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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

Sunday of the
Myrrhbearing Women

April 23, 2023
Слава Ісусу Христу!
Glory to Jesus Christ!

НЕДІЛЯ
МИРОНОСИЦЬ

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

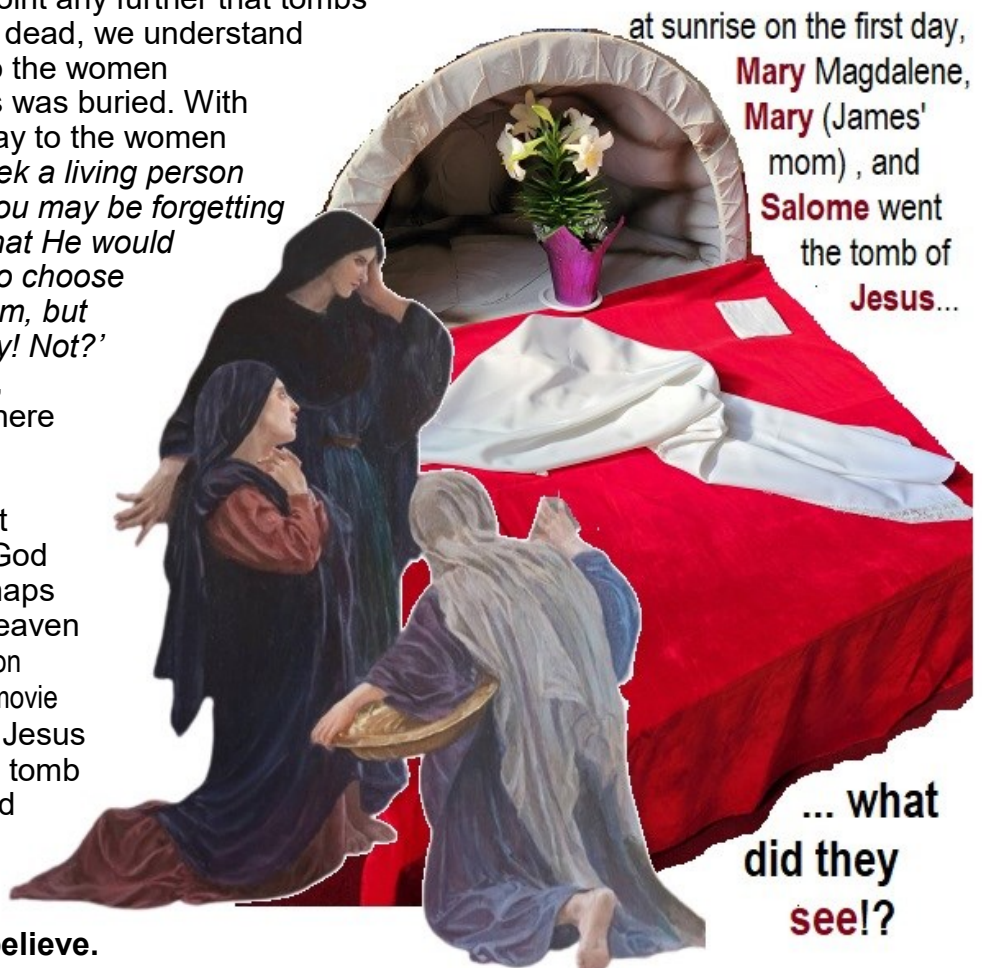
CHRIST IS RISEN!

Although we continue to celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord until the eve of the great feast of the Ascension, the first two Sundays after Easter Sunday are specifically connected with the resurrection event. The first real shocker to those who loved Jesus so much and were with Him over the last three years -- they who had just lived through the mind-numbing dreadfulness of the passion of the Christ -- was... the "empty tomb". What's going on here!? Did someone actually have the audacity to rob His grave and steal his body?! Hadn't they mocked and abused and desecrated Him enough?! Did maybe someone think that they were protecting His body by taking it elsewhere?! And what are those things left behind... His shroud and the facial napkin. What's *that* all about?!

A tomb/grave is a place reserved for the burial of a dead person. Cemeteries, often beautiful and peaceful places for the most part, are places where we as a community inter our loved ones who have deceased. As the (very) old joke goes, "the cemetery is one of your ultimate, popular destinations! ... People are always dying to get in!" A term used more often in Europe to denote a, perhaps more elaborate and above-ground, cemetery is "necropolis" which literally translates as "city of the dead".

So... without stressing the point any further that tombs and cemeteries are places for the dead, we understand the point made by the Angels who the women encountered at tomb where Jesus was buried. With a touch of angelic irony (?) they say to the women (paraphrased): "Uh, why do you seek a living person among those who are dead?... You may be forgetting that He did mention a few times that He would be subjected to hostile people who choose rather to live in sin, they will kill Him, but He will indeed rise on the third day! Not?" (Lk 24:1-7). So the tomb is empty, because Jesus Who was buried there is no longer dead. He is Risen! What happened?! How did His resurrection take place?! We don't really know at this time, perhaps God will reveal this to us one day, perhaps when we are in the Kingdom of Heaven with our risen Lord (maybe Mel Gibson will show his interpretation in his sequel movie about Christ...) But we do know that Jesus died and was buried and now, the tomb is empty! We know those facts and that is what we record. We know Jesus showed Himself alive and in the flesh to His followers. **And that is what we believe.**

John 20....



at sunrise on the first day,
Mary Magdalene,
Mary (James' mom), and
Salome went
the tomb of
Jesus...

... what
did they
see!?

Parish News & Events:

- 1. ONLY ONE Divine Liturgy today** -- at 10 AM -- will be celebrated as it is our Parish Easter Dinner, and we celebrate together as one family. Next week, we return to our regular schedule.
- 2. CATECHISM classes continue Sunday nights at 7:30.**
- 3. We celebrate our annual (9th) Memorial Divine Liturgy & 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!
- 4. PEROGY-making:** Please come again to help on **May 10th** (9 AM to peel potatoes) and **May 11** (anytime in the morning) to make the perogies.



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

- 1. "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:
- 2. "2023 WINDUP"** at the Auditorium of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (965 Boyd) on Monday **May 1st @ 6 pm** [then stay for 'Mayivky']

News & Events Elsewhere:

- 5. Hiring: Bishop Martyr Velychkovsky Shrine is hiring** a young person for a summer job: Assisting visitors/inquiries, tour guiding, retail sales, maintaining social media, other administrative assistance. Call Lesia Sianchuk at 204-338-7321.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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
- 8. 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: [@ukrparcscamp](https://www.facebook.com/ukrparcscamp). **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.

9. You give hope. In early March, you perhaps read how Sister Eronima, SSMI and the girls at [Home of Hope](http://HomeofHope.org), the SSMI Ministry in Lviv, are coping with the war, providing a loving, compassionate environment for girls who have nowhere else to go. The Home has returned to its primary ministry as a safe haven for vulnerable young women, after also functioning as a refugee centre through the spring and summer of 2022. Please help support the 20 young women currently living in the home, who are studying and working to build their lives and prepare for a confident and successful future. Their needs continue, year-round. **To make a monthly gift or a one-time gift**, please call the Lubov SSMI Foundation office at (204) 942-0443, send a cheque to 1085 Main Street, Winnipeg MB, R2W 3S1, or visit lubovfoundation.ca.

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.)



HOW to BRING OTHERS to JESUS : *LISTEN and TRY TO UNDERSTAND*

A man named Marcel LeJeune gives some tips about evangelizing others to our holy Catholic faith. One of his tips is to REALLY LISTEN.

"Realize that understanding someone else's viewpoint does not necessarily mean you agree with it. This is a tough one for many people. I realized I struggled with it when I was dating a young woman who was pro-choice. We had gotten pretty serious and had started to talk about some tough issues. She was a Christian and I assumed she was pro-life. When I found out she wasn't, I got upset and flew off the handle.

"After I calmed down (a few days later), we had a good discussion about the issue. I realized that I didn't know her as well as I thought. I also realized she hadn't really thought through being pro-choice or pro-life, but had fallen into a "default" position of our culture. Once I understood where she was coming from, I asked her many questions. These questions got her thinking. **She had a conversion and is now very pro-life...and my wife.**

"To understand why she believed what she did wasn't a compromise to my own beliefs, but allowed me to enter into her experience and walk with her. I didn't agree with her, but loved her. This allowed me to be a channel of God's grace, which ultimately changed her heart."

Yesterday was a beautiful “**Earth Day**” We thank our Lord, the creator of the heavens and the Earth, for gifting us such an amazing dwelling that we have only begun to appreciate. We thank Him for the universe that we have only begun to explore. **Lord, inspire us always to be good stewards of Your Gift!**

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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According to the Catholic perspective, we are not obliged to ward off death at all costs, but **we must not deliberately intervene to bring death about.** The "sanctity of life" principle, which rests on the human person's unique relationship with God, is the basis of the Church's honoring of human life as a basic value. Under this principle, **direct intervention to end the life of a patient in a terminal condition can not be condoned.** This position also follows from the belief that God alone is Lord over life and death, and the end of human life is not subject to a person's free judgment. Catholic teaching distinguishes between actions, on the one hand, or omissions that would cause a patient to die and, on the other hand, the withholding of ultimately useless treatment that would not significantly reverse the progressive deterioration of life. The distinction rests on the difference between ordinary and extraordinary means. Also to be considered is the intention--the physician's goals versus the foreseeable yet unintended results. Thus death may not be directly sought, but it may be tolerated as an inevitable side effect of one's goal (such as giving medication to relieve suffering). These moral principles need to be rooted in the specific ways the community and family care for its sick and dying. The religious convictions of grace and covenant and corresponding virtues of gratitude and fidelity inspire us to uphold these convictions about **MAiD and euthanasia.**
We choose & support life! *cf. R.M.Gula National Library of Medicine*



Cottage Cheese... and Myrrh-bearing Women: Just Keep on Plugging Away

Two things to take meditate upon this Easter season: the reason we place cottage cheese into our Easter baskets... and why on earth did the myrrh-bearing women bother to go back?

Cottage cheese is ... bland. Just tasteless. Yes, it is a nice, pure-white colour (should be, anyway) and it goes down smoothly, helping other drier foods slip down as we eat. But ... just why? Why should it take up space in an Easter basket? The answer is: everything that is placed in the basket has symbolic meaning, and few foods are blander than cottage cheese. Its significance? Life, most days in general, are bland. We plug along, doing every day what we know we have to do. It can be downright boring. But we continue to do it, because we know it is the upright, decent thing to do. If we don't, the house becomes dirty, things pile up... and chaos results. If we don't go to boring old work every day, we become penniless, lose the house... and chaos results. You get the drift. (*Pardon the pun.*) We simply know deep down that we must continue to plug away because that's what life is about, until it's punctuated briefly by excitement... shock... death... a lottery win... and then goes back to being ordinary. **WE CARRY ON ANYWAY BECAUSE DEEP DOWN WE KNOW GOD WANTS US TO.**

Next: the myrrh-bearing women. Now listen up and look at the days: Jesus died on Friday afternoon, so there was barely enough time to bury Him before sunset; before the Jewish rules said no-one could leave a house to walk more than a few steps, much less carry along bundles and packages. So the women had to wait until the next day. No, wait... the next day was the Sabbath... no walking, no carrying, no work until *that* sunset. But the myrrh and ointments had to be prepared (ingredients mixed and cooked over a fire), so they spent Saturday evening doing this.... which means they made plans to get a few hours' sleep when they were done, then set off early Sunday morning to take these ointments to Jesus' tomb.

But... why? Everything they had just gone through -- watching Jesus suffer and then be murdered -- seemed to shoot down their future. Life barely seemed worth living. No one would have been surprised if all of Jesus' followers, never mind these few women, had just curled into a ball for the next few weeks to mope and cry and shake their heads. None of His followers had received what they had wanted or expected.... all but one of His apostles fled.

But this handful of women thought differently. They, too, had not gotten what they wanted. BUT...

"...they resisted the temptation to think only about themselves. Notice that they responded very differently from the disciples because **they still kept their focus on serving Jesus Christ as best they could.** And that meant doing the sorrowful task of giving their departed Lord and friend a decent burial. They probably all put themselves in danger by identifying publicly with One Who had just been crucified. They must have all struggled not to be paralyzed by fear and pain. Still, **they found the courage and strength not to focus on themselves, but on showing love to Christ as best they could.**" *Fr. Philip LeMasters*

THEY CARRIED ON ANYWAY BECAUSE DEEP DOWN THEY KNEW GOD WANTED THEM TO.

And look what happened! They were rewarded for being the FIRST to know that Jesus had risen! They were rewarded by having real, live angels speak to them! One of them, Mary Magdalene, was the first to see the newly-risen Lord!

Let us recognize that our lives can become very monotonous, boring, even seemingly without any profit at all. It must not get to us. We are children of God, He made us. So, because He values your and my every heartbeat, every breath, we will **CARRY ON ANYWAY BECAUSE DEEP DOWN WE KNOW GOD WANTS US TO.**



AMERICA'S REAL SISTER ACT

The Hidden History of Black Catholic Nuns in the United States
WITH DR. SHANNEN DEE WILLIAMS



Subversive Habits

**A Public Lecture on Thursday, April 27
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

(If you happen to be in Chicago, you are invited to come in person; complimentary refreshments provided).

For most people, Whoopi Goldberg's performance as Sister Mary Clarence in *Sister Act* is the dominant interpretation of an African American nun and the desegregation of white Catholic sisterhood in the United States. In her book *Subversive Habits*, Dr. Shannen Dee Williams provides the first full history of Black Catholic nuns in the United States. Join us for this public lecture with Dr. Williams. More info on website of LumenChristi.org. To register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

THE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF UKRAINE - ALWAYS IN THE MIND AND PRAYERS OF THE HOLY FATHER AND OF ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD-WILL AROUND THE WORLD

Як і щосереди, Святіший Отець закінчив традиційну зустріч із паломниками згадкою про «дорогу та мученицьку Україну», заохочуючи всіх до молитви та вираження близькості. В середу 19 квітня, Папа Франциск завершив загальну аудієнцію закликком до молитви та солідарності з Україною, повідомляє Vatican News. Наприкінці зустрічі, згідно зі звичаєм, Папа вітав молодь, хворих, похилих віком і молодят. Святіший Отець побажав, щоб, повертаючись із Вічного Міста до своїх звичних середовищ, вони «несли свідчення оновленого зобов'язання діяльної віри, роблячи внесок у сяяння в світі світла воскреслого Христа». А тоді промовив:

«І будьмо наполегливими в близькості та в молитві за дорогу та мученицьку Україну, яка й надалі зазнає жахливих страждань».

Джерело: CREDO: <https://credo.pro/2023/04/344682>

This past week at his weekly Wednesday general audience, attended by thousands of pilgrims to Rome, "The Eternal City", Pope Francis declared...

“E perseveriamo nella vicinanza e nella preghiera per la cara e martoriata Ucraina, che continua a sopportare terribili sofferenze. A tutti la mia benedizione.”

“And let us persevere in closeness and prayer for our dear and martyred Ukraine, which continues to endure terrible suffering. My blessing to all!”

Women Find the Empty Tomb

L T L H P E S O J D
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Share
 Jesus
 Cross
 Women

Alive
 Angels
 Tomb

Peter
 Joseph
 Empty

Just Say What You Know!

Some of us need a reminder that it's usually best just to answer a question briefly... and leave it at that. Go just a bit too far... and we find ourselves in a pickle. "Oops."

Three men died and are at the pearly gates of heaven. St. Peter tells them that they can enter the gates if they can answer one simple question.

St. Peter asks the first man, "What is Easter?" He replies, "Oh, that's easy! It's the holiday in November when everyone gets together, eats turkey, and is thankful..." St. Peter shakes his head, and proceeds to ask the second man the same question, "What is Easter?"

The second one replies, "Easter is the holiday in December when we put up a nice tree, exchange presents, and celebrate the birth of Jesus." St. Peter looks at the second man, again shakes his head in disappointment, and then peers over his glasses at the third man and asks, "What is Easter?"

The third man smiles confidently and looks St. Peter in the eyes, "I know what Easter is. Easter is the Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish celebration of Passover. Jesus was crucified on a cross and then buried in a nearby cave which was sealed off by a large boulder." St. Peter smiles broadly with delight. But the man continues, "Every year the boulder is moved aside so that Jesus can come out...and, if He sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter."



Do you remember 26 April 1986? Where were you when the Chernobyl Disaster occurred?

Chernobyl is another testament to the legacy of a socialist, communist system that is corrupt from its inception as it cares not about human needs or individuality, but places priority on the unrealistic and inhuman goals of the system and the godless, inhuman ideology that that inspired the system. Then, like it or not, mixed into the mess are the base human elements of greed, selfishness, careerism, prejudice, etc.

Right now, Chernobyl and the surrounding area is a bizarre post-apocalyptic 'museum' that actually conducts tours for those brazen enough to wander into the surrounding town(s) and forest to get a few snapshots of the city that was abandoned almost overnight and now crumbles into the ruins of history. There are some 14 people still living Chernobyl itself. Why? Well, some originally said because they had nowhere to go. Now, probably because "who cares".

If you "google" Chernobyl in whatever language, you will get a fair amount of anti-nuclear energy arguments and/or caution advising about playing with anything nuclear. Well, yes, to try to harness a power source about which we are still learning much requires a great deal of responsibility and a determination not to cross certain lines or allow human egoism to have any wiggle-room in the matter.

But there is surely a greater underlying lesson here. Creation is the Lord's. He has invited mankind not to forget that, but in that spirit - enjoying the wonders of creation and "subdue" and "dominating", but with a spirit of responsibility and stewardship. We want to harness everything about creation - including the secrets of energy and life - but always **wisely** and always in **humility** and following the **guidance of the Lord**.

Lord God, receive those who died because of Chernobyl. **Вічна їм пам'ять!** Forgive those who, because of their selfishness and utter disregard for the lives and health of their fellow human beings, allowed so many innocent people to suffer and die. Lord, move our hearts and minds to stay awake and not allow governments and other people in power to disregard basic God-given human rights and needs in any circumstance in our day, in our society.



The Icon of Our Lady of Chernobyl - written by Ivan Arkhiy and blessed by His Beatitude Sviatoslav in 2016 in Kyiv

Schedule of Services April 23 to April 30, 2023

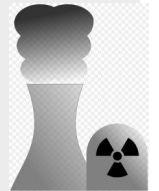
Sun., April 23 **Sunday of the MYRRBEARING WOMEN** **Неділя Мироносиць**
10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy bilingual (only one Divine Liturgy today)
int. for all parishioners ... followed by PARISH DINNER

Mon., April 24 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Martyr Sabbas 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For **+Pauline Krawchuk (29th ann.)**
 Acts 6:8-7:5;47-60 by son **Terry Krowchuk**
 John 4:47-54



Tues., April 25 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
***Apostle Mark** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For **+Msgr. Michael Buyachok**
 1 Peter 5:6-14 by **UCWLC Archeparchial Executive**
 Mark 6:7-13

Wed., April 26 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Priest Martyr Basil 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For **+John Kutcher** by **Agnes Yasenko**
 Acts 8:18-25 7:00 pm. - Divine Liturgy ...Remembering those who have suffered
 John 6:35-39 from the Chernobyl Disaster 1986



Thurs., April 27 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Priest Martyr Simeon 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For **++ Helen, Sophia & Volodymyr**
 Acts 8:26-39 by **Dmytro Sikora**
 John 6:40-44

Fri., April 28 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Apostle Jason 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For **+Victoria Werbicki (18 yrs.)**
 Acts 8:40-9:19 by **Pat, Marilyn & Bob**
 John 6:48-54

Sat., April 29 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Nine Martyrs of Cyzice 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For my parents **Edward & Sylvia; Christine,**
 Acts 9:19-31 **Paul and my niece Annie** by **Michael Holowich**
 John 15:17-16:2

Sun., April 30 **Sunday of the PARALYTIC** **Неділя Розслабленого**
8:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)
10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual)



From the "IT'S ABOUT TIME!" department: Those of us who have been to Rome, especially in the last few years, have found the lines of tourists trying to enter St. Peter's Basilica growing longer and longer. But ... good news! A new "prayer path" has been opened up. See all the barricades with metal detectors? Now, just look to the right, and you will see a small sign and entrance-way that says "Prayer Entrance". It will let you bypass the lines. Over the summer to come, a "pilgrim path" designated by red velvet ropes will then guide the non-tourists along the right side wall of the basilica (going right past Michelangelo's Pieta and the tomb of Pope St. JP2 along to the confessionals). And don't fret... they will somehow get you across to St. Joseph's chapel as well, if desired.



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 In memory of +John Kutcher: **\$25**
 Food pkgs. for Ukraine: **\$--**

Дякуємо за вашу 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, Fr. Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko