



**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 6 months before the
marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

28-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



28th Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 3:12-16

Luke 18:18-27

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 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make our Christmas Fair a resounding success. Your hard work and diligence are so very much appreciated. May Our Lord bless you!

Today: Sunday, December 1: Monetary collection for the Vancouver Food Bank at both morning Divine Liturgies.

Sunday, December 8: 12:00 noon: Parish Annual General in the Fellowship Room.

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

Eternal Memory! We extend our condolences to Philip Guindon and Family on the passing of his daughter Pamela on November 23rd in Montreal. Please remember the late Pamela Guindon and her family in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

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

Communion: page 246: Вірюю Господи, Viruyu Hospody

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

Parish Annual General Meeting

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2024. The AGM will be held in the Fellowship Room following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and is open to all registered parishioners only. All committee heads are required to attend.

The Parish Year End Annual Reports for 2024 will be distributed in the church vestibule following each Divine Liturgy. Registered Parishioners Only. Please bring them with you to the AGM.

If at all possible, financial questions should be submitted to the Parish Office by hand or e-mail before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 4. The written questions will be answered at the appropriate time during the meeting.

Vancouver Food Bank Donations

Our Parish will be collecting monetary donations for the Vancouver Food Bank. A collection will take place four times a year, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December 2024.

A collection, MONETARY ONLY, will be held on Sunday, December 1 at both Divine Liturgies. Let us help those in need.

If you would like a tax receipt, please write your name and address on the special envelope "Vancouver Food Bank Donation". 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.

Year End Contributions

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations throughout the year. For any donations that you want included on your 2024 tax receipt **ALL contributions must be in the parish office and your cheques dated no later than December 31, 2024.**

Ukrainian Embroidery Club - Last class: December 2

A Ukrainian Embroidery Club will meet on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Classes are 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.

Ukrainian Classes - Last class: December 2

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., see ukrainianclasses.com, email info@ukrainianclasses.com or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2024

For Pilgrims of Hope: Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

Please Note

Have you just moved into our parish? Are you registered in our parish? For new parishioners, please let us know who you are so that we can welcome you! Registration forms are available in the parish office. For parishioners who have moved or changed their phone number, help us to update our records by informing the parish office.

Чи Ви є новими парафіянами в нашій парафії? Чи Ви є зареєстровані в нашій парафії? Просимо нових парафіян, повідомити нас, щоб ми могли Вас щиро привітати! Реєстраційні форми знаходяться в парафіяльній канцелярії.

Для Парафіян які перебралися на нові місця. Чи Ваша адреса і номер телефону є змінені? Просимо повідомити нас зміну Вашої адреси.

Jubilee Year 2025

In 2025, the Catholic Church will celebrate its next Jubilee Year - a centuries-old tradition rich with spiritual significance. This special time is dedicated to promoting renewal, spiritual growth, mercy, and forgiveness.

The Jubilee was first initiated in the Christian era by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 and is generally held every 25 years, although popes may proclaim additional Jubilees for special occasions.

The last Jubilee, an "Extraordinary" Jubilee, was declared by Pope Francis in 2016 to mark the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council.



The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm, with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who will then preside over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica. The Jubilee will conclude on January 6, 2026.

For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has chosen the motto **“Pilgrims of Hope,”** inspired by the words of St. Paul in Romans, *“Hope does not disappoint”* (Romans 5:5). In his letter proclaiming the Jubilee, Pope Francis beautifully reflects on Christian hope:

Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love: “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35.37-39). Here we see the reason why this hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life.

Pope Francis encourages us to deepen our faith through Pilgrimage, Prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Works of Mercy during the Jubilee year. Each of these practices embodies the year’s themes of mercy, healing, and renewal.

- Pilgrimage symbolizes the journey of conversion and commitment to following Christ.
- Prayer draws us closer to God, opening hearts to His mercy and guidance.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an essential part of the Jubilee, inviting us to rediscover the value of Confession and experience God’s forgiveness in a personal, profound way.
- Works of Mercy, both corporal and spiritual, play a central role as we are encouraged to perform charitable acts that support those in need, bringing Christ’s compassion and justice to life.

Together, these practices make the Jubilee a deeply transformative period, inviting all to renew their commitment to faith, love, and service.

The Jubilee Logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. The cross is in the shape of a sail, one of the signs of Christian Hope that carries with it the certainty of the victory of good over evil.

On May 9, 2024, on the Feast of the Ascension, Pope Francis delivered the Bull of Indiction for the 2025 Jubilee in the Basilica of Saint Peter. This Papal Bull is entitled *“Spes non confundit”* *“Hope does not disappoint.”* The full text of the Papal Bull is found on the Vatican website:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html