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*The No. 1 priority for ... the church is evangelization:  
"Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world."*

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**Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies**

*В Неділю/Sunday*

*8:30 am partially sung*

*10:30 am sung*

**У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation**

*10:00 am and 7:00 pm*

**Щодня/Daily Scheduled**

*8:15 am in church*

**First Friday - 8:15 am** Divine Liturgy followed  
by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or  
Mother of God

**Сповіді - 30 хвилин перед Службою Божою**  
або **наперед** домовитися під час тижня

**Confessions - 30 minutes before the Divine**  
Liturgy or by appointment during the week

**Baptism by appointment - membership in**  
Parish is required

**Marriages by appointment** made at least six  
months in advance. Membership in Parish is  
required

**Funerals by arrangement** in the Parish Office

**оо. Василіяни / Basilian Fathers serving this**  
**Parish**

*Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor*

*Email: pastor@stmarysbc.com*

*Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM*

*Bishop Emeritus*

**13 Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа**  
**Матія 21:33-42**



**13 Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 21:33-42**

**SPECIAL NOTICE – Do not park in the  
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's  
Gardens when you come for the Sunday  
Divine Liturgy. Your car will be towed.**

**Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зєдналися сьогодні разом брати участь в цій Службі Божі. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.**

**Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Серпень**

**Загальний намір:** Щоб батьки виховники допомагали молодим поколінням зростати в доброму сумлінні і послідовності.

**Місійний намір:** Щоб Помісні Церкви Африки, вірні Євангелії, поширювали будову миру і справедливості.

*- Тропарі і читання в рожевій книжці на стор. 8 і 9.*

*- Кава і солодке сьогодні після неділі Служби Божої у вітальні під церквою.*

**В цьому часі тільки один священник служить в парафії. Щоби вз'яти участь у Св. Сповіді, заохочуємо Вас приходити до церкви 30 хвилин скоріше перед Св. Літургією. Ви можете також наперед домовитися і прийти до Каплиці в резиденції під час тиждня.**

**Спеціальне прохання:** після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможемо, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

*Сьогодні: Неділя, 18 Серпня:*

**- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

*Неділя, 25 Серпня:*

**- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

*Неділя, 1 Вересня:*

**- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

*П'ятниця, 6 Вересня: - Перша П'ятниця*

**- 8:15 ранку – Служба Божа а від так Молебень до Серця Христового.**

*Неділя, 8 Вересня:*

**- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**- Річний Парафіяльний Пікнік** почнеться о год. 12-ій полудня. На обід буде подаватися: "Гамбургер" і "Гот дог", ярина і напитки, і морожене на десерт. Для розваги будуть різні гри для молоді і дітей. Пожертви вільні.

*Субота, 14 Вересня: Воздвиження Чесного Христа Ісуса Христа*

**- 8:15 і 10:30 ранку – Служба Божа.**

**- сьогодні здержуємося від м'ясних страв**

**The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes** all guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy together. May our Lord, through the intercession of our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God, bless you and your family!

**Monthly Papal Intentions for August**

**General Intention:** That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life.

**Missionary Intention:** That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, may promote peace and justice.

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** in the pink booklet pages 8 and 9.

- **Coffee and sweets** are available today **following the Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies** in the Fellowship Room. **All guests and parishioners are invited.**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - only one priest is serving the parish. To receive the Mystery of Reconciliation, (Confession), you are encouraged to come thirty (30) minutes before the Divine Liturgy.** You may also make an appointment to come during the week to the chapel in the rectory.

**A SPECIAL Request:** At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or other reading material in the pews. Each and every participant is invited to do their part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pew pockets and pews clean and neat. Thank you.

***TODAY, Sunday, August 18:***

- **Parish Catechism for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

***Sunday, August 25:***

- **Parish Catechism for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

***Sunday, September 1:***

- **Parish Catechism for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

***Friday, September 6: Feast of Christ the Lover of Mankind - First Friday***

- **8:15 am - Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart.**

***Sunday, September 8:***

- **Parish Catechism for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

- **Annual Parish Picnic begins at 12 noon.** The meal will consist of Hamburgers and Hot dogs with all the trimmings, Lettuce salad, Potato salad, vegetables, coffee, tea and juices and ice cream for dessert. For entertainment, we have invited "Scruffles" the balloon maker, pony rides for the young and games for children of all ages. A donation for the meal will be accepted.

***Saturday, September 14: Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Jesus Christ***

- **8:15 and 10:30 am - Divine Liturgy in Church.**

- **This day we abstain from meat**

**To Request Prayers for:** yourself, your family, or a friend - please submit the name to the Parish Office or place a note on the collection plate.

**Пам'ятайте помолитися:** за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

**Remember to pray for:** your family; fellow parishioners; those confined to their hospital beds or their homes; those seeking God's guidance or rejoicing with God's favour; or for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; or have been called to their eternal reward or for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab, Mary Balsevicius, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Elizabeth Duda, Mary Earl, Quenten Fabiano, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Ben Marchinkow, Joseph Nadelko, Roma Nowakowski, (Bishop Ken's mother), Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Dave Shelast, Tiny Zarski. Also remember the family of +Irna Basarab (mother of Fr. Steven) who fell asleep in the Lord August 8.

**Please Visit:** our Parishioners that are in the hospital or have difficulty getting around in their homes. They need your visit, your phone call, as well as your prayers.

**Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**If there are people you visit requesting prayers, or a visit from the Priest, please inform the Parish office so that father might know to visit them.**

**NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** The Divine Liturgy begins at 8:30 A.M. or at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings. You have the responsibility to arrive before the church bells ring announcing the beginning of the Service. Realize that in order to have attended the Sunday Service you would have: received the Opening Blessing, listened to the Gospel, participated in the Consecration of the Holy Gifts, and following Holy Communion, would have received the Dismissal Blessing to strengthen you to proclaim the Good News throughout the week.

**Church Etiquette:** We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church (the Nave) before, during, or after the Service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations - leave the Church proper for those that want to pray.

**Це пригадка для всіх вірних.** Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

**Церковна Етика:** Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

## **Молитва Митрополита Андрея Шептицького за українську родину**

Боже великий, Боже отців наших! Дай нашому народові якнайбільше добрих, святих християнських родин. Дай нам таких батьків, які голосно й відверто признавалися б до божественної Твоєї Євангелії і до Твоєї служби. Дай нам батьків, які для своїх дітей були б прикладом християнського життя, правдивими опікунами та добрими провідниками в житті. Дай нам таких матерів, що вміли б добре, по-християнськи виховувати своїх дітей, а для своїх чоловіків були б поміччю, потіхою та доброю радою. Дай нам таких дітей, які були б потіхою та славою батьків і красою свого народу. Благослови, всемогутній Боже, український нарід. Даруй йому ласку вірно Тобі служити і доступити колись вічної нагороди в небі, бо Тобі, Боже, у Святій Тройці єдиний, Отче, Сину і Духу Святий, належить вся слава, честь і поклін навіки вічні. Амінь.

## **Prayer by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky for Ukrainian Families**

God Almighty, O God of our Fathers! Grant to our nation many good and holy Christian families. Give us fathers who will loudly and openly confess your holy Gospel and be in Your service. Give us fathers who will be a good example of Christian life for their children, true protectors and good leaders in life. Grant us mothers who are capable of bringing up their children in a Christian way, and are a joy and help as well as good advisors for their husbands. Grant us children who will be the pride and joy of their parents and the splendour of their nation. Almighty God, bless our Ukrainian nation. Grant her the grace to faithfully serve You and one day to be granted the eternal reward in heaven. For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** - Almighty and Merciful God, inspire those You have chosen to hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witnesses of Your love and care for the world. May they find support and encouragement in our words and in our prayers. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR EVANGELIZATION 'YEAR OF FAITH'** - O God, who wills that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth, pour out Your Spirit upon us and grant that we may respond zealously to Your urgent call to lead back to the Church those who have strayed. Prepare their hearts and minds to be receptive to the saving Gospel of Your Son. Send us workers to gather in Your abundant harvest, so that all Your people, obedient to the Word and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the way of Salvation and love. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

*Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця.*

*Food Bank Donations: We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the first and third Sundays of every month. PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.*

**Special Petition for Evangelization** – *Let us ask our Heavenly Father for His gifts of wisdom & courage in our efforts of spreading the Good News and building up God's kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.*

**YEAR OF FAITH** Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessings as we celebrate this Year of Faith that we may deepen our personal encounter with Christ, that we may be more able to share our faith with those around us; to share our love for the Church and its people as Christ showed His love for us. By this, we renew our baptismal call by living out our daily moments with faith, hope and love. We ask through the prayers of the Most Holy Mother of God and all the saints. Amen.

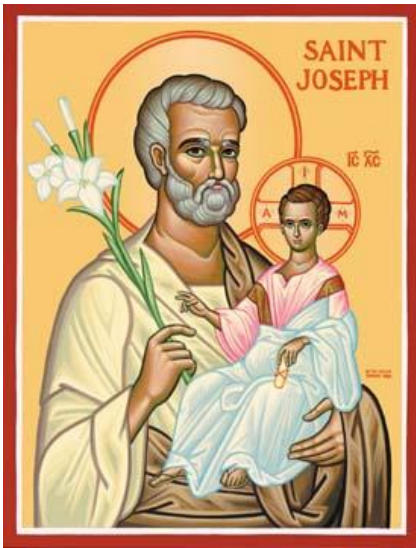
**When you make a donation towards the purchase of Deacon, Lector, and Acolyte vestments, you will be remembered in the prayers of the Acolyte/Lector/Deacon during every Divine Liturgy.**

We will soon be receiving Deacon/Lector Gold, Blue and Red vestments. **The Sisters corrected their mistake in quoting the price of Deacon vestments:** Each complete set costs \$1,000 (\$500/each). We will also be receiving one set of white vestments at a cost of \$1,300 (\$650/each). Also coming is one set of White Acolyte (Altar Server) vestments (for taller servers) at a cost of \$1,000 (\$500/each). **(Note: if more donations are received we will also purchase a complete set of green Deacon vestments.** The complete set will cost \$1,000 (\$500/each).) Total cost – \$5,300. (Plus \$1,00 for a green set of Deacon vestments).

Each time the Deacon, Lector or Altar Server vests, they include in their prayers the persons that have provided them with the vestment. Your donation is greatly appreciated. May the Mother of God continue to intercede for you before the throne of God!

<b>DONATIONS:</b>	UCWLC	1,000.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	1,700.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	800.
	John & Irene Sliziak	200
	Parishioner: Anonymous	100.
	Ben & Bonny Marchinkow	100.
	Bessie Lashin	<u>100.</u>
Total donations to date:		4,000.

**I am Asking for a favour:** My friend and I are Brazilian seniors, looking for a Bed and Breakfast or a home to stay at during our three-week stay in Vancouver. We will need two rooms. As we do not know anyone in Canada, could you help? I am a Eucharistic minister in my Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Bauru/São Paulo, Brazil. We will be in Vancouver around August 26. God Bless you, thanks Barbara. **(If you can help please contact the office.)**



*St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect our fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, and their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over them faithfully.*

**PRAYER FOR A VIBRANT PARISH** - O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!



**If Parishioners or visitors would like to arrange a meeting with the Pastor,** please approach Rev. Fr. Josaphat after the Divine Liturgy or call him at 604-879-5830, or email him to: [Pastor@stmarysbc.com](mailto:Pastor@stmarysbc.com). Fr. Josaphat would be pleased to meet with you to discuss: Home or Hospital visits to the sick, plan for your Marriage, Baptism, Funeral or help to prepare for any other Service. Or you may need Spiritual Support or help to be a full member of the Parish. What ever your need please approach Fr. Josaphat.

**Reminder to Families or Individuals Admitted to Hospital** – If you or a family member is admitted to a hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory at 604-879-5830, to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you or your loved one is in hospital. Remember privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given out by the hospital.

**Please note:** parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travellers, or any other intention) please see Fr. Josaphat following the Divine Liturgy or call the Parish office to arrange for it.

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**By: Father Michael Venditti @ [ByzantineCatholicPriest.com](http://ByzantineCatholicPriest.com)**

**The Divine Liturgy, Part Thirteen**  
**“Why are we here?”**



During these weeks of summer we have been talking about the Divine Liturgy; and, even though we have only been able to penetrate a little more than half of the service, the summer is almost over and we have to move on. You may recall that I chose to do this because I had misgivings about how we, as a parish, were celebrating the Liturgy, and on a number of counts, some of which I have shared with you and some I have not.

One of the areas of concern I shared with you was about singing. I also spoke to you about physical

posturing, bowing and making the sign of the cross and so forth. I then gave over twelve Sundays to explaining some aspects of the history of the Divine Liturgy, not because I had a naive hope of actually being able to cover such a topic in so short a time, but simply to give you a flavour for the fact that what we do in church is not just a matter of slavishly adhering to arbitrary traditions. The early Christians did things a certain way because it meant something to them. Sometimes, what it originally meant to them was forgotten, as we learned from our friend St. Germanus of Constantinople; but they conditioned themselves to cling to those traditions anyway. Why? Because they loved our Lord and those traditions kept them close to Him by keeping alive the things that He had taught to his Apostles, who passed them down to succeeding generations. There are a lot of easier ways to celebrate the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion, but not many as ancient and as close in time to Christ and his Apostles.

It raises an important question, and one with which we might bring our summer preaching on the Divine Liturgy to a conclusion. Why is it so important to preserve this Byzantine Tradition with which we worship? Right now, within



walking distance of where you live, there are any number of Catholic Churches you could attend rather than coming here. Each one has more Masses scheduled at more convenient times than I am able to offer for you here. So, why are we still here? Is it a cultural thing? That cannot be right, because we are not all of the same cultural or ethnic background, are we? Is it a family thing? Is it because this is the church you were raised in? Your father went here, your mother went here, you were baptized here, so here is where you go? That cannot be the reason either, because there are too many people in our parish for whom that is simply not true.

One of the things that shocked me when I first came into the Ruthenian Church from the Latin Church was the great disconnect between the older people whose membership in the Church was culturally based, and the younger people of varying nationalities who had come into our Church, many of whom were, in fact, from other Catholic traditions. My first assignment in a Byzantine Church was with an old priest in a parish in New Jersey. It was an inner-city parish in a racially mixed neighbourhood; and whenever people would show up in church on Sunday who were obviously not of Eastern European descent, he would say, "What are they doing here? They are not our people?"

Who exactly are "our people"? I guess it depends on whom you ask. Go back fifteen hundred years and ask St. Germanus who "our people" are, and he probably would have given you the same answer that the Apostles themselves would have given: "our people" are those who believe in Christ. And many of them seek out and latch onto the Eastern Church, even though it may not be their heritage, because they find there an expression of Christianity that speaks to them in a special and very personal way. Assuming that all the various forms of practicing the Catholic religion are equal, there is something about our tradition that draws people beyond just finding a convenient Divine Liturgy that fulfills an obligation to go to church on Sunday.

So, when people who have no cultural connection to Ukrainian, Carpathian, or Sub-Carpathian, or Hungary, or Greece, or any of the other places where "our people" are said to have come from, find our churches and latch onto them, and make a conscious decision to worship with us when it would be so much easier for them to go to any number of other Catholic churches and have their pick of Divine Liturgy times, there has to be a compelling reason. The whole point of the twelve little homilies I gave you on the Divine Liturgy is my way of trying to clue you in on what a part of that reason may be.

The forthcoming feast of the Exaltation of the Cross [September 14], celebrates the finding of the true Cross of our Lord in Jerusalem by Saints Constantine and Helen, and their bringing it to Rome. Now, why would anyone travel to Jerusalem and dig around in the dirt to find a thousand year old piece of wood? Because that piece of wood held the body of our Lord, and finding it was a way of keeping the Lord close to their hearts. They did not have to go and look for it, just as you do not have to come here to attend a Divine Liturgy that is a lot

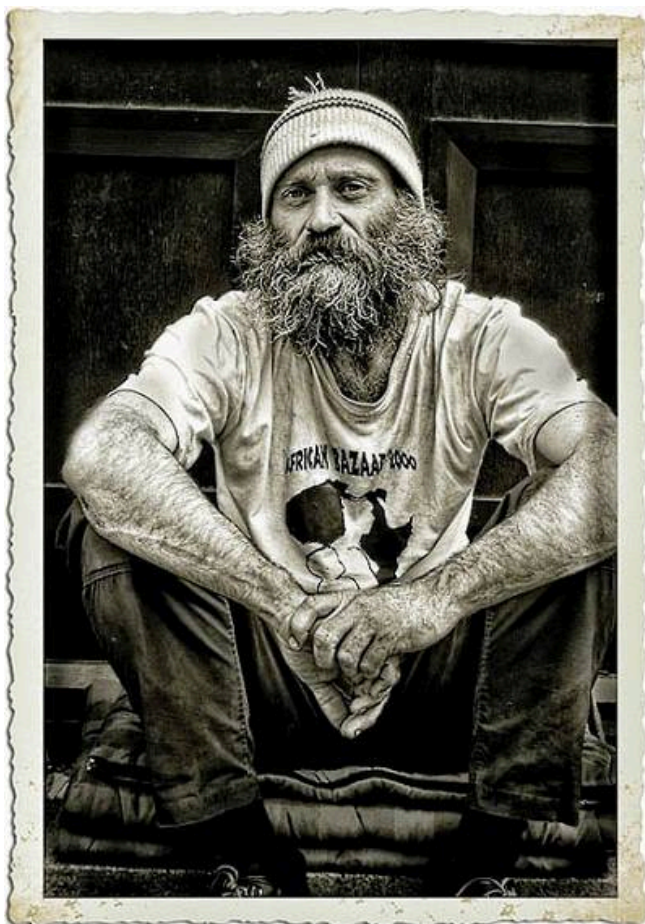
longer and far more complicated than ten other Catholic Masses within a mile of this place, or perhaps a lot closer to where you live, where you could fulfill your obligation. If you are here, it is because you, too, have found something here in our tradition that, by God's grace alone, brings you closer to our Lord. I sincerely hope that, in my own small way, I have done something this summer to help nurture that for you.

The Gospel for the Sunday following the feast of the Exaltation, contains our Lord's mandate to take up our cross and follow him.

Celebrating the Divine Liturgy each week is not supposed to be a cross; but we all know it often can be, especially since many of us are traveling some distance to be here. My hope is that we will continue to understand what a great gift the Lord has given us in our tradition, that we will deepen our love and devotion for it, and pass it on to our children.



### I hope this is not one of us ...



Pastor Jeremiah Steeppek (pictured to the left) transformed himself into a homeless person and went to the 10 thousand member church that he was to be introduced to as the head pastor that morning. He walked around his soon to be church for 30 minutes while it was filling with people for service....

Only 3 people out of the 7 to 10,000 people said hello to him. He asked people for change to buy food. NO ONE coming to church gave him change. He went into the church proper and sat down in the front of the church and was asked by the ushers if he would please sit at the back. As he greeted people from his place at the back of the church he was greeted with stares and dirty looks, with people looking down on him and judging him.

As he sat in the back of the church, he listened to the church announcements and such. When all that was done, the elders went up and were excited to introduce the new pastor of the church to the congregation...

"We would like to introduce you to our new Pastor, Jeremiah Steeppek" ... The congregation looked around clapping with joy and anticipation ... The homeless man sitting in the back stood up ... and started walking down the aisle ... the

clapping stopped with ALL eyes on him ... he walked up the altar and accepted the microphone from the elders (who were in on this) and paused for a moment ... then he recited:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' "

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' "

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' (Matthew 25:31-45)

After he recited this, he looked towards the congregation and told them all what he had experienced that morning ... many began to cry and many heads were bowed in shame ... he then said ... Today I see a gathering of people ... not a church of Jesus Christ. The world has enough people, but not enough disciples ... when will YOU decide to become disciples? He then dismissed the people until next week...

**Being a Christian is more than something you claim. It is something you live by and share with others.**

**Monthly Calendar Announcements** for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

**ПРОСИМО** щоб оголошення до наступного дво-місячного календаря треба подати до канцелярії не дальше як 20-го дня цього місяця.

**Bulletin Announcements** must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

## What is a “Vocation”? continued from last week

In closing, I would like to share with you a short article that emphasizes respect and love that should always be present for your parish priest and all those dedicated to a life of service in your Church.

### ***My Priest: Right or Wrong***

*I have a pastor. There was a time when he was a good priest and I told him so. But, this is when I liked him.*

*His sermons were wonderful – when I liked him.*

*He was a hard worker – when I liked him.*

**He was the right man for our parish – when I liked him.**

*I was his strong supporter – when I liked him.*

**But one day my priest offended me. He preached in his homily something I did not want to hear. He taught me something I did not want to believe. He made a decision I could not accept. Since that day my priest has ceased to be a good priest.**

**Now, his sermons are not so wonderful – since he offended me.**

*Now, his faults are more prominent – since he offended me.*

*Now, his ideas are not so good – since he offended me.*

*Now, he is not the right priest for our parish – since he offended me.*

*In fact, now I am trying to get him to leave – just because he offended me.*

My dear friends, many times our estimations of our parish priest are determined in a large measure by our personal likes and dislikes, or even by our prejudices. Individual feelings, whether we realize it or not, colour our judgments. If we like a priest, we like his work. If we dislike a priest, he cannot please us. How sad it is for the parish priest who is told that his parishioners disliked him.

**Someone once said: “if you want your priest to be wonderful, then tell him he is wonderful and he will be wonderful!” “If you want a good priest – pray for the priest that you have. And he will be good!”**

When was the last time that you said to your parish priest, “Thank you for your priestly ministry among us!”? When was the last time you offered a prayer for your parish priest? Let us inspire new vocations by honouring the vocations of those serving us now!

**Another Prayer For Vocations** – Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the Saviour of the world. Please manifest in Your church, the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles. Call many to the priesthood and religious life especially from our Parish families. May zeal for Your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen! May they be saints in Your likeness! May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them! May they be priests and religious according to Your own Heart! Amen