



**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

5-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

Fr. Dionysiy Zavedyuk, OSBM - Assistant



5th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 10:1-10
Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

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

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

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

Hymns at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 238: Увійди, єрею; Uviydy, yereyu

Communion: page 254: О Ісусе, Ти з любови; O Isuse, Ty z liubovy

Closing: page 276: В сильній надії; V syl'niy nadiyi

Monday, June 29: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Obligatory Holy Day.

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in church.

Sunday, July 5: Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Theodore and Oliver Blomme who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist on Sunday, June 14, 2026. Proud parents are Larry and Sarah Blomme. **Многая Літа!**

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.

Fair Committee: Michael Myckatyn, Marlayne Andrijaszyn

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.

Papal Intention for July 2026

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Note: The next bulletin will be Sunday, July 26, 2026



Thank You from the Vancouver Food Bank

Dear St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church,
"When you don't have to worry so much about food, you can focus on other things. It's a huge relief. My kids don't go hungry"

We wanted to share this quote with you from one of our clients, a devoted single mother raising two

young children. With inflation and the high cost of living across Greater Vancouver, more individuals and families are turning to the Food Bank.

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank supports individuals who come from all walks of life. People like Yuliia, who fled with her children from Ukraine, leaving her husband behind to fight in the war. Seniors like 95-year-old May, who recently lost her husband and is facing food insecurity alone. These clients could be your loved ones or neighbours.

With your generosity, the GVFB now offers access to fresh nutritious food for over 16,000 client visits weekly across Burnaby, Vancouver, New Westminster, and the North Shore. We also support over 160 agency partners including homeless shelters, neighbourhood houses, after-school programs and other food banks across the province.

From all of us at the GVFB, thank you so much for your kindness and support during these times of immense need.

Should you have any questions on how you're making a difference, we would love to connect at 236-992-1899 or email at development@foodbank.bc.ca.

With Appreciation,

GVFB Development Team

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The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is celebrated in the Ukrainian Catholic Liturgical Calendar on the First Sunday of July. In the Roman Catholic Liturgical Calendar it is celebrated on June 27. In our church the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is located at the side altar on the north side of the church.

The icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help represents the Christian mystery of Redemption. This icon is believed to have its origin sometime during the 13th -15th century. The image is also known as "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour." The icon is known for being miraculous; over the centuries countless healings and special graces have been attributed to it, so much so that the image has been honored and venerated by many Popes.

The miraculous icon is painted on wood and measures about 21 x 16 inches. It depicts the Virgin Mary, under the title "Mother of God," holding the Child Jesus.

The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion. St. Michael (in the left corner) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns. St. Gabriel (in the right corner) holds the cross and the nails.

The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. Frightened by the vision, he runs to his mother for consolation. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of one of His sandals as he quickly flees into the arms of his Mother.

Despite a foreboding vision of suffering, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background as a sign of the glory of the resurrection. The royal crowns on the heads of Jesus and Mary also symbolize their triumph as the King of Kings with his Queen Mother.

In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary's hands - both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and at the same time presenting Him to us - convey the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man.

Just as the Child Jesus fled into the arms of his Mother when he was frightened, so too do we flee into the arms of our Blessed Mother with child-like confidence whenever fear envelopes our hearts. Just as the Virgin Mother consoled and comforted her Divine Child, so too does she console and comfort us, her spiritual children, in our afflictions. We can always come to her in our time of need and receive her help.

In this iconography, Mary is represented as the one who guides us to the Redeemer. The Virgin Mother is also our Help who intercedes with her Son on our behalf. The star painted on Mary's veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother.

The Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome displays the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorist Fathers) are the guardians and promoters of the holy icon.

