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Meatfare Sunday

February 20, 2022

Неділя М'ясопущна

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!

Dare we even allow ourselves to have a bit of hope that the cloud of the pandemic may be lightening up a little? local and global events and announcements, etc. may be suggesting that there may be a bit more leeway in living our lives our lives - including our parish life. May the Lord so bless us! However, let's remain vigilant by being cautious and by observing how things shift socially all around us. We not only want to remain optimistically cautious, but we also want to live our faith fully no matter what the circumstances. It is said that difficult situations bring out the real character in people. This coronavirus crisis has proven to be no exception. It has brought out the best in us and perhaps attitudes that we were surprised were there. The good news is that we are soon to begin a journey during which we can work on our spiritual shortcomings and build on the positive. Regardless of our age, health or material status, we can grow in amazing ways.....

As we start to get really serious about the approaching **Great Fast** (which is coming, whether we are ready or not - so why not calmly get ready!?) the Church presents us with one of the most dramatic and even startling events that Christ paints for us in one of His teaching moments. Jesus gives us a glimpse of His second coming in glory when - as we pray in the Creed every day - He will "judge the living and the dead". Depending how imaginative we are (or what great epic movies we have seen) we can imagine the countless people of the world from the time of creation all spread out before the Lord. He makes the call as to which bunch we belong. He does not make the decision by something akin to a coin toss nor are the criteria at all subjective or unclear.

No the decision, in a very real sense, will have already been made by each person. We make that decision whether we will belong on the **left** or the **right** by the way we live our lives now. Whether we are essentially "goats" or "sheep" in the end, will depend on the criteria that our

Lord lays out very clearly in His message today. It basically comes down to those **two greatest commandments** that the Lord confirmed when speaking to the Pharisees. That is - total love of God and dedication to Him, and at the same time, love of our neighbours. Jesus gives the parable of the beaten-half-to-death Samaritan to describe who our neighbour might be. He also gives us many examples today as to how we show our love to both God and neighbour

Father
Michael



central figure of Christ - detail of icon by Marchela Dmitrova

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

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

We will have to elect/confirm officers and review our finances, but there are a lot of other things that we should touch upon.... **Our Centenary Celebrations**, *more importantly: Our Future*, *more importantly: our Success in fulfilling our Gospel Mission*, or as Jesus put it, "Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel (*i.e. BVM Parish?*). As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give!" (*Matthew 10:5-8*)

Come with **ideas** and **enthusiasm** and a truckload of **good will!** but, especially - **COME!**

2. **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!

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 and the link will be forwarded to you. The phrase this Wednesday: "***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father [] . With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.***"

4. **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY** - 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. **Next Sunday 27 February at 6:00 PM ←**

5. Please continue to pray daily for **UKRAINE**. A Prayer was distributed to everyone last month.

<p>WHY IMMACULATE HEART of MARY SCHOOL?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Excellence• Faith Development• Celebrating Ukrainian Language & Culture• Developing Character and Leadership• The Latest in Technology• Full-time Kindergarten		<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary School Школа Непорочного Серця Марії</p> <p>Applications for enrolment are now being accepted.</p> <p>Immaculate Heart of Mary School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 co-ed, Christian school that offers a strong academic program. Before and after school supervision is provided.</p> <p>Immaculate Heart Lubov Nursery School program, with a bright and spacious classroom, is also available at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church.</p> <p>Contact us to book your own personal tour: Phone: (204)582-5698 E-mail: ihms@ihms.mb.ca Website: www.ihms.mb.ca  @immaculateheartofmary</p>
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6. **LAST CHANCE! 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**

7. **SAVE THE DATES.** Being Winnipeg's 'Marian Parish', we are planning a **Lenten Mini Mission** around the feast of the **Annunciation** in the 4th week of the Great Fast - 23-25 of March. Watch for details about this special event and other retreats and missions in the city this Lent.

8. Remember that **weekly** devotions continue at **Blessed Vasyl' Martyr's Shrine** (250 Jefferson Ave) right here in Winnipeg! During *Lent* they will take place on *Tuesday!* akafist or a moleben' and an inspirational talk/homily related to this bishop and martyr. **www.bvmartyrshrine.com**



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!

18. **No way is your marriage on thin ice before you say "I do"!** A recent issue of statistics on marriage revealed that the "failure rate" is considerably smaller than often reported. What do you usually hear? 40-50% right? Well, the real figures are closer to 25% and for Catholics 23%. Still disheartening anyway right? But that number really drops for those that make the effort to do a good marriage preparation program. In that case it drops to 5.8%. So the message here is *do a formal preparation course* before standing at the tetrapod with your fiancé and think and pray and put some honest, selfless effort into your marriage before and after the wedding day. There is hope and there is help. look for it!

19. **Talk with your/a Parish Priest.** Sometimes marriage complications seem overwhelming (before or during). Usually they are not. But you need to talk with someone who can help you walk through the solution (and, yes, you have to be willing to try)

DONATIONS & Other Income -

Week of Sunday Jan. 30: **\$3,210.95**
(Envelopes 47)

(Some categories:

Sunday Donations – \$1,145.00; Auditorium \$ 500.00
candles – \$70.95, Bulletin Advertising \$ 900.00)

Expenses: \$ 2,948.45

(This includes cathedraticum, ventilation
system, concrete & masonry repair)

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!

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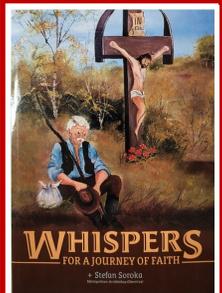
**Pray for
Peace in
Ukraine.**



Prayer is
powerful and
the only secure resolution to
the ages-old conflict
between **Ukraine** and those
that find it difficult to let her
be **free** and **prosperous**
and, yes, **holy**. May God
bless them with the freedom
to shine even more!

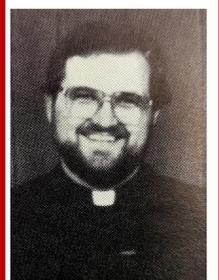
February 20

The Day for the heroes of
“**The Heavenly Hundred**”
who were shot down on the
Maidan standing up for
FREEDOM!



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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.]
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!



Archbishop Stefan Soroka
when assistant priest at BVM

More Second Century Brainstorming.... What about our facilities? Do we
have enough for our mission and our plans? The “old hall” is gone. Should we also *unload*
the parish centre (a.k.a. residence)? It’s big. It isn’t being used as it used to be. Perhaps it
could be repurposed? A women’s shelter? A drop-in centre for the elderly or the
homeless? A place for families? With the old hall gone, we now have a new space to add
to other spaces we already had around our BVM premises. Maybe we should *add*
something? A new building? for...? Letting opportunities and funds dwindle away is
surely no option for good stewards of the Lord’s blessing that we have received over the
last century. And no one wants that. But, then the question remains what is the smartest
and most Christ-like move for us to make as a parish in Christ’s living Church?



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Schedule of Services Feb. 20 to Feb. 27, 2022

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

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

← N.B. Long Weekend Schedule Change

Mon., Feb. 21 **→ 4:45 p.m.** 9th Hour & Rosary NO morning services
 Venerable Timothy **→ 5:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy..... +John Cortens, by Issigonis Family**
 3 John 1:1-15; Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39

Tues., Feb. 22 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Martyrs at Eugenios 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Albert & Elsie Kosowan, by Sisters of St. Joseph**
 Jude 1:1-10; Luke 22:39-42; 45-23:1

Wed., Feb. 23 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Priest Martyr Polycarp 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Wlodzimeirz Hryndzio,**
 Romans 14:6-9 *by Luba & Mychaylo Krasulak*
 Mark 14:43-15:1 **7:00 p.m. - "I Believe" Zoom gathering**

Thurs., Feb. 24 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 1st & 2nd finding head of the Baptist 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **For those suffering addiction**
 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 11:2-15

Fri., Feb. 25 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Venerable Tarasius 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **For +Pierre Balanian, by friends**
 Ephesians 5:8-19 John 19:25-37

Sat., Feb. 26 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Venerable Porphyrius 8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy **For a Successful Annual Parish Meeting**
 1 Corinthians 10:23-28 **5:30 p.m. - Vespers**
 Luke 21:8-9; 25-27; 33-36 **6:15 p.m. - Centenary Sharing Meeting (Zoom & In-person)**

Sun., Feb. 27 **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE — Прощена Неділя Сиропусна**
 8:00 am - Служба Божа – **+Thomas Bodie (4 years), by friends**
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy..... **For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян**
 2:00 pm - Annual Parish Meeting / Річні Парафіяльні Збори
 6:00 pm - Forgiveness Ceremony **for the whole parish**
 7:00 pm - Catechism..... **Joint Session - The 10 Commandments**

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."

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



VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp - For Peace in Ukraine Господи, дай мир Україні

Christ Icon – Lord, bless our parish with a CENTENARY CELEBRATION that will bring us together and renew our parish

Mother of God Icon – For Mary's intercession for a peaceful & positive resolution to the **FREEDOM CONVOY** movement here in **Canada** and around the world

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.