



**Українська Католицька Парафія  
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці**

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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

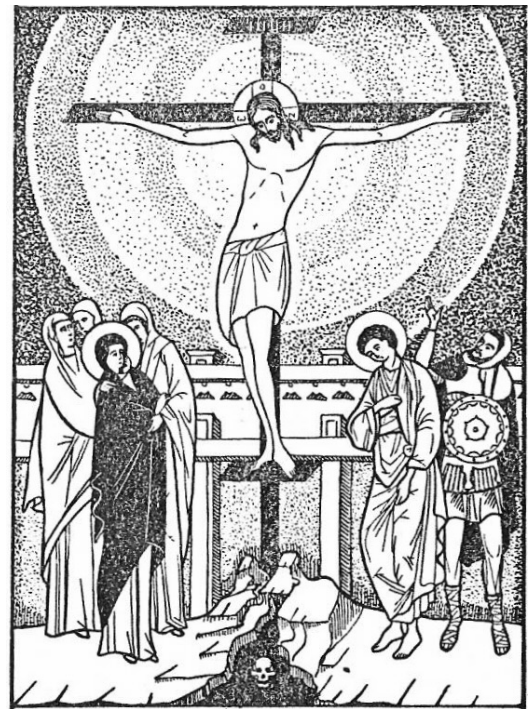
**Marriages** - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**Третя Неділя Великого Посту**



**Third Sunday of Great Lent**

Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6

Mark 8:34 - 9:1

**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.**

**Today:** We conclude our Parish Lenten Mission at the morning Divine Liturgies. We are grateful to Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian, C.Ss.R. for leading us in this time of spiritual growth and preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святе воскресіння Твоє славим. (Після відпусту)

To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy resurrection. (After Divine Liturgy)

### **Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 8: Хресту Твоєму, Владико; Khrestu Tvoyemu, Vladyko

Communion: page 156: Поклоняюся, мій Христе; Pokloniayusia, miy Khryste

Closing: page 4: Вітай нам, хресте; Vytai nam, khreste

**Tuesday, March 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God.** Holy day of obligation. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am in church.

**Wednesday, March 26:** 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in chapel.

**Friday, March 28:** 7:00 pm - Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty in church. (You may submit new names for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.)

### **Notice of Special Parish Meeting - Parish Five-Year Plan**

At the Parish Council meeting of February 5, 2025, it was decided that a special meeting concerning St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish's Five-Year Plan would take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room. The purpose of the special meeting is to approve the Five-Year Plan that was handed out at the Parish Annual General Meeting of December 8, 2024. A Parish Council meeting will follow the special Parish meeting.

These meetings are open to all registered parishioners. Please join us as we discuss important parish matters.

Our UCWLC will be holding an **"Easter Bake Sale"- April 13 (Palm Sunday)**. This is for our parishioners only. **Order forms are available in the church vestibule.** Cut-off date for ordering is April 9. All orders may be picked up in the parish auditorium on Palm Sunday between 10:00 am - 12 Noon (following each Divine Liturgy).

Please don't wait until the last minute to place your order, as we need numbers for quantity to make. Thank you!

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President.

## **Aid for Ukraine - Update**

In the year 2024 our parish collected \$8,584.15 for *Aid for Ukraine*. This brings our total to \$86,487.49. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

## **Holy Father's Intention for March 2025**

**For families in crisis.** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## **Ukrainian Embroidery Club**

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**

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.

### **Prayer of St. Ephrem (Prayed during the period of Great Lent)**

O Lord and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of sloth, indifference, lust of power, and idle chatter. (*Prostration*)

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of temperance, humility, patience and love. (*Prostration*)

Yes, Lord and King! Grant me the grace to see my faults and not to condemn my brother; for You are blessed for ever and ever. Amen. (*Prostration*)

### **Молитва Св. Єфрема**

Господи і Владико життя мого! Духа лінивства, недбайливості, властолюб'я і пустомовства віджени від мене. (*Доземний поклін*)

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості й любови даруй мені, слугі твого. (*Доземний поклін*)

Так, Господи, Царю! Дай мені бачити гріхи мої і не осуджувати брата мого, бо ти благословенний на віки вічні. Амінь. (*Доземний поклін*)

### **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.

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/>

## **The Third Sunday of Lent**

### **The Veneration of the Holy Cross**

This Sunday is the halfway point in Lent. Midway on our journey to Holy Week and Easter, many of us are tiring of our spiritual disciplines. What we approached with joy the first week has now turned into a chore. We have become aware how little love we have in our hearts, which can be very discouraging. For this reason, the Church uses this Sunday to direct our attention to the Cross. The Cross is our strength and our salvation. We look to it and pray to Christ to give us strength to complete this journey. The Gospel passage for this Sunday challenges us again to commit our whole lives to Christ. As Christ was crucified for our salvation, we are called to take up our meager cross and follow Christ by crucifying our sinful desires and surrendering our will to His.

Jesus extends His invitation to us once again to "deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him." Many of us have a narrow and limited understanding of self-denial. We pick and choose at random what we will give up and what we will do in the name of Christianity. We proceed to label them "Our little crosses we must bear." "I'll give up movies and/or TV during lent." Thus, we come up with a list of trivialities that have no bearing on the "self-denial" Jesus speaks about in our gospel lesson for today. Christ-like self-denial goes much deeper. It penetrates the facade which hides our hidden sins, our shortcomings and our faults.

Utter denial does not mean depriving ourselves of the necessities of life, nor does it mean we must become paupers and live in rags. Neither does it mean we must lose our individuality, personality and identity. When Jesus speaks of total and utter denial of self, He means we must subordinate our clamouring ego that prohibits us from being the Children of God we were intended to be. Good intentions are not enough. This is why Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

"Take up your cross and follow me" means to get started on our journey to salvation. If the road we are on does not have God's Eternal Kingdom as its destination, then we had better make a U-turn and find the right one! "Taking up our cross and following Jesus" means trying harder when those moments of calamity, tragedy, sorrow and loss and grief beset us. It means bringing under control our uncontrollable anger, our undue insensitivity, our impatience and impetuosity. It means subduing our temperament and disposition so that we can master them rather than their mastering us.

This Sunday, let us pause with Jesus, to refresh ourselves spiritually, to assess our Lenten journey and to continue with greater determination. But the initiative is still ours. There is no way we can achieve eternal life with God unless we deny ourselves utterly and totally in Christ. This we do when we endure and sustain our own personal crosses and follow Him.

