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4th Sunday of the Great Fast

**March 27, 2022**

4-а Нед. Посту

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



**Dear Parishioners Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!**

FIRST, a word of gratitude to our good Lord that saw to it that everything fell into place in a way that served all our parishioners and guests that were seeking spiritual renewal. The Parish Lenten Mission saw a good number of people make their “Lenten Confession” - taking advantage of the guest Priest - Father Daniel Wach, the Basilian Monk, who preached our Mission this year [great insights about the whole Annunciation event!]. We hosted a powerful event led by our Metropolitan Lawrence and Archbishop Stefan in conjunction with Pope Francis for the historic consecration of Ukraine and Russia. Thank you to our ladies that saw to wonderful refreshment hospitality throughout these two unforgettable days, the singers, the livestream techies, and our ever-ready Starshi Braty.

Every Saturday morning Myron Fedoruk, Jimmy Sawchuck and I change the three principal vigil lamps – one over the Altar (“Eternal Lamp”) and two before the two “principal” icons of Christ and the Mother of God on our beautiful iconostas. I get to climb the ladder to the central candle which can be seen just above the iconostas and I hand Myron last-week’s candle and insert and light the new one. As I climb the ladder there is a warning label at the top rung that says something to the effect of “do not ascend past this point or stand on the top rung”. I sometimes think that this ladder experience (which probably all of us have had at some point) is similar to the “Spiritual Ladder” of St John that we are commemorating today. St. John’s ladder is a step-by-step plan of purification of ourselves and growing in virtue and holiness to reach the heights that our Lord would have us do. The target height – according to God’s Will, not ours - may be different for everyone to some degree, but it always means moving upward ... advancing toward a wonderful goal. There are perils... a misstep by not being completely attentive... trying to get away with using an old ladder with weak rungs, or ... a ladder that can’t deal with our weight, or.... we can choose the wrong ladder that won’t get us to the point that we need. Reading the work of St. John Climacus would be a great source of meditation for anyone and it would help us to set a goal as to how we want to be climbing upward our entire lifetime. We can at least make a plan based on our Christian-Catholic faith – and in collaboration with the Holy Spirit - as to how we will climb one rung at a time... perhaps first to get out the pit in which we find ourselves, but then to continue into a more dedicated life in Christ.

The message from the Gospel today can be very simplified. We hear of a terrifying account of a demon-possessed boy (see a video on our website). Finally Jesus, casts out the evil spirit and later gives the “secret” to his Apostles. Bigger challenges require bigger effort and personal investment.... “This kind can be cast out only by prayer..... **and fasting**” (Mark 9:29) This is part of our Lenten goal of more time in prayer, charity and FASTING.

*Fr. Michael*



1. This past week was a busy one — and a wonderfully spiritual one! **Many thanks to Father Daniel Wach, OSBM** who for two nights straight spoke so well of Our Lady and how the Old Testament pointed to her long before she said her “yes” to God. On Friday as well, history was made, in that all the bishops around the world, at the same time, consecrated Russia (and Ukraine) to Mary’s Immaculate Heart. **God bless all the people** — especially our Metropolitan **Lawrence** Huculak and Archbishop **Stefan** Soroka —who came out for this world-changing event of prayer. .
2. This past week, we concluded our —“**I BELIEVE! – BIPYU!**” — **Zoom discussion series-** Not to worry - we plan to have several more in the future and - including Parish Centenary story-sharing events. We hope that such events, however, will be at least hybrid - online/in-person so that everyone can participate. As both the coronavirus threat - and the fear of such viruses - is subsiding, we hope that we will be able to conduct our faith life in a more adequate manner.
3. The **UCWLC** will hold its **monthly meeting on Sunday, April 3** after the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy.
4. This week’s Lenten devotions:  
**Wednesday: 5:30 PM** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
**Friday: 7:00 PM** Way of the Cross
5. In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the death of **+Most Rev. Michael Bzdel, CSsR**, our Metropolitan Lawrence will celebrate Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph’s Parish church (Jefferson) **THIS SATURDAY, April 2 at 8:30 AM.**
6. Do you want a **lawn sign “Pray for peace”?** **Buy one for \$10** (see sample at back of church) and know you are helping the Knights of Columbus fundraiser for Ukraine.
7. Hey, teens! Why not take a drive out to Ontario this year and join other young people at the **Steubenville Youth Conference 2022?** From July 15-17, 2022 at Canada Christian College (Whitby, ON). The Steubenville conferences “bring together some of the best Catholic speakers and musicians in North America, and provide opportunities for high school teens to encounter Christ and experience the Church in a whole new way!” Any teens (and parent chaperones)
8. **Something to think about... then let’s talk.** Where is Blessed Virgin Mary parish headed? Where is everyone?... the eager volunteers? ....the Altar Boys?... the Girls of Mary? Since the time of Christ, the Church and individual parishes thrived only by willing and enthusiastic **VOLUNTEERS**. Our parish is no exception! We need to come forward. Maybe you had the experience in younger years living at home when meal times would roll around and all the kids are preoccupied watching TV, playing some game or doing homework (heh, heh) and Mom would shout out, “It’s supper time! Where is everyone!? Are you waiting for a **special invitation!**?”. Well, if that’s what you need to get involved in the parish, here it is: **Dear, \_\_\_\_\_[Your Name here]\_\_\_\_\_ You are invited (and needed) by your Parish to offer (a wee bit of) Your time and/or talent!** If anyone tells you, “no, we’re good right now, maybe come back in a few weeks” then you spoke to the wrong person! Come see Fr. Michael or call the Office. (Hey, BTW, its the 21<sup>st</sup> Century... if the call goes to voicemail? **LEAVE A MESSAGE!** Someone **WILL** get back to you.)
  - 1) **Altar boys**.... Time to come back? Give Father your names (just phone the church, or meet him after Divine Liturgy) and let him know you’re ready! He’ll organize your schedule and let’s start serving at the Altar of the Lord where your service is greatly needed.
  - 2) **Girls of Mary** — Is there a leader (young adult? older adult) who would be at the church once a month for a 1.5 hour session with the girls? Millie Haligowski was a natural leader with them over past decades. (God bless you, Millie!) Who will do this now? Pray a little, sing a little, play a game.... and “bond as parish family”! Plus, we’d see the blue-caped girls during special services, such as when our Metropolitan comes to visit. And Majivky and often!
  - 3) **An office helper** for 1 hour or less on Fridays at 2 PM. (mostly with bulletin prep).
  - 4) **Big-hearted people good with tools** who can come to fix the odd broken handle, jammed cupboard, change lights, look at a dripping faucet and help make decisions.... give us your phone numbers and be ready to help us out! There is an empty hole right now in this regard.
  - 5) **Another ‘starshey brat’ or two!** May God bless Jimmy Sawchuk and Myron Fedoruk with many more years of good health and dedication in helping around the altar. But there should be several more to help on weekdays, Sundays, special events, funerals, etc. Are you a gentleman who could come before services to light the candles, carry kadylo and open the doors for Father? (It’s really for God, you know.)
  - 6) **A Prayer Group leader** who already prays, and understands the value of prayer, to hold a set prayer time every week at the same time, to pray for intentions given by our parishioners. A rosary? a holy half-hour? Up to you. But people would know that they can just come and join in at that time. **No one** has to be there every single time. **Everyone** can call in or text in prayer requests to that person beforehand. We just need a set time in our parish — outside of Divine Liturgies — that we show we are a true parish family by praying with and for each other.
  - 7) **Refugee Assistance Volunteers** – And now – we need volunteers who would serve as contact, driver, mentor, helper, baby-sitter, etc. etc. for when we receive families from war-devastated Ukraine. That could be in a matter of a week or two!.

Father Michael will be away for the **weekend of April 3** – to preach a Mission in Edmonton. For any urgent pastoral needs, please call the Basilian Fathers **204-582-6695**  
**Please pray for a successful Mission**

**DONATIONS & Other Income:**

Week of Sunday March 20:

**\$1230** (Sunday offerings) (Envelopes 39)  
Candles: **\$118.50**

**Expenses: \$ 3,733.50** (This includes salary—clergy)

Our Parish is always grateful for all donations – be they regular Sunday donations, *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!

**Would you like to help Ukrainian Refugees get to Canada? Fill out the form here:**

<https://forms.gle/RE7T2fiJ2q5Gyu2j7>

**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!**

Please look at our bulletin boards by the church entrance! You will see lovely letters from our Christian brothers from nearby churches of other denominations. They have written beautiful letters of promise of prayer, regarding the war in Ukraine. God bless and reward them!

**CENTENARY UPDATE CORNER:**

- 1. Doors Open 2022 (May):** \*Volunteers needed to conduct tours of our beautiful church
- 2. Homecoming Weekend (June):** Committee still needs to report details...
- 3. Centenary Banquet :** A meeting was held... Canad-Inns was tentatively booked for October 16th. Comparisons were made to the 90th anniversary banquet, MC proposals, VIP guest list proposed, etc.
- 4. 100th Anniversary Pictorial Directory—**Individual Photos in May.



Busy people making perogies this past week. Thank you!



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**News from the Vatican**

At a Papal audience last week, the Holy Father (since the readings were about Moses, who lived till age 124) said:

**1) Treasure your seniors!**

"An older person, one who has lived a long time, and receives the gift of a lucid and passionate testimony of his history, is an irreplaceable blessing."

**2) Seniors have things to say that just cannot be passed on in books:**

His grandfather fought in a war in 1914 (on the Piave) and "passed on this anger (about the horrors of war) to me," recalled the Pope, "because he told me about the suffering of war. And you don't learn that in books or in other ways... you learn it this way, passing it on from grandparents to grandchildren." We grow in our Christian Faith

## Schedule of Services March 27 to April 3, 2022

Come! or at least join us online: [Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church - YouTube](#)  
 Sun., March 27 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — 4-а Неділя (\*Liturgy of St Basil the Great!)**

8:00 am - Служба Божа – Blessings for Nestor, Anna & Andrew by *Dr. Andrij Baranjouk*  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners / в намірені всіх парафіян  
 7:00 pm - Catechism.....

Mon., March 28 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Hilary** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Włodzimierz Hryndzio** by *Bozena Basarab*  
 Romans 12:1-3  
 Luke 6:31-36

Tues., March 29 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Mark** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Andrew & +Catherine Buyachok**  
 Ephesians 4:14-16 by son *Bohdan Buyachok*  
 Luke 6:24-31

Wed., March 30 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable John Climacus** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+ Myron Halayda; +Shirley, +Anthony**  
 Ephesians 4:17-25 **5:30 pm – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Halayda** by *SSJs*  
 Luke 7:36-50 **7:00 p.m. - “I Believe” Zoom gathering**

Thurs., March 31 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Hypatius** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **+Nicholas & +Anne Zemliak**  
 Ephesians 4:25-32 by *Zemliak family*  
 Luke 13:1-9

Fri., April 1 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary (Father Michael away for several days beginning today)  
**Venerable Mary of Egypt** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **+Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski** by *Eugene Nakonechny*  
 2 Corinthians 5:10-15 **7:00 pm– Stations of the Cross – lay-led today**  
 Luke 12:42-48

Sat., April 2 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**\*\*\*Akathist Saturday\*\*** 8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy ..... **SOROKOUSTY for our deceased**  
 Hebrews 9:1-6 ~ Luke 10: 38 - 42; 11: 27 - 28 **5:30 p.m. - Vespers – just the “laity” parts today (“Reader” version)**

Sun., April 3 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Четверта Неділя Посту (\*Liturgy of St Basil the Great!)**  
**8:00 am – Служба Божа – CANCELLED**  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary ☛ **Цієї неділі: Україномовна Літургія скасована**  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For **+Helen Moroz** by *Blessed Virgin Mary UCWL*  
 7:00 pm - Catechism.....

### SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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**Catechism Coordinator -** Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298  
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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** - in memory of father and brother **John Kmet** – Cathy Kmet  
**Christ Icon** – Lord, teach us how to **treat all** of our **Parishioners** and **Visitors**

**Mother of God Icon** – **Mother Mary**, Please answer our humble **Consecration of Ukraine and Russia**

*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.*