



**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

24-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 2:14-22
Luke 8:41-56

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.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

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Monday, November 4: 7:00 pm: A Parish Christmas Fair planning meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room. All Fair coordinators and those responsible for a specific area are asked to attend. This is our last meeting before the event.

Tuesday, November 5: 10:00 am: Knights of Columbus Morning Coffee in the Fellowship Room. Please see announcement for details.

Saturday, November 9: 10:00 am: UCWLC meeting in the Fellowship Room. We have a few topics to discuss and decide. Ladies, please try to attend.

Sunday, November 10: In honour of *Remembrance Day* **both Divine Liturgies** will be celebrated in memory of all those who lost their lives in the service of their country. A Panachyda will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Reports for Parish AGM

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2024 in the Fellowship Room. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your report for the Parish Annual General Meeting to the parish office by Friday, November 22.

Knights of Columbus - Morning Coffee.

Current and former members of the Knights of Columbus, and men interested in learning more about the Knights, are invited to attend an Inaugural Event on Tuesday November 5th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room. This will be an opportunity for prayer, a spiritual talk by Fr. Joseph, followed by a social reflecting the spirit of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, that are characteristic of the Order.

Please contact PGK Adrian for more information or advise you plan to attend (adkopy@shaw.ca).

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November 2024

For Parents Who Have Lost a Child. "Let us pray that all parents mourning the death of a child find support in the community and receive heart's peace from the consoling Spirit."

St. Mary's Christmas Fair 2024

Calling all Bakers!

We're looking forward to another fantastic Christmas Fair and the Baking corner is a big part of that. Please start planning your contributions and let me know your ideas so we can ensure a great assortment. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me (tmcnicholl@shaw.ca). We have many bakers in our parish with creativity and skill that can help make this event a highlight.

Raffle Baskets

As part of the Christmas Fair this year, we will be having raffle baskets. All contributions for the baskets will be greatly appreciated.

Suggestions for contributions:(new items please)

- small household items
- Christmas related gifts
- specialty snacks such as chocolates, candies, nuts etc.
- Children's toys, games, puzzles, stuffies, etc.
- specialty coffee/tea, mugs, etc.
- spa items (lotions, soaps, candles)

Contributions can be left in the Fellowship Room after Sunday Divine Liturgies on November 10 & 17 in marked boxes.

Contact Olga Kochan at 604.274.9804 for any questions or further information. Thank you for your donations.

Pyrohy Making

The last pyrohy making session will be held on November 22 (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm) and November 23 (10:00 am - 8:30 pm). Please join us in preparing for our Christmas Fair.

If you have any questions please contact our Young Adult Group at: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

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

Ukrainian classes for adults on Monday evenings at St. Mary'. 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.

November is dedicated to praying for the Souls in Purgatory

During our Liturgical year the Church has special days that are dedicated to praying for the dead, example: during Great Lent. We also pray for our departed on the anniversary of their passing, perhaps on the anniversary of their birthdays or other special occasions. We pray that the deceased may have a share in Christ's victory over death. This is especially true for the souls who need purification after death - the Souls in Purgatory.

The dogma of the existence of Purgatory was proclaimed by the Church at the Council of Lyons in 1274. It was additionally confirmed by the Council of Trent (1545-1563) in a special decree. It is based on statements from the Holy Scriptures and Church Tradition, which dates back to the second century. St. Augustine made a great contribution to the development of the doctrine of Purgatory. The dogma emphasizes two truths: (1) the existence of Purgatory as a punishment for sins after death, where the soul has to purify itself before entering heaven, (2) and the possibility and necessity of our prayers and sacrifices for the Souls in Purgatory, as our help to the souls for a speedy purification before entering heaven.

Those souls who attained Purgatory after death are already safe. Why? Before death if a person repented from their sins, was in the state of grace but did not have a chance to fully atone for the temporal punishment resulting from their sins, then Purgatory is the place of purification before being admitted into heaven. So, the Souls in Purgatory know they will eventually get to heaven, because they are in God's hands. They can be sure of salvation, but they still have to prepare for it.

Purgatory is the vestibule of Heaven. It is a manifestation of God's mercy, which purifies those who have not been fully perfected in love of God, neighbour and of self during their earthly life. The state of Purgatory should not be understood only as a punishment, but as a preparation for complete union with God in Heaven. For the dead to have a share in Christ's victory over death, they must be completely pure.

Let us sincerely help our sisters and brothers in Purgatory, offer Divine Liturgies for them, visit cemeteries, pray for them and do works of mercy for them.

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

O LORD God almighty, I pray You, by the Precious Blood which Your Divine Son Jesus shed in the garden, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul amongst them all which is most destitute of spiritual aid; and vouchsafe to bring it to Your glory, there to praise and bless You forever. Amen.

"I encourage Catholics to pray fervently for the dead, for their family members and for all our brothers and sisters who have died, that they may obtain the remission of the punishments due to their sins and may hear the Lord's call: "Come, O my dear soul, to eternal repose in the arms of my goodness, which has prepared eternal delights for you"

(St. Francis de Sales, Introduction to the Devout Life, 17, 4)