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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

**May 22, 2022**

Неділя Сліпородженого

**Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!**

# Oh... So you're a wise guy now!?



In today's Gospel reading we are treated to a very dramatic and moving story that also speaks volumes about the mission and teaching of Jesus. It is a story that is both comedic and sad at the same time. It is funny to see how those who do not want to accept Jesus or His Teaching dance around the obvious because they do not want

to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. They do not want to believe (and they don't want anyone else to believe) that Jesus performed the miracle (as well as many other miracles). Because if He performed the miracles, then maybe He really is from God and maybe what He teaches is true. If so, then what the Pharisees and the enemies of Jesus teach is false. They don't want that to be confirmed. So they try over and over again to find some little point in what Jesus did or said so that they can say "AHA!" you are a fake!" So after all the interrogations, the man who had his sight restored realizes what the game is about, and he gets a bit brazen and challenges the religious leaders with a remark that was probably a jab. "Um... you are asking a lot of detailed questions over and over... is it that you want to become his followers too?" The religious leaders get all flustered and insulted and dismiss the wise-guy. Probably embarrassed that even this poor uneducated beggar can see through them. Lesson? 1. Let us always pray for the grace to recognize the truth when we hear it and have the humility to admit when we were wrong. 2. Let us not be stubborn and refuse to hear the truth from what we may consider unlikely sources or people. Truth is always truth, no matter the source. Untruth is always untruth no matter the source.



## ПАНАХИДА ЗА ПОЛЕГЛИХ ГЕРОІВ УКРАЇНИ

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ТА СВЯЩЕНИКІВ З ПАРАФІЙ МІСТА ВІННІПЕГ

**12 ЧЕРВНЯ 2:00 P.M.**  
**НА СВЯТО ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА**  
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ALL SAINTS CEMETERY - 4535 MAIN ST.

June 12th "Green Holidays" Services at All Saints Cemetery at 2:00 PM. There is a BUS going right from our church leaving at 1:15 PM after the Liturgy and Homecoming brunch. BUT BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW

Call the Office....

**- Fr. Michael**

## Our own parish:

**1. MAY DEVOTIONS! Маївка! Молебні! 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. Tomorrow is Victoria Day.** Let us pray for Queen Elizabeth, as reports indicate that her health is failing. **Note: Father Michael will be away tomorrow,** so please attend Divine Liturgy at a nearby parish.



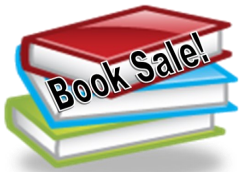
**3.** Sincere condolences to the family of Kenneth Lazar, who passed away last week. Please pray for eternal rest for his soul.

**4.** The feast of the **Ascension falls this coming THURSDAY**, and is a holy day of obligation. We celebrate the ascension of Our Lord to heaven 40 days after His resurrection. There are two Divine Liturgies from which to choose: 8 AM and 5 PM. Please make sure you come — it should be a full church!

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. We need YOUR STORIES and YOUR PICTURES!** Some are coming in, but we need many more. 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. **3) Consider leaving your pictures permanently at our parish.** 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: one week!** ... by **the end of May.**

**8. Book Sale #2** is scheduled this coming weekend —Doors Open weekend — so please be generous. (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. As well, cookie donations are accepted for May 27 as well. Many thanks!

**9.** 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!



**10. Speaking of baseball — have you heard of that phrase "step up to the plate"?** Of course you have. Now, since our Men's Club and UCWL members are becoming fewer, we need you to step up and be ready to do things in our parish. We need people:

1) to **greet people** — really GREET them — as they come into church, and to make sure they leave with bulletins afterwards. (Do you know the names of the people in the pew in front of you?)

2) readers: Have you phoned the office already to leave your name, saying that you will indeed **read the epistle** at an upcoming Divine Liturgy?

3) We have a choir director (Simeon Rusnak)... It is time to sing together again, so that we will have a **choir** to be proud of when Christmas time comes. Will you sign up when a future bulletin indicates a day and time for rehearsal?

4) flowers — Can you **bring flowers** sometimes, to beautify our church? And then keep an eye on them so that they are **watered properly?**

5) **help the altar boys** — take a genuine interest in them: Collect them from the pews if they're shy. Help them to prepare/dress for services (vestment size appropriate? shoe laces done?) and encourage their correct service (do they have a Liturgy book in hand? Do they know when to collect a candle?)

6) **help Father on Sunday mornings around the altar** as a "starshay brat", bringing him the kadylo, opening the deacon's doors for him, etc.

7) **help secure the church** and auditorium after services and events. Yes, there are one or two people doing this, but it is getting hard — how about if you tag along now and see what they do, which doors they lock and which they leave... how they lock/unlock the elevator....

Do you know.... a lot of the information and confidence for the above can be gleaned by osmosis just **by coming to church for Divine Liturgy on weekdays.** Are you retired, or otherwise have no solid morning commitments? Then why, oh why would you not begin to attend Divine Liturgy on weekdays — 8 AM — and begin a fresh chapter of your life, in learning to love Our Lord with a personal love, the kind Abel gave to God (the "first-fruits"... ie, for us, the first hour of the morning) that so pleased God? If we as a parish do not pray more and more, and begin to love even more our Lord, who will? Our politicians? Our media? Our TV stars? Not likely.

## Other exciting events:

- 1. TODAY!** 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*.
- 2. Take a drive out to Niverville this Friday, May 27 for a banquet** (free-will offering) and to hear **Alex Schadenburg** speak. This is the man from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition doing a huge job making us aware of how Canada is trying to eliminate via the M.A.i.D. process our elderly, our sick and even just those with mental/emotional problems. Call asap to reserve a spot 204-326-5433.
- 3. 2022 Manitoba Walk for Life ~ this Saturday, May 28** at 10am in the K. R. Barkman Park in Steinbach MB. Participants will be able to listen to pro-life speakers, join the walk, enjoy a bbq hotdog, and show support for a culture of life! To facilitate travel to Steinbach, Campaign Life Coalition has chartered a bus for this event at a cost of \$10.00 for a round trip ticket. Phone at 204-452-2459 asap.
- 4. THEOLOGY ON TAP — JUNE 6 AT 6 PM** at Smitty's Restaurant (1629 Kenaston Blvd.) This is an opportunity for young Christians to get together and talk about the dignity of the human person — co-hosted by Life Culture Canada, and Dev'pt. & Peace.
- 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.
- 6. UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CAMP** this year proves to be exciting, with its 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.

## Good to know:

- 1. NO Catechism today** (long weekend). Next Sunday will be the last class for the children, before Solemn Holy Communion Day.
- 2. From a Toronto Bulletin (but true everywhere)** Couples planning to be married must contact a priest well in advance of the wedding date. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted. It should be noted that Catholics, in order to marry validly, must marry before the parish priest or his delegate and two witnesses. A marriage involving a Catholic that is solemnized before a non-Catholic minister, or anyone else for that matter, is not a valid marriage. Couples in such "marriages" are advised to contact a priest to have the situation rectified. There's always a correct way and there is always a solution for a happy and grace-filled life together.



**Spring Clean for Ukraine.** We are now collecting all types of new or gently used: kitchen items - especially pots and pans, dishes, cutlery, casserole dishes, coffee makers, toasters, and kettles; cleaning supplies;

household items such as linens and towels, new pillows, broom & dust pan; and

hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, and disposable razors, and

small hand tools like a hammer, screwdriver, sewing supplies, etc.



"Look, the tulips are up!" points out Myron Fedoruk. The Lord gives us beauty! Do have a look after Divine Liturgy today.

Please **NO** clothing.  
Items can be dropped off before or after liturgy or by arrangement by calling

**Janet @ 204-582-5932 or [jkuchma@mymts.net](mailto:jkuchma@mymts.net)**

**Thank you for your generous support of this UCWLC project.**

## **HIRE , SWAP, BARTER, and BUY CORNER**

- 1. Reminder: please bring (old) books and (very new) cookies this Friday to the parish office. Thanks!**
- 2. This space is yours! Just let us know before 10 AM on Fridays.**



## PARISH CENTENARY UPDATE CORNER

**ANNIVERSARY** Please **volunteer** NOW and, of course, plan to **attend** everything. You certainly have a lot to contribute with your enthusiasm, your stories and your spirit of hospitality!

### 1. DOORS OPEN 2022 (May 28)

The Doors will be open to the public from 10:30 AM. There will be a series of tours. (not only for visitors... you will learn something about your own church that you did not know. Call Kathy Kosowan if you can help. 204-979-9866. The next → **MEETING is this WEDNESDAY MAY 25 6:00 PM - Parish Centre. All invited**

### 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".

**Saturday** (tentatively)— for the hour before 5:30 Vespers, we will have a "Ukrainian old-time song-fest". When's the last time you sang "Гей там на горі Січ іде!" or "Ой у лузі червона калина"??? Bring your accordion/fiddle/sax!

**Sunday**, after 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. [Book you seat on the bus now!]

### 3. PARISH CENTENARY PICTURE

**DIRECTORY.** Sign-up to get you picture taken! There are 5 days: (7-11 June)! Yes, the last day is during the Homecoming Weekend... [Sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church!]

### 4. CENTENARY HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY AND BANQUET (October 16th)

All beginning at our church at 3 PM! The banquet, including entertainment, will take place at Canad Inns Garden City, beginning with cocktails at 5 PM. Letters of invitation have gone out; posters & brochures are distributed; tickets are available. Plan to attend! Also, please help us find more sponsors — see elsewhere in this bulletin.

[Order tickets via Parish Office or Centenary Committee members]



# Come out to the Ball Game

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... "pocket snacks" provided

## Join fellow BVM Parishioners at a unique **Goldeyes**

### baseball game - **Saturday June 4** - leaving our church - at **4:30 PM**

...call the parish office to reserve your tickets (\$10) or speak with Fr Michael

Watch **daily** message from His Beatitude SVIATOSLAV about the war in Ukraine Go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/pressugcc> scroll down to **ГЛАВА УГКЦ**



## Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp presents



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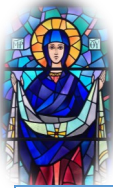
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Ukrainian Catholic Parish**

**Latest Centenary Donations:** All Donors will be acknowledged with the Centenary Plaque at the close of the year! However, We want to share with our parishioners a weekly update of the generous donors. (See past bulletins for previous donors)

Platinum Patron \$5000+	Gold Patron \$3000-4999	Silver Patron \$1000-2999	Bronze Patron \$500-\$999	Friends of BVM \$100-499
		Dr Andrei Baranjouk & Family		Don Kuryk
				Marianne Troup (in memory of George & Olga Palmer)

**Regular Donations from Sunday, May 15th:**

Sunday collection **\$1259** (45 env.)  
 e-transfers: **\$50**  
 Candles: **\$104.25**  
 Church needs (building upkeep): **\$100**  
 Vigil lamps: -  
 Church Auditorium rental : **\$500**  
 For Ukraine humanitarian aid: **\$20**

**Expenses:** none this week

**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!**

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

7. The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship. (Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

8. Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament, Remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you. (St. Josemaria Escriva)

9. Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

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# Schedule of Services May 22-May 29, 2022

**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...** **For courage for more young men to choose to become Priests**  
 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God (lay-led)

**Mon., May 23**  
**Confessor Michael** **NO 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**  
 Acts 17:1-15 → 7:00 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God  
 John 11:47-57

**Tues., May 24** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Simeon** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Catherine Buyachok (3 yrs.)**  
 Acts 17:19-28 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by son Bohdan Buyachok*  
 John 12:19-36

**Wed., May 25** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**3rd Finding Head of St. John Baptist** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Irene Dobush**  
 Acts 2 Cor. 4:6-15 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by her sister Jean Zalitch*  
 Matthew 11:2-15

**Thurs., May 26** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**ASCENSION THURSDAY** 8:00 AM. - Divine Liturgy..... **For birthday blessings for Debbie Dolski**  
 Acts 1:1-12 5:00 PM. - Divine Liturgy.... for all (birthday May 23) *by anon.*  
 Luke 24:36-53 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God

**Fri., May 27** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Martyr Therapontus; Post-feast** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Helen, +Sofia & +Volodymyr**  
 Acts 19:1-8 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Dmytro Sikora*  
 John 14:1-11

**Sat., May 28** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Nicetas - Post-feast** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Rev. Edward Kwiatkowski (3/3)**  
 Acts 12:1-11 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Denise, Karen, Jem, David*  
 John 8:31-42 *& friends at Kildonan Horizons*

**Sun., May 29** **Sunday of the Holy Fathers; & Post-Feast of Ascension** **Неділя Святих Отців;**  
**8:00 am - Divine Liturgy...** **For all Parishioners and the grace they need!**  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
**10:00 am - Divine Liturgy...** **For all our dedicated members**  
 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God **of our Parish Branch**  
**of the UCWLC**

**UKRAINIAN  
 CATHOLIC  
 WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
 OF CANADA  
 LEAGUE [TAG] DAY  
 Special Prayer & Photo**

**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 Paslowsky, Eleanor Harik

## VIGIL LAMPS



**Sanctuary Lamp** - That love for the Lord and His People keeps burning in the hearts of all **Seminarians** and **Priests**  
**Christ Icon** – For the **grace** and **love** that we need to share our **Faith** with our **Friends**  
**Mother of God Icon** – That our **Centenary** will bring our parish **closer together**, **renew** us and **grow** us

*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.*