



# Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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**Sunday of the Prodigal Son February 13, 2022**

**Неділя Блудного Сина**

34th Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to our church! No need to preregister at this stage, but all standard Covid precautions and measures still apply. As always, we will remain safe and vigilant, but let us consider returning to in-person participation, perhaps finding a new spot (than your usual) in our large church to feel comfortable in the presence of our Lord....*

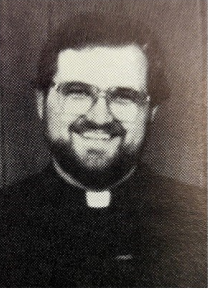
### Dear Parishioners

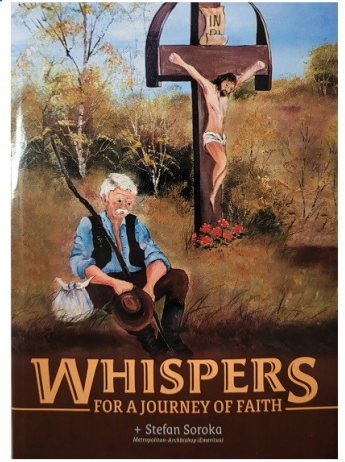
#### Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

Tomorrow, although not on our Church liturgical calendar is St. Valentine's Day. It is a day in which "love" and/or "romance" are celebrated. Those two words mean so many different things to many different people. Love, for example, is used for with almost countless different interpretations that range from Jesus telling us that "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13) to the student that says, "there's nothing I love more than real Canadian poutine!". Then "romance" is also often twisted from the sweet thrill of attraction between a man and a woman and the courtship that ensues, into something counterfeit and self-serving and ultimately short-lived. However, **St. Valentine's** day is named after, well, a saint or the Church and a martyr no less. And what could the connection of a person whose was murdered for the Faith be with love and romance? Well, Valentine was a priest in the time of Emperor Claudius who forbade marriage for his soldiers. He wanted tough warriors to crush foreign armies as well as local uprisings, not people "confused" by marriage and family values. So Father Valentine would bless the marriages of soldiers. For this he was imprisoned and eventually executed in a very cruel way on February 14, 270 AD. The story of Valentine Cards? Well, apparently St. Valentine, during his time in prison, helped a girl Julia - the daughter of the head jailer - with her education. When he was finally sentenced to death, he wrote her a card encouraging her to maintain her love for the Lord and keep the faith. He signed it, "From your Valentine". People, soon started the practice of writing notes of friendship, encouragement and love to others on the feast of St. Valentine's martyrdom. Well, that's not all! Where do you think the holy relics of St. Valentine's are maintained and venerated throughout the year, but especially on St. Valentine's day? Well, apparently there may be four churches in Europe that maintain relics enshrined for public veneration - in Scotland, Poland, France and.... Ukraine! Yes, in the town of **Sambir** in the Ukrainian Catholic church of the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, relics of St. Valentine are enshrined in the middle of the church and many come to pray for endurance of their love and marriages and to ask for other favours through the intercession of the great martyr. [The church is also home to the shrine of the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Sambir]. So all the romantics among us - be sure to pay a visit to that church next time you visit Ukraine.



**Second Century Brainstorming....** Where do I see my BVM Parish in 20 years if we stay on the trajectory we are now following? Where would I like to see my parish in 20 years? What do we need to do to ensure that our Parish has a successful role in God's plan for the salvation of the world? Do I have realistic ideas and concrete proposals? Am I ready to commit to a clear parish plan?

1.  Pick up a unique little book of inspirational stories and life-insights written by Archbishop **Stefan Soroka**. You can pick up a copy of “*Whispers for a Journey of Faith*” at the entrance to the church for a suggested donation of only (*are you sitting down?*) **\$5** ! [just drop it into the box beside the books.] If you don't know, Archbishop Stefan was once an assistant pastor right here in our BVM Parish back in the early 1980s with Monsignor Dobriansky and *then* Deacon Nestor Yakiwchuk. Get your copy and a few for family members while they last!



2. Our **AGM** (Annual General Meeting) will be held this month, on **Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 PM**. The list of proposed officers is nearing completion! This is the **Slate of Proposed Officers for our Parish for the coming year**:

We are pleased that the people whose names are below have accepted to take on the position should there be no one else to do so. **Please do, however, phone our office** prior to the meeting to add your own (don't be overly humble) or another parishioner's name for a given position who is willing to run, and then a **VOTE** takes place at the meeting. Remember: the AGM is in two weeks' time. [NB There are other **very essential** positions, but they will be listed later. These are the ones that we will vote for on the 27th]

**Chairman:** Glen Henkewich **Vice Chairman:** *Open for nomination* **Secretary:** Kathy Kosowan  
**Treasurer:** Terry Krochak **Financial Secretary:** Sharon Johnson  
**Financial Officers:** Jimmy Sawchuk, Gerald Stolar  
**Members at Large (usually 3):** Ruslan Bobelyak; open for more nominations

3. The popular Zoom discussions —“**I BELIEVE! – BIPYIO!**” — that **Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski** leads every Wednesday night at 7 PM continue! These sessions begin with a starting lesson, but then we discuss the theme or other topics of your interest. It is an excellent way to revisit the Faith, and to fill in the gaps we may have in our understanding of our relationship with our Lord and His Church. These are open to all parishioners (yes YOU too!) so, send an email with the heading “**I Believe**” to [bvmchurch@gmail.co](mailto:bvmchurch@gmail.co) and the link will be forwarded to you. The phrase this Wednesday: “**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end**”.
4. The **Great Fast** is fast approaching — we start fasting, and begin our Lenten devotions on the last day of February. Please let the office know about your **REQUEST** if you would like your deceased family members to be remembered during the Sorokousty services and please **UPDATE** your list (of deceased family members) by the end of the month.
5. We will begin Lent / the Great Fast with a forgiveness service on the eve of the Great Fast to which everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. It will involve a Repentance service and then an opportunity to ask for and express forgiveness to all the members of our parish community before we begin the journey of Lent together. **Sunday 27 February at 7:00 PM**
6. Please continue to pray daily the prayer for Ukraine that was distributed to everyone last month.
7. **Towards our Centenary Celebration!** You and your family have countless **memories** of parish life over the last decades. You will also have brilliant, out-of-the-box **ideas** for celebrating our Centenary. And ensuring the **NEXT 100 years**. We want to get started sooner than later This is the plan to kick this off - those who can, please be at our church on **Saturday evening February 19 . Right after 5:30 Vespers**, we'll meet in the auditorium in-person and a Zoom link will be sent via email, if you have registered an email with the parish. LET'S TALK!

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### The Marriage Box

Every week, we will pull two new tips out of our box. (We have about 20 or so.) Try to follow each tip throughout the week and see what comes of it. If you and your spouse have any extra tips, let us know and we'll add them!

17. **Have you taken a family pilgrimage lately?** This ancient Christian practice is spiritually edifying. Investigate pilgrimage sites near you, like Bishop Velychkovsky shrine (inside St. Joseph's church on Jefferson) or the Bishop Budka chapel (inside our Cathedral, way at the front on the right-hand side... may people still don't know it's there!). Or... hit the highway and drive out an hour south to St. Malo, to see the life-size “body” of St. Bernadette, kept behind glass in the little outdoor “Lourdes” chapel. Make plans now to visit!

18. **Courtesy goes a long way in marriage.** Pope Francis calls “May I?” one of the three “magic phrases” of family life. Being polite and kind to your spouse is always—always—always—a good idea.



## DONATIONS -

Week of Sunday Jan. 30: **\$868.70**  
(Envelopes 21)

(Some categories:

Sunday Donation – \$655.00;  
candles – \$183.70,

**Expenses: \$ 2,806.47**

(This includes snow removal, salaries, church cleaning, phone/internet, cleaning supplies)

Our Parish is always grateful for all donations – be they regular Sunday donations or in memoriam donations or special donations of any kind... this is what keeps our parish going and even able to plan for the future. God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness about the good of your parish!

**Special Donations: None this week.**

I bought medicine and decided to read about the side effects: - drowsiness, pain in the eyes, tinnitus, nervousness, insomnia, convulsions, dry mouth, vomiting, gastritis, constipation, headache ... so I decided maybe I can put up with my sniffles...

Купив ліки. Читаю побічні ефекти: - сонливість, біль в очах, шум у вухах, нервозність, безсоння, судоми, сухість у роті, блювання, гастрит, запор, головний біль ... Сиджу думаю, може насморк це не так і погано.

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**50/50 Raffle and Prize Draw.** Holy Eucharist Parish is happy to present its first 50/50 draw and raffle. There are three raffle prizes: Prize 1 - \$100 Gift Certificate to A&A Jewelers plus \$300 cash; Prize 2 - Hamilton Beach Trio Coffeemaker Bundle plus \$100 9. cash; Prize 3 - Children and Gardening Bundle plus \$100. go to: [Fundingchange.ca/holy](http://Fundingchange.ca/holy)

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## New Parish App

The **Archeparchy of Winnipeg** is testing a new app that will hopefully simplify some aspects of our typical parish life. It is based on a similar app now being used by our brothers and sisters in the **Archdiocese of Winnipeg**. If you have a smartphone (android) or an iPhone, you can download the Archdiocese's app just to get an idea of what OUR app will have to offer. ([Archdiocese of Winnipeg App - Archdiocese of Winnipeg](http://Archdiocese of Winnipeg App - Archdiocese of Winnipeg)) ([archwinnipeg.ca](http://archwinnipeg.ca)) It will give you parish information at your fingertips and make things like "booking" or donating, etc. more easier. (More info to come soon ...)



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# Schedule of Services Feb. 13 to Feb. 20, 2022

Come! or at least join us online: [Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church - YouTube](#)

**Sun., Feb. 13** Sunday of the **PRODIGAL SUN — Блудного Сина**  
 8:00 am - Служба Божа - в наміренні всіх парафіян / For all parishioners  
 9:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - **+Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski (Deacon Victor Humniski)**

**Mon., Feb. 14** 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary  
 Venerable Cyril (& St. Valentine) 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... **For +Wlodzimierz Hryndzio**  
 Hebrews 7:26-8:2 by Irene & Slawek Pilipowicz  
 John 10:9-16

**Tues., Feb. 15** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
 Apostle Onesimus 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski**  
 1 John 3:11-20 by Kildonan Horizons family (David, Ally, Lynn,  
 Mark 14:10-42 Karen, Denise, Marvill, Jem and all)

**Wed., Feb. 16** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
 Apostle Pamphilus 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Annie Zemliak, by family**  
 1 John 3:21-4:6 7:00 p.m. - "I Believe" Zoom gathering  
 Mark 14:43-15:1

**Thurs., Feb. 17** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
 Great Martyr Theodore Tyre 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **For +Helen Moroz, by N. Wawrykow**  
 1 John 4:20-5:21  
 Mark 15:1-15

**Fri., Feb. 18** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
 Pope Leo 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **For +Roman Didula (40 days), by a friend**  
 Mark 15:22-25; 33-41 6:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **For +Wlodzimierz Hryndzio (40 days)**  
 2 John 1:1-13 by Hryndzio family

**Sat., Feb. 19** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
 All Souls Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **For +Adele Mandrick**  
 1 Corinthians 10:23-28 by Janice & Randall Gray  
 Luke 21:8-9; 25-27; 33-36 5:30 p.m. - Vespers

**Sun., Feb. 20** Sunday of Meat-Fare — Неділя М'ясопусна  
 8:00 am - Служба Божа - в наміренні всіх парафіян / For all parishioners  
 9:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy..... **+Helen Moroz (John & Adeline Natyna)**



## VIGIL LAMPS

**Sanctuary Lamp** - Birthday blessing and prayers for **Adeline Natyna** from her prayer partner

**Christ Icon** – Lord, lead Canada through these difficult times, open our minds and hearts

**Mother of God Icon** – **Mary, protect and intercede for Ukraine in the present Crisis**

*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.*

### 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."

**Holy Family Home:** Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk  
**Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik