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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

Sunday of the Paralytic **May 8, 2022** Неділя Розслабленого

GOD BLESS YOU MOMS!

If it wasn't for you none of us would be here. If it wasn't for your showing us your love and care over the years, none of us would be the people that we are.

**Christ is Risen!
Христос Воскрес!**

Today is Mothers' Day. It is a day designated in most countries that offers us an opportunity to reflect on "Mothers" (i.e. motherhood) and our own Mother. What if we did just that? Sure, if we made plans to spend time with our mother - a get-together with family or visit her where she lives, or pay a visit to the care home, or, if she has journeyed

to the next live, perhaps visit her grave and tidy it up and say a prayer. We should do one of these things unless its truly impossible. What we should also do is spend a moment in prayer and reflection and, perhaps conversation with others about... Mothers and the whole institution of motherhood in our society and the world. How have things changed? How should we as Ukrainian Catholics see motherhood? What can and should we do to celebrate Mothers and grant them and their vocation the honour and respect and even protection they deserve? You know, sometimes as we pass through different stages in our life, we may see mothers and our own mother in different ways. But among the threads that are knitted all the way through is that our mothers brought us into the world, they gave us life and the best care that they could throughout the years and they are/were always there when we come back home or need to bounce something off her heart or just enjoy her smile, her cookies, her presence.

- Fr. Michael

The Winnipeg **GOLDEYES** baseball team are hosting a "FAITH NIGHT" for, well, faith-associated groups like our Parish to enjoy a baseball game together with other faith groups around the city. Yes, we might want to see it as a smart commercial gimmick to get us religious types to buy tickets to a game. But I think it can be a great opportunity for us just too have an evening out together and enjoy a game, eat a hotdog and just, well, relax together. This happens at kind of busy time for our Parish—it is on the eve of Pentecost June 4th! That means that it is also the eve of our First Holy Communion. However, if we plan well for those events ahead of time, we can take the evening off. Tickets will end up being about **\$10** each (*maybe cheaper, we'll see*), but if you and your family members would like to go call the Parish office or speak with Fr. Michael. **And let's do this...**

Our own parish:

1. **MAY DEVOTIONS! Маївка! Молебен! EVERY EVENING of May, at 7 PM.** Please bring your children and grandchildren. (See story elsewhere in this bulletin.) Ask our Lady to continue to “hold back the arm of her Son” (Fatima message)
2. 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 prior, on June 4). Please pray for all of our catechism children (and let’s us revisit our 1st Holy Communion and how we’ve grown in faith and understanding since then!)
3. If you should see a poster at the back of the church with some sign-up slots regarding helping out with a few things this 100th Anniversary of our parish, please be generous and do **sign up!** Whether it’s picking up the sour cream for the pyrohy, or being an “usher” for one of the nights the photographer is here, please don’t hesitate to help.
4. **Church Photo Directory** — This is the year of our 100th anniversary as a parish family, and it’s time to have a nice, professional photo taken of each family for a new directory. Every family/household gets a free photo book in the end (October) but only if you come NOW to get your picture taken. **June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11th** (ie. leading right into our Homecoming weekend). Photos are available for purchase as well, but there is no obligation to buy.
5. **Spring Clean for Ukraine!** Please put things aside, and we’ll let you know in a bit where to bring them. Happy De-cluttering! *Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC.*

Other exciting events:



1. **Adopt-a-Student-in-Ukraine! Keep Ukraine Strong!** This coming Wednesday at 7 PM our time, please join an online explanation. But register first (free) at <https://ucef.ca>.

2. **The National Week for Life and the Family** begins today. See the **website** for inspiration ► <https://lifeandthefamily.com/>

Here are some suggestions: 1) Help plant 100,000 pink and blue flags to commemorate the 100,000 babies lost IN CANADA ALONE to abortion. Show up at St. Boniface Cathedral grounds at 9 AM on Thursday, May 12. 2) Help take the same flags down that night, starting at 8 PM. 3) Say a short prayer with your family at a set time every day, for these eight days. 4) Plan a one-morning excursion to Steinbach on May 28 for the official Manitoba pro-life walk. Buses leave Wpg. and will bring you back for only \$10 return. Call 204-326-5433

3. **OPEN HOUSE of SILOAM MISSION** this coming Saturday, May 14th, 2022 from 10 to 2 PM. (Maybe come join Sr. Michaila who wants to be there at 11.) 300 Princess St. **Buhler Centre Main Entrance.**

4. The 22nd **Annual Walk for Mary** will be held on **Sunday, May 22** at Holy Eucharist Parish, Please join us in ***Walking and Praying together for peace and democracy in Ukraine.***

Doesn't hurt to know:

1. **Today is the World Day of Prayer for VOCATIONS!** Please pray for vocations to the **priesthood and religious life.** If you yourself find that the thought of being a priest, a deacon or a sister keeps popping up from time to time... talk to Father Michael!
2. The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada is having its annual conference this year in Winnipeg, May 11-13 downtown. This is the event bringing together health professionals, academics, theologians and others “to engage in dialogue about current topics and to collaborate on initiatives to better serve those in need and transform the health system”. Please pray for them, that they truly be the “leaven in the dough” of Canadian health care.
3. For everyone keeping close tabs on what is happening in Ukraine: Our parishioner Cecile Paryniak reminds everyone that MTS channels 537, 538 and 539 host information directly from Ukraine. Watch when you can, and keep praying mightily for peace.
4. Are you ready to be a martyr? **What if you're 90 years old**, and suddenly the government comes up with an order that you know you just can't follow without breaking God's law? “They” intend to murder (jail...fine...) you if you don't do it... but meantime many, many people — especially young people —are watching you to see what you'll do. (*This is a true story, by the way.*) Are you ready to say, “**NO!!!** I follow God's law...” **“Dishonoring the faith in old age, just to gain a handful of days, is incomparable with the heritage which we must leave to the young, to entire generations yet to come.”** The Holy Father told this story last week, and the old man he quoted from is Eleazar from the Bible. We live in interesting times today. Are YOU ready to die before you deliberately miss Divine Liturgy on Sunday?... eat meat on Friday?...use God's Name in vain?... aid someone to obtain an abortion? **YOUR GOOD EXAMPLE is much needed today!**

HIRE , SWAP, BARTER, and BUY CORNER

1. Book sale — outside! (weather permitting) after Divine Liturgies **today.** Proceeds go towards Homecoming costs.
2. **This space is yours! Just let us know before 10 AM on Fridays.**
3. **Refugee families are looking for a minivan or small suv for a reasonable price. Call Fr. Michael...**

Donations from Sunday, May 1st:

Sunday collection **\$2205** (57 envelopes)

Candles: **\$136.30**

Church needs (building upkeep): -

Lenten offering: -

Easter offering: -

Vigil lamps: -

Flowers: -

For 100th Anniversary 2022 Celebrations: -

For Ukraine humanitarian aid: **\$520**

Expenses: \$1788 ((salaries, last snow removal, bank fees)

The Holy Father's intention for the month of May:

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



CENTENARY UPDATE

CORNER:

Here's what we know so far:

1. Doors Open 2022 (May 28) — we're online at their website... check it out!
2. Homecoming Weekend (June 11 & 12)
3. Centenary Banquet Oct. 16 at Canad Inns Garden City — next meeting TBA



Forgotten fact about FATIMA (Feast May 13):

Our Lady appeared six times at Fatima from May, 1917 to October, 1917. However, during the first apparition Our Lady mentioned that she will return to Cova da Iria, the site of the apparition, a seventh time. In her own words Our Lady said,

"I have come here to ask you to come here for six months in succession on the thirteenth day of each month at this same hour. Later I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterward, I will return here a seventh time."

She is coming one more time?! When? Soon?

Donate, Volunteer, but especially...

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Daily

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A Hundred Amazing Reasons Why We Need to Spend Time in Adoration before Our Lord!
(This is the beginning of a new "tips series".)

1. You are greatly needed!

"The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic adoration." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)

3. Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life.

"Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

Schedule of Services May 8- May 15, 2022

Sun., May 8 **SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC — Неділя Розслабленого**

8:00 am - Divine Liturgy - For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary **Catechism children preparation near confessional**
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For good health and happiness for John Kutcher (by family)

Mon., May 9 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Transfer of the Relics of St. Nicholas 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For + poor souls in Purgatory**
 Hebrews 13:17-21 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Dmitro Sikora*
 Luke 6:17-23

Tues., May 10 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Apostle Simon the Zealot 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+ Rev. Edward Kwiatkowski**
 1 Cor. 4:9-16 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Denise, Karen et al. at Kildonan Horizons 2/3*
 Matt. 13:54-58

Wed., May 11 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Mid-feast Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+ Jan Cieklinski**
Also: Cyril & Methodius 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by friends*
 Acts 14:6-18; John 7:14-30

Thurs., May 12 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
St. Epiphanius 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+ Helen Moroz**
 Post-feast of Mid-feast 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Elaine Grzenda*
 Acts 10:34-43
 John 8:12-20

Fri., May 13 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyr Glyceria, Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **In thanksgiving to**
 Acts 10:44-11:10 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God **Our Lady of Fatima**
 John 8:21-30 *by anon.*



Sat., May 14 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyr Isidore— Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy & panakhyda..... **++Anna, Roman, Kateryna,**
 Acts 12:1-11 **Mykola, Emilia, Stanislav, Oleksander**
 John 8:31-42 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Lesia Slobodzianek and Oleh Mykytyn*

Sun., May 15 **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman** **Неділя Самарянки**
Post-feast of Mid-feast Wednesday **Попразденьство Переполовнення**
 8:00 am - Divine Liturgy... Health and blessing for Dr. Terry Babick, by the patient
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян
 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God

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 - Lord, You dearly love Your Mother, please richly **Bless all Mothers** with all the grace they need... and grant them always: Strength, Comfort and Conviction in their Vocation

Christ Icon — Lord, calm us all and **remove the rage** that dominates the hearts of too many

Mother of God Icon — Mary, by your intercession, may we receive the grace to **love all life**

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.