall.

Thank you!

Fair Committee: Michael Myckatyn, Marlayne Andrijaszyn

Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist - June 24

When Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist, she and her husband, Zechariah, were advanced in years. The angel Gabriel announced the child's birth to Zechariah when his priestly clan chose him by lot to enter the Temple sanctuary to burn incense to the Lord. Zechariah was told that his wife would conceive and bear a son who would *"be great in the sight of the Lord...be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb...turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord...will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah...turn the hearts of fathers toward children...to prepare a people fit for the Lord."* (Lk 1:15-17) The announcement was joyous beyond belief. After the sorrow of having no children, Zechariah would have a child "great in the sight of the Lord." Disbelieving the angel, Zechariah was struck mute until John was born.

John's birth was surrounded by mystery, amazement, awe, and intrigue. St. Luke records the reaction to his birth as, *"Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, 'What, then, will this child be?' For surely the hand of the Lord was with him."* (Lk. 1-65-66)

On 24 June the Church celebrates the Nativity of John the Baptist, and on 29 August, we celebrate the memorial of his martyrdom.

There is no other saint for whom the Church celebrates both of these moments. Generally, it celebrates only their "birth into heaven", with the exception, of course, of Jesus, the Son of God (25 December - his birth; and Good Friday - his death) and the Virgin Mary (8 September - her birth; and 15 August - her Dormition into heaven).

Jesus himself said, *"Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist."* (Mt. 11:11) He was the last of the great prophets of Israel, the first to testify to Jesus, who initiated a baptism for the forgiveness of sins and, in this context, baptized Jesus; he was a martyr who died defending the Judaic law.

As early as the 4th century, we find a liturgical commemoration for Saint John the Baptist celebrated on a variety of dates. The date of June 24 was established, based on the Gospel of Luke 1:36, where speaking of Elizabeth it says, *"this is the sixth month for her who was called barren"*, therefore, six months before Christmas.



2026 Eparchial Pilgrimage
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish - Grindrod, BC
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Rm 12:12)

Friday, June 26th	
Time	Event
After 4:00 pm	Arrival / Welcome / socializing / getting to know each other
Anytime	Confessions (<i>Frs. Postoliuk & Vytvytskyi</i>)
6:00 pm	Great Vespers with Lytia / Myrovannia (<i>Fr. Chornenkyi</i>)
7:30 pm	Supper (<i>courtesy of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Grinrod</i>)
8:30 pm	Akafist to the Holy Family (<i>Fr. Wasylinko</i>)
9:30 pm	Station 1: Spiritual talk (Adults / English) (<i>Fr. Vyshnevskyy</i>)
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <i>Rm 12:12</i>	Station 2: Spiritual talk (Adults / Ukrainian) (<i>Fr. Sakvuk</i>)
	Station 3: Spiritual talk - Youth/Children (<i>Fr. Ozorovych</i>)
	Procession with candles to the cemetery - Panakhyda at the cemetery (<i>Fr. Myts</i>)
11:00 pm	Songs by the campfire (<i>Frs. Sakvuk & Chornenkyi</i>)
Saturday, June 27th	
Time	Event
Morning	Breakfast available
8:30 am	Matins (<i>Fr. Ozorovych</i>)
10:00 am	Festal Divine Liturgy (<i>homily: Very Rev. Fr. Richard Soo, SJ</i>)
12:00 pm	Festal Lunch / BBQ / games

Start planning now to take part in this special spiritual opportunity for our Eparchy.

Deadline for registration is today, June 21, 2026. Scan the QR code to register.

