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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY April 16, 2023

ТОМИНА НЕДІЛЯ

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

What does it take for you to believe? Do certain people have to tell you, or a certain person to whom you have assigned the “believable” authority? Even then, would you really believe? Do you have to see for your self? Even a person who really doesn’t want to believe might not believe if he/she saw it! They might say, oh its some kind of trick or illusion or mass hysteria. Or - if they have no counter argument - they might do what many do in our day: Instead of saying “yes it is so!”, they just remain silent and ignore the truth and try to “cancel” the truth. They might even say that which isn’t, “**is**” and declare the opposite of the obvious (e.g. saying that a woman is indeed a man or a man is indeed a woman). Perhaps you have to touch something to believe it is there or taste it. (After all, they do say that “*the proof is in the pudding*”).

Well, the Apostle Thomas was a practical man. He was ready to believe, but he needed something personal and concrete. Just having people that he knew and loved telling him what they saw, didn’t seem to be enough. For most of us, it *would* be. But no, Thomas wanted to see for himself. He wanted, *needed*, a personal, tangible experience. He was likely so taken up in the very emotional rollercoaster that they had all been living since the entry into Jerusalem through to the crucifixion when he dramatically declared, “unless I put my finger into the nail holes, and my hand into spear-gash in his side, I will not believe it!” However, as he was an Apostle and he would need to have unbreakable faith to perform the evangelization mission ahead of him, the Lord granted St. Thomas exactly what he asked for. “Here... check out My wounds. They are real. **I** am real. Believe!” But Jesus also gently admonishes Thomas with the fact that many other people - in fact billions over the years - will not need to have the experience that Thomas insisted upon to be vibrant believers in Jesus Christ and active followers.

Today as is our Liturgical tradition for the Sunday after Easter, we remember the events around the Apostle **Thomas** as a

reminder to us
to be open
to Faith!

Today we “break” the **ARTOS**

bread that we blessed last

Sunday and we

distribute it after the

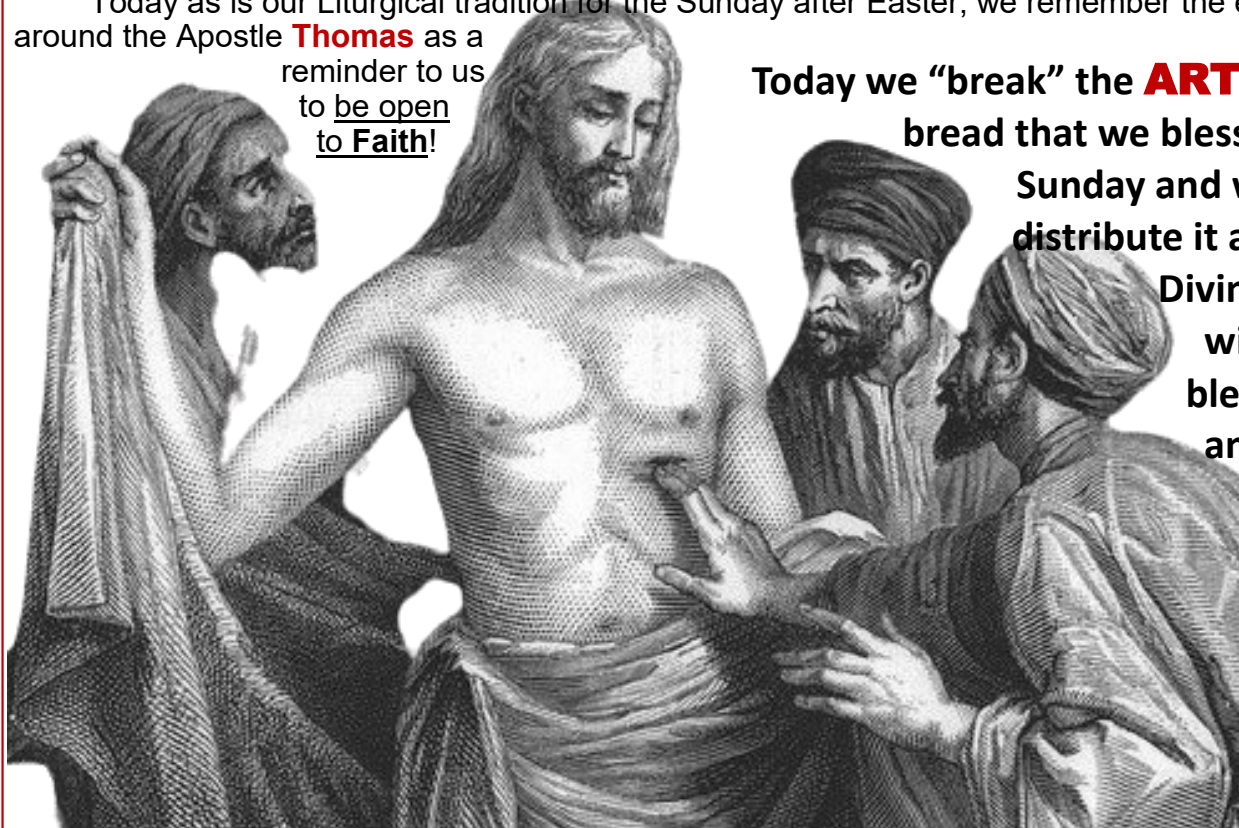
Divine Liturgy

with a

blessing of

anointing.

Please
come
forward!



Fr. Michail

Parish News & Events:

- ONLY ONE Divine Liturgy** -- at 10 AM -- will be celebrated TODAY (as Father will be assisting with services in Rosa, MB) **AND next Sunday, Apr. 23rd** (as it is our Parish Easter Dinner, and we should all be together). However, we hope to return to celebrating two Sunday Liturgies after that. Tentatively, the Centenary Plaque will be presented at our Easter Dinner.
- The Men's Club would like to thank the parishioners and visitors for supporting the pancake breakfast on Pussywillow Sunday. The Men's Club would also like to thank the men and women who helped! Щиро дякуємо!



The dancers of the **School** invite you to the following upcoming concerts:

- "Spring Concert"** at the Ukrainian Labour Temple (591 Pritchard) on Sunday **April 23rd @ 2 pm** [go right after our Parish Easter Dinner!] Admission \$10 (5 & under free), and:
- "2023 WINDUP"** at the Auditorium of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (965 Boyd) on Monday **May 1st @ 6 pm** [then stay for 'Mayivky']

3. The Perogy Committee

thanks everyone who helped out last week... we made 300 dozen! Please come again to help on **May 10th** (9 AM to peel potatoes) and **May 11** (anytime in the morning) to make the perogies.

4. Our parish is looking for a **permanent groundskeeper**. This is a paid position, and involves shovelling snow, ice removal in the winter, mowing the lawn in the summer; generally maintaining the landscape and property year-round. For info, contact Father Michael directly. Resumes to be sent to: bvmchurch@gmail.com by April 18, 2023.

5. Please come to help us sing the Divine Liturgy at Fred Douglas Lodge (on Burrows) this Wednesday at **10:30 AM** (Note: there will be *no* 8 am liturgy that day.)

6. PARISH COUNCIL meets this Wednesday at 5 PM in the parish boardroom.

7. We will be celebrating the **9th annual Memorial Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda service for deceased clergy and parishioners on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.** You are invited to attend this service for those of your deceased loved ones who were parishioners of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Please contact the parish office by Sunday, April 30 at 204-582-7535 or email us at bvmchurch@gmail.com to let us know how many family members will be attending. You can also sign up on the sheets at the back of the church. A light lunch will be served following the service. We hope

that you will join with us in praying for your deceased loved ones!

News & Events Elsewhere:

- TODAY, a **Jericho Walk** will be held -- a time of quiet prayer as participants walk around the Parliament Building downtown. 2 PM to 3:30 PM
- Tomorrow, Apr. 17th, Oseredok presents **The Sound of Ukraine -- an immersive concert** with Tymur Polianskyi and Lizzy Hoyt! This one-night only event features a piano performance by renowned Ukrainian pianist and composer Tymur Polianskyi joined by award-winning mezzo-soprano and fiddler Lizzy Hoyt. Join Oseredok for this exciting musical opportunity at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, 85 Israel Asper Way at the Forks. **Doors open at 6:30 PM, concert begins at 7 PM. Tickets are \$50 and are available for purchase in-person in our boutique, over the phone, or online.**
- The **23rd Annual Walk for Mary** will be held on **Sunday, May 28th, 2023** at Holy Eucharist Parish, Watt & Munroe. Join us in walking and praying together on the Feast of Pentecost. Registration starts at 1:30 followed by the walk setting off at 2 PM. Pledge forms are available at archeparchy.ca (under "Events") and in our own parish office. For more info, call 204-669-3666 or email zenova@mymts.net.
- UKRAINIAN PARK 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS** 50% of the pot on June 1, 2023. 100% of the net proceeds will be invested into the infrastructure of the park for the children's summer camps and so much more! Visit our Archeparchial Website for more details and to buy tickets online. https://www.archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=1259
- Mark your calendars and sign up for: **Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp: WILD AND FREE!** Grab your compass and your gear for a trek into the wild. Put your survival skills to the test, get sand between your toes, and eat marshmallows under the stars. Explore the Ukrainian Catholic faith through the eyes of Daniel and his friends who discovered how God's wild love set them free over and over. The first week of camp is **July 2 - 9th for Grades 7 to 10**. The second week is **July 9 - 16th for Kindergarten to Grade 6**. Cost is \$350/week. Register online at archeparchy.ca under Ministries/Children's Camp. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: @ukrparkcamp. Interested in being a lifeguard, counsellor, counsellor in training, or adult volunteer? Other questions? Contact Sophia Korban, Camp Administrator, at 204-979-5924 or childrenscamp@archeparchy.ca.



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

EASTER DINNER ВЕЛИКОДНІЙ ОБІД

Sunday, April 23

following the
10 am. Divine Liturgy

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

Adults--\$17.00
Children (6 to 12 years) --\$ 7.00
Children (5 & under) -- Free

Tickets can be purchased when you come to church on **Sundays before and after the 10:00 am. Divine Liturgies** or by contacting

Janet @ 204-582-5932
or kuchma@mymts.net

BUT.... there is a DEADLINE
for purchasing tickets
... **Monday, April 17, 2023**



Father Michael Kwiatkowski gives special thanks to each one of you dear parishioners who made an **"Easter Offering to the Clergy"**. This gift from the heart is much appreciated, and will be reciprocated by prayer and during the Divine Liturgy intentions. May God bless you all!

Seven Oaks Sadok Inc. Daycare provides quality, licensed childcare while preserving the Ukrainian language, culture, customs, and religion. We welcome all children from all backgrounds & religious denominations, offering: **Full day Preschool** (ages 2-5) **Nursery School** (ages 2-5) **Morning Program**: 9:00-11:20 **After Kindergarten**: 11:30-3:20 • **Before & After School programs** (ages 6-12). Location: R.F. Morrison School, Winnipeg. For more information or to register, call (204) 995-7614 or email cynthia_sadok@live.ca



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ХРИСТОС БОКРЕК!!! Easter Blessings to All!

One day a poor peddler went to the marketplace to sell a basket of eggs. He came upon a crowd mocking a man who staggered with a heavy cross on which he was about to be crucified. The peddler ran to his aid, Leaving the basket by the roadside. When he returned, he found the eggs transformed into exquisite designs of bright colours. The man was Christ; the peddler, Simon. And the eggs were to become the symbol of rebirth for all mankind. Ukrainian Folk Tale

Happy Easter!

From Adam and Sylvia Romanchuk



10 Reasons to Have One More Child



I've noticed most of the reasons to not have children hover in the "now" and are relatively short-sighted. There are expenses and there are investments. **The temporary expense of children pales in comparison to the value of their investment.** So I offer you 10 reasons to have more children:



1. **Companionship.** They're a barrel of fun when they're young, and as they get older, they become your best friends (if you're investing in them). Has anyone ever wished they had fewer best friends?
2. **They share the load of life.** Whether it's emptying the dishwasher, or sharing the grief of a lost loved one, more is better, every time.
3. **Each one changes you.** Every child in a family has a remarkably unique personality. I could never have guessed how different 10 children from the same family could be. But the difference in each personality meets yours at a different place and refines you, grows you, expands you.
4. **Children give you vision.** Whether it's thinking about tomorrow or ten years from now, children force you to look ahead and make better decisions about your today with their tomorrow in mind.
5. **They take you outside of yourself.** Every time a sweet-smelling newborn has been placed in my arms for the first time, it's like the first time. The realization that a new, incredible, helpless human has been placed in our care is overwhelming and important. There is no love like parent love and the more we must live outside of our own cares, the better, I think.
6. **They show us the world.** Life loses its real meaning without the fresh awe and wonder of children. Children teach us to see the good in people, to forgive easily, to let a sunset thrill our senses. They make us kinder and teach us to appreciate simplicity. Each new child that comes along refreshes our perspectives all over again.
7. **They keep you from watching TV.** TV is fine sometimes, and I like watching it. But it also takes up a lot of time we could be talking or reading or helping someone or making something. And it bombards us with ads for things we don't need and desensitizes our faculties. A full house keeps us too busy and too entertained by little ones to watch it and I'm grateful.
8. **You get lots of gifts on holidays.** And that's fun.
9. **As they get older, the investment returns.** Whether its monetary, emotional, physical or spiritual, a family works like a body. When one part needs something, the others help compensate. We're connected, and we all thrive or not depending on how we contribute and take care of each other. It starts in small ways—older ones pitch in for gas, insurance, food. But it may end up with adult children pouring into the lives of their older parents, just as those parents poured into their children.
10. **You get to partner with the Creator of the universe,** becoming a vessel through which the love between husband and wife becomes flesh, and a one-of-a-kind, fresh, new idea of God, full of possibilities is placed in your arms, positively soft and beautiful and captivating and unbelievable. A thing you could never do too many times.

Too important to include in a list... the all-encompassing reason to have children, for Christians at least: to **make disciples and expand the Kingdom** through the first, natural means given to us. **More than just propagating a civilization, we propagate an army for Him.**

Kelly Crawford, at generationcedar.com

337. Який є Божий задум щодо чоловіка й жінки?

Бог є любов, Він сотворив людину, керуючись любов'ю, і зробив любов покликанням людини. Сотворивши чоловіка й жінку, Він покликав їх у подружжі до інтимної спільності життя й любови, «так що вони не будуть більше двоє, лиш одно тіло» (Мт. 19, 6). Благословивши їх, Бог мовив: «Будьте плідні й множтеся» (Бт. 1, 28).

338. З якою метою було встановлене подружжя?

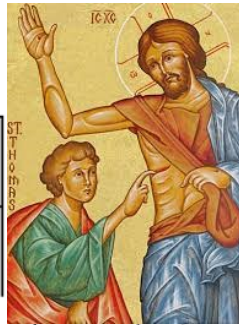
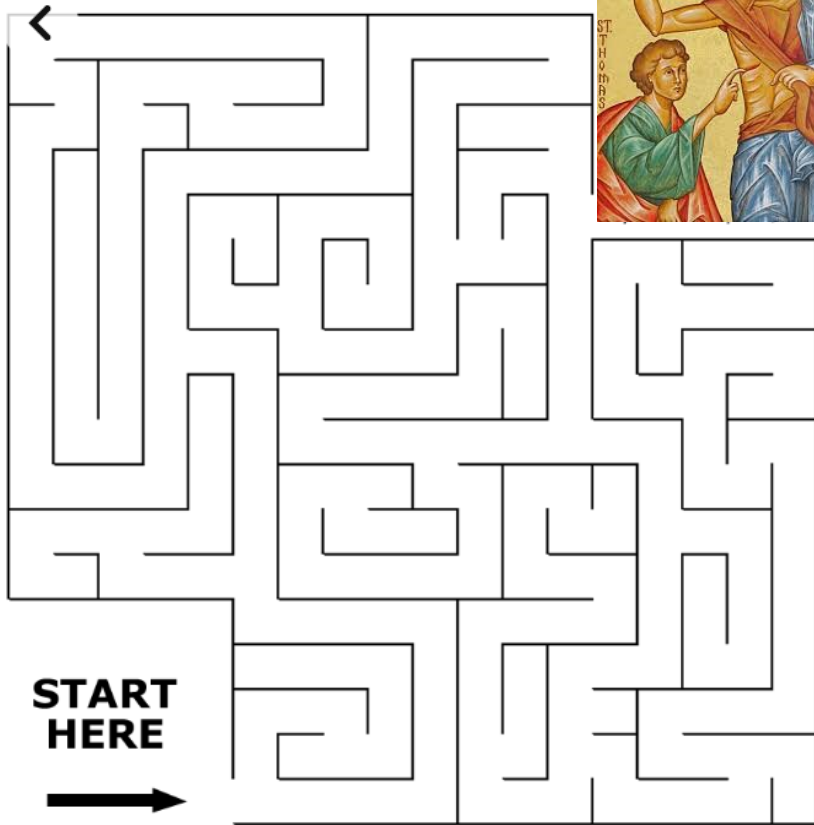
Подружній союз чоловіка й жінки, заснований і впорядкований законодавчою волею Творця, з природи своєї підпорядкований єднанню й добру обох сторін, а також народженню й вихованню дітей. Згідно з первісним планом Божим подружній союз є нерозривний, як це ствердив сам Ісус Христос: «Що Бог злучив, людина хай не розлучає» (Мр. 10, 9).

346. Які плоди таїнства подружжя?

Таїнство подружжя створює між чоловіком і жінкою вічний і винятковий зв'язок. Згоду на шлюб скріплює сам Бог. Тому укладений і зреалізований шлюб двох охрещених осіб ніколи не може бути розірваний. Крім того, це таїнство дає чоловікові й жінці особливу благодать, яка допомагає досягати святости в подружньому житті, з

відповідальністю приймати від Бога дітей і виховувати їх. **Катехизм Католицької Церкви**

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Big family? No problem. Kathy Lee Gifford stays calm: **“My children only get three presents at Christmas-time. The Christ child only got three. Do you think they are greater than Him?”**

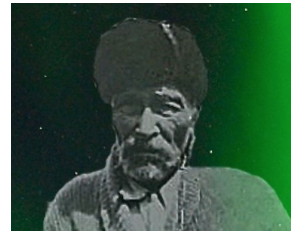
More interesting things that you probably will never see in mainstream media:

In the latest issue of *Catholic Missions in Canada*, an article by Sr. Teresita Kambeitz mentions “four prophets” who have been revered by the Dene peoples for some time. Based in the Great Bear Lake area, these “prophets” were indigenous who were recognized for special talents.

The first, named Louis **Ayah** (1857-1940) was baptized by a missionary priest. He began helping the priests in their work, and grew into quite the spiritual person, becoming widely revered as a visionary. People called him “our Moses”, and he strongly urged equal treatment for all, and not to judge people by their appearance. He always knew 3 days ahead of time where the caribou and moose could be hunted. He stressed that strong communities can only be built on large families. Parents were to be soulmates, and any woman who raised 10 or more children would be granted salvation.

One man who had known him said at an interview: “He knew what people were thinking by looking at them.” This man says that Ayah always talked about the Last Judgement: “You will stand before the Lord.” He told another man: “Your mind, heart and soul are all one, like snow, water and ice are one. They belong to the Lord, and you will give an account. Your choice!”

The Canadian government in 1939 actually sent its RCMP to him to ask how WWII would turn out. Ayah told them, that even though the Nazis seemed to be winning, they would lose. “They don’t make the Sign of the Cross.” The Dene people to this day acknowledge him before their meetings.



National Week for Life

is coming up fast (May 8-13).

The focus this year is...

GRANDPARENTS!

Do you have a favorite story about how your Baba or Dido (probably both) made an impact on your life? ... in a way that you will never forget, and always treasure?

Write down a few words, and let’s share the stories at an upcoming Coffee House. (This will be sometime after the parish dinner.)



СІМ'Я

Владика Богдан Дзюрах у Великий четвер:

«Ми щасливі, що маємо священників» 14 квітня 2023

Зворушливий обряд умивання ніг, але ще більш зворушлива любов Ісуса, яку Він показує до нас, грішних слабких людей. Водночас показує велику довіру до нас, людей, особливо до тих, кого Він кличе до особливого служіння, — священників, єпископів, дияконів. Такими словами розпочав своє слово до священників владика Богдан Дзюрах у Великий четвер, 13 квітня, у катедральному храмі Покрову Пресвятої Богородиці м. Мюнхен.

«Ми сьогодні, беручи участь у цьому обряді, чині вмивання ніг, передовсім дякуємо Богові за дар наших священників. Ми щасливі, що маємо священників. Ми їх потребуємо ще більше. Але за кожного з них, хто сьогодні в нашому екзархаті так ревно й жертвовно служать Богові та своєму народові, нині ми заносили наші молитви перед престіл Всевишнього», — сказав єпископ, відзначаючи дар служіння кожного душпастиря.

Продовжуючи звернення до священників, апостольський екзарх закликав кожного до роздумів над своїм священством у світлі обряду вмивання ніг, який звершив Христос своїм учням. «Ми бачимо, що у світі всі намагаються панувати, визискувати, захоплювати і принижувати інших людей, народи, нації і держави. Господь приносить новий закон, — закон свого царства, у якому великий той, хто найменший. Першим є той, хто себе поставить на останнє місце. Царем є той, хто вміє служити», — сказав архиєрей, наголошуючи на основі священничого покликання — служінні....

Schedule of Services April 16 to April 23, 2023

Sun., April 16 **St. Thomas Sunday** **Томина Неділя**

10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy bilingual (only one Divine Liturgy today)

Mon., April 17

Venerable Simeon

Acts 3:19-26
John 2:1-11

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For grandfather +Philip Slupski
by Myron Fedoruk

Tues., April 18

Venerable John

Acts 4:1-10
John 3:16-21

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For the repose of the souls of parents and brother:
++Andrew, Catherine and Msgr. Michael Buyachok by Bohdan Buyachok

Wed., April 19

Ven. John Hermit

Acts 4:13-22
John 5:17-24

No early service today!!!

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy AT FRED DOUGLAS LODGE For ++poor souls in Purgatory, and to obtain graces for all our families at BVM by anon.

Thurs., April 20

Venerable Theodore

Acts 4:23-31
John 5:24-30

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For Bishop +Severian (b. 1930 Yakymyshyn) and **Father +Edward** (b. 1929 Kwiatkowski)

Fri., April 21

Priest Martyr Januarius

Acts 5:1-11
John 5:30-6:2

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... Blessings for Michael Bachynsky & family
by a friend

Sat., April 22

Venerable Theodore

Acts 5:21-33
John 6:14-27

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... За ++Марія, Катерина, Софія, Григорія, Стефан, Микола, Володимир, Ігор, Євген та всіх прочих з родини by Evhenia Bulka

Sun., April 23

Sunday of the MYRRBEARING WOMEN **Неділя Мироносиць**
10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy bilingual (only one Divine Liturgy today)

int. for all parishioners ... followed by PARISH DINNER

Катедра Свв. Володимира й Ольги Cathedral of Sts. Vladimir & Olga 115 McGregor Street, WPG MB

April 6, 2023 To: Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski

Христос Воскрес! Всечесніший отче Михайле! Щиро вітаємо Вас і всіх парафіян Парафії Покрови Пресвятої Богородиці з Великодніми святами. Бажаємо Вам хай воскреслий Христос принесе у ваші серця мир, любов, віру і надію! Щиро дякуємо Вам за підтримку у проведенні Передвеликодньої ярмарки, надавши нам доступ до парафіяльної кухні. Дякуємо парафіянам, котрі допомогли нам працею та добрими порадами. Хай Господь винагородить Вас сторицею! Sincerely, Rev. Ihor Shved, Pastor



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щедрість!



Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish, and be in touch with them when you can (cards, short telephone conversations, visits).

"Lord God, please be present to all the ill, infirm and elderly of our parish. You love each and everyone...."

River East Care Home: Edward Holowich **Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

Beacon Hill: Helen Naherny **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk,

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