



Protection of the

# Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії**

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman **May 15, 2022** Неділя Самарянки

### Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!

Today's Sunday Gospel offers us a rich reflection about what Jesus - our one and only Saviour - really wants us to understand about *our* role in *His* Church's mission of bringing salvation to all people.

The Woman at the well had lived a very complicated life. In fact, Biblical scholars point out that her shame in the community was the probable reason for her coming out at that time of day to draw water - when few if any people



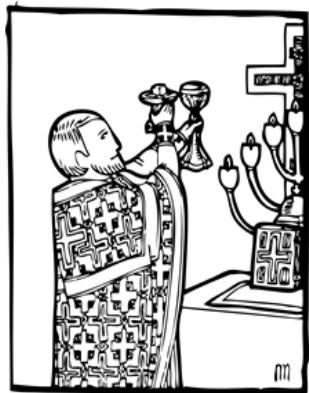
**Lookin' pretty classy!** Seth and Jer of Jerry's Concrete Works. put the finishing touches on our new *Centenary Church Steps!*

would be out in the streets. Jesus, of course, *intended* to encounter her there. He reached out to her by talking to her and giving her a chance to do something extraordinarily charitable: not only giving water to a stranger, but to a stranger of a people whom her people absolutely tried to avoid (there was a mutual dislike and distrust). Well, the woman enters into conversation with Jesus; she decides to be honest about who she is, her past and where she is at right then in her life. The Lord, **Who needs us to be honest with ourselves and with Him before He can do anything with us**, commends the woman. And, the rest is history. The woman knows that she is experiencing an unbelievable encounter. She is able to return to her people in town to share with them the good news of the presence of Christ. Her head is held high for the first time in a long time. It is interesting that she doesn't keep this encounter and grace for herself. She wants everyone to get in on it!... even those who had not thought very highly about her, or who had even hurt her. Let *us* have that same spirit. When we have the joy of God in our hearts, let's share it with those around us—even those that have decided not to associate with us or with whom we don't care to associate. Why? Because they are God's children, too, and thus are our brothers and sisters. We want all of our brothers and sisters to have the same conversion that we seek and have life everlasting!

**- Fr. Michael**

## Our own parish:

- 1. MAY DEVOTIONS! Маївка! Молебєн! EVERY EVENING of May, at 7 PM.** Please bring your children and grandchildren. Enjoy the peace and presence at our beautiful BVM parish church. Chat outside before and after...
- 2. Congratulations to baby Mila Dawn Macri who is baptized today!** Her proud parents are **Aaron and Ashley Macri**; proud Baba is **Betty Kushnir**, and proud Prybabka is **Nettie Rogowski**. Please pray that she grows up to become strong in her faith, and to do much for the Lord and His People!



- 3. Solemn Holy Communion** children meet at church on Sundays from 9-10 AM. for all of May. Solemn Holy Communion will occur this year on **June 5** (Confessions for the children and their families and friends prior, on June 4). Please pray for all of our catechism children (and let's **us** revisit our 1st Holy Communion and how we've grown in faith and understanding since then!)

- 4.** Our parish has always had a strong tradition of requesting that the **Divine Liturgy** be offered, especially for the deceased and especially at the time of a funeral. This is beautiful. Not all parishes do that. The Eucharistic Liturgy is the most powerful prayer that we have. Alas, it may also very well be the treasure that we encounter weekly, even daily and **don't fully appreciate**. It is the greatest power at our disposal, Why? Because as we pray during the Liturgy "We offer to You, God, Yours of Your own on behalf of all and for all". We are all God's and together with His Sacrifice of God

the Son, we, too, are raised up and exalted with the Lord into the Kingdom of God. The Divine Liturgy puts us spiritually and physically in the presence of God. Even more amazing is that if we worthily receive Holy Communion, we have a foretaste of heaven by becoming one with God. Let us request this powerful prayer for our loved ones: a liturgy of thanksgiving for your marriage? your health? success in school? Prayer works wonders, and demonstrates gratitude to God. Call the office today to reserve this amazing gift for yourself, a loved one or a special cause. Tell your loved one that it is for them and that you will be there, too, in person to be part of the prayer...

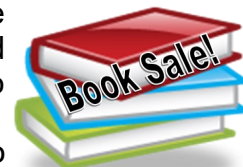
- 5. CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY — June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11th.** Please sign up now at the back of the church! Slots are first-come, first-served. (Remember: only the families that come to have their photo taken will obtain a free copy of the photobook when it's done.) **Request:** If you are available to just "be around" on one of these days, to assist the photographer as needed, call the parish office. We must provide such a person each day during the photography hours.

- 6. We need YOUR STORIES and YOUR PICTURES!** From your own family: could you **1) bring ONE or TWO photographs of some happy memory at this parish\*** — pics that you are pretty sure no one else has. We want to make a SLIDESHOW-type VIDEO of these pics, and if you can write one or two sentences about each photo, that will be priceless. As well, we'd like to put many of these up onto a "MEMORY WALL" downstairs. **2) Please write out one or two short but happy memories** of something that occurred as you attended our parish, AND/OR just your general summary of why you love to belong to Blessed Virgin Mary Parish! We will try to incorporate some your text(s) into the display or powerpoint. **Also,** Do you want to entrust those precious pictures and memorabilia to your Parish's archive for future generations and researchers to have access to? Then, again, provide the basic information about the picture and your name and donate them to the Parish where they will be kept in our archive safe so that they will not be lost up in your attic or when you move, etc.



Picture \***Deadline: two weeks!** ... by **the end of May**. God bless you for this!

- 7.** Many thanks for those who bought **BOOKS** at our Book Sale last Sunday! The selection was amazing — a lot of Ukrainian-based treasures were appreciated and snatched up happily by many. The net proceeds were \$107.50, which go towards the Homecoming weekend costs.



**Book Sale #2** is scheduled in two weeks time — Doors Open weekend — so please be generous. (PS Yes, we ARE accepting more books from our families — any books and magazines at all! Leave them in the cryroom/family room before May 27, or bring anytime to the parish office during office hours.

- 8.** The Winnipeg **GOLDEYES** baseball team hosts its "**FAITH NIGHT**" **June 4th!** Tickets are \$10. We will meet at our Parish Centre at 4:15 PM (to pick up treat bag and start out together). We will try to pool vehicles as much as possible. We want to be at Shaw Park to support the special "Faith Night" talk. **SIGN UP NOW!**

- 9. Wanted: COOKIES!** Who is willing to make and donate two or three dozen of your favorite cookies (or muffins) to help cover 100th Anniversary costs? If you are that generous soul, bring them to the church by noon May 27th. Thanks!



## Other exciting events:

### MARCHES & WALKS.....

- 1. TODAY!** Starting at **2:00 PM** at the Taras Shevchenko monument on the grounds of our provincial Legislature... a march to the Museum of Human Rights to raise a voice **FOR THE CHILDREN VICTIMS of Russia's war on Ukraine**. Hundreds dead, many wounded and terribly abused. It is providential that this march is occurring at the close of the week for Life and the Family.
- 2. NEXT SUNDAY!** The **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual WALK FOR MARY** is NEXT SUNDAY—May 22, starting at 2 PM at Holy Eucharist Parish (Watt & Munroe). Please join us in ***Walking and Praying together for peace and democracy in Ukraine.***
- 3. There is a one-morning excursion to Steinbach** on May 28 for the official **MANITOBA PRO-LIFE WALK**. Buses leave Winnipeg and will bring you back for only \$10 return. Call 204-326-5433.
- 4. PEROGY-making:** Wed., May 18th at 9AM; pinching perogies at 8 AM the next day (Thursday).
- 5. Manitoba's PASSION PLAY** this year runs July 1,2, 3 AND July 8, 9, 10. Tickets are \$18 (youth \$10). Group tickets, if you can get a group together of ten people or more, are \$15/person. Think about setting aside one of these weekends in July to spend time profitably with other Manitoba Christians.
- 6. UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CAMP** this year proves to be exciting, with it's great "Canadian Road Trip" (virtual of course, but with a grand finale at the camp). Sign up your children/grandchildren now. **See the poster elsewhere in this bulletin.**

### Doesn't hurt to know:

- 1. ART CONTEST! Prize is \$250!** Do you remember that 1967 book by Lutheran Pastor Richard Wurmbrand called *Tortured for Christ*? Fast forward to today: The organization he started is called **Voices of the Martyrs** (read the details on its website), and is now holding a contest for artwork. Can you paint or draw something that shows how you would interpret the verse from Scripture **"And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me."** *Matthew 11:6*. Look into it...the prize is \$250 for each of the two age categories: teens (13-15) and adults (19+). Deadline is June 10th.
2. Are you still remembering to check in often to see what's happening in our Archeparchy? The website **WWW.ARCHEPARCHY.CA** should seem like an old friend by now!
- 3. The famous OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY:** Remember how that German village vowed to perform a passion play (ie. the death and resurrection of Our Lord) every 10 years, if only God would spare them any further losses from the Black Death? That was in 1634. Fast forward to today: They kept their vow *except* for the COVID pandemic (the play was supposed to be in 2020). They are back on track this year — they started yesterday, and will run all this summer until October 2.
4. Are you a proud Ukrainian? If its important to you ... then show it this coming Thursday: It's **World VYSHYVANKA DAY!** (*It's always the 3rd Thursday of May every year.*) Get out that embroidered shirt or skirt or whatever and show the world that by the grace of God, you've inherited some pretty awesome genes! (And, BTW, you might not have heard that we have a **totally Ukrainian** Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 8:00 AM)



## **Month of May—at our Church... Moleben' Daily at 7:00 PM**

### 5 Reasons Why We Love Mary:

1) **Mary is Jesus' Mother... and so...**



she's the **Mother of God!**

2) **Mary is the first and most perfect disciple.**

3) **Mary is our mom!**

4) **Mary loves you more than you can ever imagine.**

5) **Mary is advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix.**

## You Are Invited to Life Culture's **SPRING BANQUET**

With Keynote Guest, Alex Schadenberg,  
from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

When: Friday, May 27th

Doors open at 6:00pm; Dinner at 6:30pm

Where: Niverville Heritage Centre

RSVP by May 16th: Call (204) 326-5433 or  
online at [www.lifeculture.ca/banquet](http://www.lifeculture.ca/banquet)

Tickets are complimentary, a freewill offering will be taken.

**Life  
Culture**



**CENTENARY UPDATE CORNER:**

Here's what we know so far:

**1. Doors Open ANNIVERSARY 2022 (May 28)** — Kathy Kosowan

has ensured that we're online at the Doors Open website... check it out!

Tours will be hourly, from 10:30 AM. Will you volunteer to guide visitors?

**2. Homecoming Weekend (June 11 & 12):** We begin each day with the 10 AM Divine Liturgy followed by food & fellowship! There will be a lot of memories via pictures, chats and testimonies via an "open mic".

[A surprise addition - that Sunday, after the refreshment and fellowship, a bus has been arranged to take us to All Saints Cemetery for a Panakhyda with Metropolitan and then a BVM service at the grave of Msgr. Dobriansky, Cantor Buyachok and, time permitting, other Parish Faithful!]

**3. Centenary Gala Oct. 16** — After a **Pontifical Divine Liturgy of thanksgiving**, celebrated at 3 PM by Metropolitan Lawrence, Archbishop-emeritus Stefan and present and past clergy of our parish — with **Hoosli** singing — we move to Canad Inns Garden City for a banquet and entertainment, including **Rusalka** Dance Ensemble.

*What if your family started to pray this prayer together every day?*

**A FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** Heavenly Father, increase our family's love for one another. May we honour each other in times of happiness or hardship, bearing with one another in love, just as you love us. In a special way, help us strive for holiness in our current states of life. Should You call some of us to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, help us to respond with courage and joy. Together, we make heaven our goal, and pledge, with your grace, to help each other on life's journey to you. We ask this through the intercession of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Amen.

Our Winnipeg Seminarians are home for the summer - **Ivas Babick** and **Alex Pankiw**. Please keep them and all seminarians in your prayer!

**Word Search for The Woman at the Well**

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



BUCKET  
BAPTIZING  
DISCIPLES

JACOB  
MESSIAH  
REAP

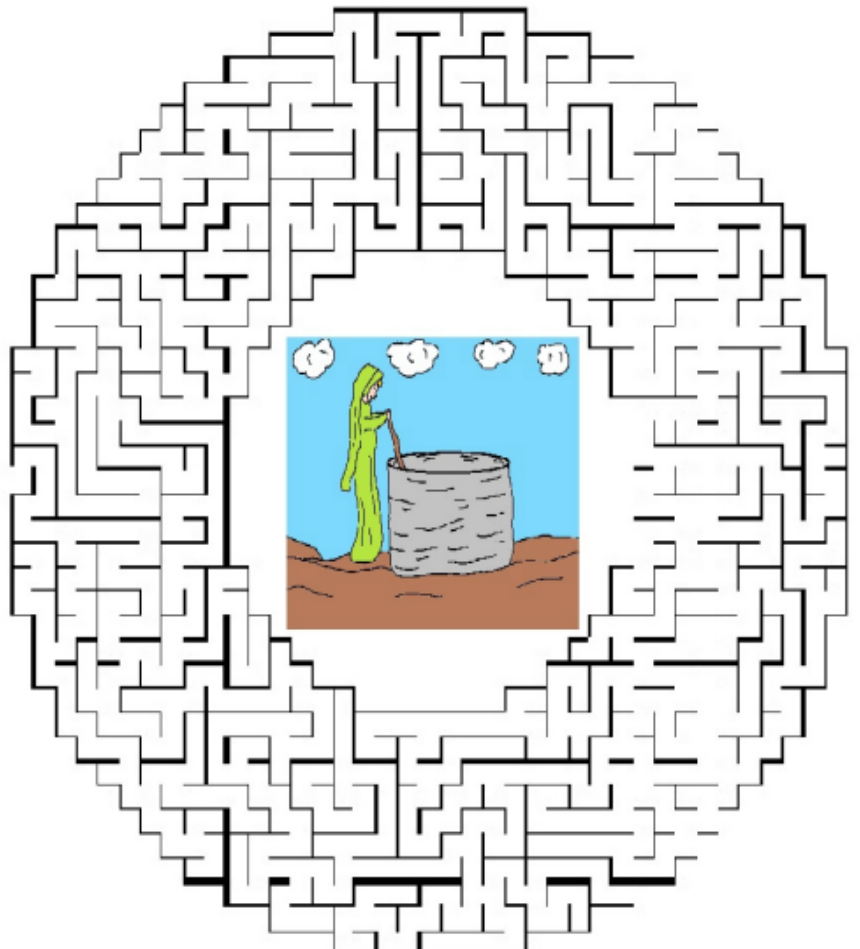
SAMARITAN  
SAVIOR  
THIRSTY

WELL  
WOMAN  
WORSHIP

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH - HELP FOR UKRAINE BY DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID and/or HELP FOR REFUGEES IN EUROPE AND HERE IN WINNIPEG!**

<https://forms.gle/RE7T2fiJ2q5Gyu2j7>

**Woman At The Well**



**Donations from Sunday, May 8th:**

Sunday collection \$2225 ( 50 envelopes) Candles: \$226.70  
 Church needs (building upkeep): \$200  
 MB Gov't Charities: \$1200.30  
 Easter offering: -  
 Vigil lamps: \$10  
 Church Auditorium rental: \$250  
 For 100th Anniversary 2022 Celebrations: -  
 For Ukraine humanitarian aid: \$20  
**Expenses: \$11,833** (cathedralicum, hydro, concrete step repairs, utilities, paper supplies)

**But... the "expenses" are really a sign of the generosity of our parish that has collected approx. \$7,000 for our devastated people in Ukraine! GOD BLESS YOU!**



The Pope's intention for the month of May:

**Faith-Filled Young People**  
 We pray for all

young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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PARENTS JOIN YOUR CAMPERS ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOR ORIENTATION AND FOR OUR SATURDAY CLOSING LITURGY AND CEREMONIES ONLINE OR IN PERSON AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN COOKS CREEK!

ALL FAMILIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR CLOSING LITURGY, BBQ, AND GAMES!

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**A Hundred Amazing Reasons Why We Need to Spend Time in Adoration before Our Lord!**

4. Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity! (St. Teresa of Calcutta )

5. A Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important to Jesus that a multitude of souls go to Heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell. (Jesus revelation to Blessed Dina Belanger)

6. All the angels of heaven gaze in ecstasy at the image left on your soul after each holy hour you make in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. (Excerpt from "Letters To A Brother Priest")

## Schedule of Services May 15- May 22, 2022

Sun., May 15 **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman** **Неділя Самарянки**  
**Post-feast of Mid-feast Wednesday** **Попразденьство Переполовнення**  
**8:00 am - Divine Liturgy...** Health and blessing for Dr. Terry Babick, by the patient  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
**10:00 am - Divine Liturgy...** For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян  
 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God

Mon., May 16 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Theodore - Post-feast of Mid-feast** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For + Robert LaCombe**  
 Acts 12:2-17 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Wanda Lacombe*  
 John 8:42-51

Tues., May 17 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Apostle Andronicus Post-feast** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Bedros Balanian** (would have been 57th  
 Acts 12:25-13:12 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *birthday), by friends*  
 John 8:51-5

Wed., May 18 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Martyr Theodotus, Post-feast (LAST DAY)** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **За здоров'я і Боже благословення**  
 Acts 13:13-24 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God **Івана і Барбари Кучер** *by anon.*  
 John 6:5-14

Thurs., May 19 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary ✓  
**Priest Martyr Patritius** **> 7:00 p.m.** - Divine Liturgy..... **+Anne Zahara, +Nell Fill**  
 Acts 14:20-27 ↑ *by SSJs*  
 John 9:39-10:9

Fri., May 20 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Martyr Thalaleus** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For mother +Anastazia Lewicki & brother**  
 Acts 15:5-34 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God **+Slawko Lewicki** *by Agnes Yassenko, Mary Berra*  
 John 10:17-28

Sat., May 21 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Constantine & Helen** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Eugene Bielak** (12 yrs); **+Carrie Steski**  
 Acts 12:1-11 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by the Bielak family*  
 John 8:31-42

Sun., May 22 **Sunday of the Man Born Blind** **Неділя Сліпородженого** *(Victoria Day weekend)*  
**8:00 am - Divine Liturgy...** For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
**10:00 am - Divine Liturgy...** (available for... your intention?)  
 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God

### SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish family, and be in touch with them when you can.

"O God Our Father, We ask You to restore to physical health those of our parishioners who are weakened with illness, give peace of mind to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help them find in them the days of their strength, a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide them through any health challenges or troubles they may face. Amen."

**River East:** Edward Holowich

**Holy Family Home:** Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk

**Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

### VIGIL LAMPS



**Sanctuary Lamp** - For mother **Anastazia Lewicki** – from Agnes Yassenko and Mary Berra

**Christ Icon** – In memory of **Emil Bruneau** - from Agnes Yassenko & Mary Berra

**Mother of God Icon** – In memory of brother **Don Putasnick** (1 year), by Dolores Bielak and family

Please let us know your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention.