



**Українська Католицька Парафія  
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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

**30-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа**



**30th 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.

### **Christmas Carols at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 88: По всьому світі стала новина; Po vsiomy sviti stala novyna

Communion: page 98: Спас наш народився; Spas nash narodyvsia

Closing: page 42: В Вифлеємі днесь Марія, V Vyfleyemi dnes' Mariya

**A huge Thank You** to all the volunteers who made last Sunday's Parish Christmas Dinner such a wonderful success. Thank you to all who picked up supplies and groceries, set the tables, took down the tables and chairs, and cleaned up afterwards. This was a real team effort. May Our Lord bless you for your hard work and dedication.

**Sunday, January 26: Dry Feb Fundraiser.** Join us in the Fellowship Room after the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies for a hot dog and a beverage for \$5. The *St Mary's Team* hopes you will support our fundraising goal of \$5,000 by the end of the month. Hope to see you there.

### **In Appreciation**

I wish to express my deep gratitude and affection to everyone who has offered their condolences, cards and Divine Liturgies for my late mother Rose Ostopowich. I am very humbled and touched for everyone's care. May you be richly blessed for your goodness and kindness. Fr. Joe Ostopowich

**Home Blessings:** If you wish to have your home blessed please contact the parish office.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2025**

**For the right to an education.** Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### **Ukrainian Embroidery Club**

**Next class: January 20th.** A Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's 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 for Adults**

**Next class: January 27th.** Ukrainian classes for adults are held on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Please come join us. All levels welcome.

For more information and tuition rates, etc., see [ukrainianclasses.com](http://ukrainianclasses.com), email [info@ukrainianclasses.com](mailto:info@ukrainianclasses.com) or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

## Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

Frozen pyrohy (perogies) will be available for purchase after both Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room kitchen. \$10/dozen.

### GO DRY JANUARY

Our parish is participating again in the Canadian Cancer Society fundraiser **GO DRY JANUARY**. This fundraiser challenges a person to go alcohol-free every day in January. It helps you get healthy while also raising funds to aid in cancer research.

You can donate on-line. **CLICK** on this link and **DONATE**:

[www.godry.ca/users/barbara-ballhorn](http://www.godry.ca/users/barbara-ballhorn) or [www.godry.ca/users/donna-busko](http://www.godry.ca/users/donna-busko)

You may also donate by making out a cheque to the **Canadian Cancer Society** and putting it in the Sunday collection plate, along with your name and address. Cash can be given in the same way. Tax receipts are issued for any donation \$20 or more. Our *St. Mary's Team* hopes to raise \$5,000. We need your continued support.



### Relics of Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky, C.Ss.R

Our parish has been gifted a number of Third Class Relics of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, a Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorist Bishop and Martyr. (A Third Class Relic of Blessed Vasyl is a piece of cloth, which was touched to his holy body, wrapped in paper.) Please see Fr. Joseph to obtain a relic of Blessed Martyr Vasyl.

Overcome by the tortures and death-causing drugs he had received while in Soviet prisons, Bishop Vasyl died a martyr's death on June 30, 1973 in Winnipeg MB.

On September 22, 2002, the holy relics of Blessed Martyr Vasyl were enshrined in a chapel in St. Joseph's Ukrainian

Catholic Church in Winnipeg, MB. Pilgrims come and pray before Blessed Vasyl, seeking his powerful intercession.

On July 20, 2014 during the All-Ukraine Pilgrimage to Zarvanytsia, Ukraine, Patriarch Sviatoslav solemnly proclaimed Blessed Vasyl to be the Patron of Prison Ministry for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

For more information on Blessed Martyr Vasyl's life and of the Shrine dedicated to him in Winnipeg, please visit: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com/about/his-life/>

### Intercessory Prayer to Blessed Martyr Vasyl

O Lord God, You are praised by the whole world for the marvelous works in your saints. I thank you for the grace you gave to Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky to be a faithful witness to You unto the point of death. Through his intercession I ask for the following favour \_\_\_\_\_, for your Name is glorified forever. Amen.

## Martyrs of Pratulin - Feast Day, January 23



The martyrs of Pratulin were a group of 13 Greek Catholic men and boys who were killed by soldiers of the Imperial Russian Army on January 24, 1874, in the village of Pratulin, near Biala Podlaska, in what is now Poland. They died defending their parish church.

When the Russian district prefect of Pratulin village, wanted to nominate an Orthodox priest to replace the pastor of Pratulin, the parishioners objected. The prefect brought troops into the town to make the transfer by force. The unarmed parishioners surrounded the church to defend it and refused to disperse despite promises of favors and then threats. Thirteen men and boys, led by Wincenty Lewoniuk,

were martyred when the soldiers shot them to death for their fidelity to the Catholic Church. Another 180 survived their wounds. The martyrs were buried without ceremony. The decree of martyrdom for the 13 killed was pronounced on June 25, 1996.

Those beatified were:

- Andrzejuk, Jan (John); married, cantor in the church.
- Bojko, Konstantyn (Constantine), married
- Bojko, Łukasz (Luke), unmarried farmer. He spread the news of the arrival of the soldiers to encourage others to defend the church in Pratulin and rang the church bells throughout the attack. He was shot in front of the church doors.
- Franczuk, Ignacy (Ignatius), married layman, had seven children
- Hawryluk, Maksym (Maximilian), married farmer, had three children. He died at home of a wound in his stomach.
- Hryciuk, Anicet, unmarried layman, was shot in the head.
- Łukaszuk, Konstanty (Constantine), married farmer, father of seven children, was pierced with a bayonet in the cemetery.
- Karmasz, Daniel, married. He was the one who encouraged others to defend the church against the soldiers and was shot holding a cross in his hand.
- Kiryluk, Filip (Philip), married farmer, shot.
- Lewoniuk, Wincenty (Vincent), married layman; shot to death.
- Osypiuk, Bartolomiej (Bartholomew), married farmer with 2 children. He guarded the church, was wounded, and died at home praying for the pardon of his attackers.
- Wasyluk, Onufry (Humphrey), married layman, village administrator. He was shot in the head during the defense of the church.
- Wawryszak, Michał, layman, recently married.

At their beatification Saint John Paul II declared: *"The martyrs of Pratulin defended not only the parish church in front of which they were killed, but the Church that Christ entrusted to the Apostle Peter, the Church which they felt a part of, like living stones."*