



Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Confessions: before every Divine Liturgy

30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 January 2022

30-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

We will try to accommodate everyone, but you will have to choose which service you and your family will attend. You would be wise to register in advance by email by sending a brief note to BVMWelcome@shaw.ca as to preferred time and the number of people in your group OR by leaving a message at 204-582-4466.

Dear Parishioners:

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Христос Рождається! Славте Його!

Come to me Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, ...and you will find rest for your souls. (Mt 11:28-29) (Mk 14:37)

Prayer is so **powerful** and as **important as ever** (even more important as our society and our Church experience this time of crisis!). We are encouraged to see the signs of the times and dedicate more of our daily routine to... Prayer.

Come **every day** and join your parish and the Church in raising our hearts and voices to the Lord.

Could that mean adapting our "usual" life to a new routine? Probably. Could that mean shifting our schedules somewhat? Probably. Something like starting our beauty sleep earlier so that we can get up earlier to begin our day giving praise to God. Then we put the "We gotta eat" argument to ourselves. I hear that. The older tradition is to break the daily fast "with the Holy Eucharist" first and then eat breakfast/brunch later. But if we really need our morning toast and coffee first... that might just mean getting up with the farmers, ranchers (remember [John Wayne](#)?) to have our 'kasha i kava' before getting to Church to really begin our day. Well, let's make our way to our parish church, if we can, or at least join in online.

Always remember - Everyone is welcome! According to the present Directives, we can have at least 25 (plus 'staff') and we have appropriate (and safe) ways of expanding that number. (We are even considering other options when our numbers really start to swell!). But for now, there is room. More importantly, Your Lord awaits. And Your Parish and the whole Church could sure use your prayer and dedication at this time.



What could dissuade us? Well, aside from human laziness and distaste for discomfort (which is easily overcome by simple discipline and self-mastery), we might be... **fearful**. Well, we have to make our own call on that which makes us scared. Potential coronavirus illness is the big concern now. We have to judge by the information given to us by those medical authorities that we consider most trustworthy. We have to decide if we would be risking our health by going to church where someone within the congregation (whether vaccinated or unvaccinated persons) could be a carrier of some variant of the virus. We socially distance and use masks and have sanitizer available for hands and surfaces. Anyone who has been in contact with someone who may be a carrier of the virus should not come around until they are certain that they have not become a carrier. This also pertains to persons who have travelled out of the province recently or are just feeling ill (cold, flu, covid, whatever). That should help a lot in keeping us safe. But, aside from all that, we also need to renew our faith and our dedication to our Lord and the Gospel calling. We have daily prayer and Divine Liturgy – as the expression goes – "**every day and twice on Sundays**". Now... we've already learned how to stay away and to be careful and I believe that in our parish, safety precautions have been super-adhered to. So now.... I truly wonder if we collectively and personally should not start asking ourselves – "okay, the coronavirus and such pandemics are probably here to stay. That is part of the 'new normal' they were talking about. So now how do I and my family and my fellow parishioners start living our faith and our parish life in this new world?" And let's start talking about it more and let's *open the curtains and peer outside our doors* and start getting back into a more active life as a parish family. We are all here to help each other. And, as always and above all we want to know that – **з НАМИ Бог!** God is with us!

Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski

1. **Holy water is available at the front of the church.** We still have a few “original” Jordan bottles with the blessing prayer printed on them, but just to make sure, bring your little container after this week.

2. **Last week we had a beautiful response to the little prepackaged prosphory.** Covid regulations prevented us from hosting a traditional Christmas dinner, but God willing, we will do so next year.

3. **Thanks again to all who participated in the “Christmas and New Year greetings” video.** We wish to do the same again soon, and need your help. Our 100th anniversary is here.... do you have a short something to say about what the parish means to you? We can even make multiple videos, based on your Catechism memories! your First Holy Communion memories! a wedding! etc. Start mulling around the ideas now. Better yet, start sending us your stories now!

“Actually, Monsignor Dobriansky/Father Andriyshyn/
Kwiatkowski/Soroka/Fornalchuk married us... He made
the wedding so special because....”

“I remember the time when the church
van that was supposed to pick me up
broke down. I got this phone call...”

“Do you remember the year Ukraine opened up, and Bishop Stern-
iuk came to visit Winnipeg? I was in the choir, and we...”

“Those processions around the church... I
miss those! ... My brother carried the
cross one year, and when they were going
around the church the second time, he...”

4. **Read this section carefully — it’s fine-tuned from last week! Volunteers needed! We need you!** There are so many ways you can share your time, gifts and talents! We are always looking for volunteers who can help in these areas:

- Catechism teachers (1 hour a week, on-line lessons... and we give you the lesson outline.
- **Care Ministry:** right now, no visits. Just phone three people a week from a short list of names.
- Building (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, labour/construction, design/painting, gardening). You understand a trade better than other people from personal experience... use that understanding to help your parish.
- Snow clearing: Yes, we do have a snow clearing company involved, but they come later. **Can YOU be the one to come the morning after the snowfall just to clear a path from the church to the road,** for the morning church-goers? This would be immensely appreciated!
- Readers, Altar Servers... **We need more help around the sanctuary.**
- Adult Sacramental Prep Team: not needed yet, but when someone wants to become a Catholic and now wants to know more. Will you sit down and go over the materials with him/her?
- Liturgical Environment (decorating, floral, sewing, design, construction). Will you step up when we need to take down the Christmas decorations, for an hour or two? Do you have any connections with florists, to help us with lovely flowers for Our Lord and His holy mother on feast days? Easter is coming... the men need help putting up the Tomb... etc. Again, only an hour of your time, from time to time.
- Fundraising (researching, letters & proposals, event planning)
- Youth Ministry (activity planning and facilitating)
- Website (photos, videos, writers/contributors/bloggers).
- **Someone to organize and Facilitate a permanent PRAYER CHAIN for our parish.**
- Office Assistance from time to time (bulletin inserts/folding, greeting visitors, preparing Christmas/Easter mailings, etc.)
- We need someone to collect the stories that are coming in for our 100th anniversary celebrations. YOU might be just the person! Your mother, your grandfather, your ? attended this parish, and you now have a unique feel for how to organize the material.



We know you want to, but just don’t know how much commitment would be involved. That’s understandable, so...please contact your parish office for more details and let’s work out a way that would be acceptable to all.

5. **Sign up now for our upcoming “I BELIEVE! – BIPYIO!” series of discussions, that Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski will be leading on a weekly basis from now throughout the Great Fast.** Father Michael will lead these on-line seminars every Wednesday night, **beginning this coming Wednesday, JANUARY 19th at 7 PM.** These sessions are based on the articles of our Creed. What a wonderful way to brush up on our Faith, and to fill in the gaps we may have in our understanding of our holy Faith. Please sign up this week, These will be open to all parishioners and will be help via online conference-call. Send an email with the heading “I Believe” to bvmchurch@gmail.co and the link will be forwarded to you.

6. **Confessions: Your parish priest is in the confessional before every single Divine Liturgy, and hopes to meet you there on a regular basis.** (There is a good chance that your grandparents and great-grandparents came every month, or second month.) What a cleansing and healing for our souls, this one-on-on meeting **with the Lord!** Please begin to

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!

11. Stay away from the word “YOU” when an argument is about to brew. Once we hear “YOU did this to me...,” up go the defenses. Try expressing yourself with phrases like “I think that...,” “this is how I feel about...,” “this is how I see it...,” “please tell me if I’m wrong.” Then move towards “how can we work this out together?”

12. Start practicing the art of compromising. Practice God-pleasing humility by letting your spouse have his/her way at times. Do things they like. (Is it possible that if an invisible man standing beside the two of you kept a scoreboard, it was really YOU getting your way all the time? (Don’t be all about yourself and getting your needs met. This doesn’t mean become a doormat and do everything your spouse’s way; the idea is to build a loving relationship of two unselfish people.

8. Please consider coming to daily Divine Liturgy at 8 AM. Are you now retired? No real deadlines to meet every day? Then give that 40 minutes of your life every day to the Lord, doing what pleases Him the very most: taking part in His Sacrifice during the Divine Liturgy. The graces you and your family will reap, cannot be described on this earth.

9. Our Blazhennishyj Sviatoslav has asked us to pray a special prayer (see enclosed) for Ukraine. Please pray this daily, fervently and indefinitely for the land of our forefathers.

DONATIONS - Week of Sunday Jan. 9: \$1,316.75 (Envelopes 24)

(Some categories: Sunday – \$775; candles – \$126.75; 'Christmas' – 20.00; 'Angel Tree' (Natyna, Melnyk, Pistun, Hykawy families) \$50)

Expenses: \$ 4,598.12 (heating, church cleaning, seminary donations, etc)

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!



An installation team from Curtis Carpets works on re-tiling the rain-damaged lower-level foyer of our parish centre. This completes the work...



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Schedule of Services Jan. 16 to Jan. 23, 2022

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

Sun. January 16, 2022 30th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am - Служба Божа — For +Pierre Balamian

9:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy – в наміренні всіх парафіян For all parishioners

Mon., Jan. 17	7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary
Venerable Anthony the Great	8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... For + Helen, +Volodymyr & +Sophia
Hebrews 13:17-21	by Dmytro Sikora
Luke 6:17-23	

Tues., Jan. 18	7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Bishops Athanasius, Cyril	8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.....birthday blessings for Mrs. Michalina (Emily) Dudych
Hebrews 12:25, 26; 13:22-25	by friends
Mark 10:2-12	

Wed., Jan. 19	7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Ven. Macarius	8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... For +Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski
James 1:1-18	by Nestor Zemliak & family
Mark 10:11-16	

Thurs., Jan. 20	7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Ven. Euthemius	8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy. (1 of 3)for all sponsors & benefactors of our parish
Hebrews 13:17-21	
Luke 6:17-23	

Fri., Jan. 21	7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Confessor Maximus	8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (2 of 3).....for all sponsors & benefactors of our parish
James 2:1-13	
Mark 10:23-32	

Sat., Jan. 22	7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Apostle Timothy	8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (3 of 3)for all sponsors & benefactors of our parish
Colossians 1:2-6	
Luke 16:10-15	5:30 p.m. - Vespers

Sun., Jan. 23	31st Sunday after Pentecost -- 31-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа
	8:00 am - Служба Божа – в наміренні всіх парафіян For all parishioners
	9:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary
	10:00 am - Divine Liturgy – for +Murray Balagus (1 yr.) by daughter Lisa Prost

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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204-633-1502

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204-582-5932

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204-339-9366

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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

VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp - In loving memory of +Anne Kuchma, from children Pat, Janet and Ken Kuchma

Christ Icon – In loving memory of our тато and дідо, Semko Kmet, from the Kmet and Rusnak Families

Mother of God Icon – This week, beginning Tuesday, is the Week of Christian Unity. Let us pray "that all may become one" in knowing, loving and serving the Lord!

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.

