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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

**Sunday of the
Paralytic**

April 30, 2023

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

**НЕДІЛЯ
РОЗСЛАБЛЕННОГО**

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

CHRIST IS RISEN!



What's a person to do when they come to a point where they feel that there is nothing more to do? They are at wit's end and they are utterly exhausted. There is no one to help them, at least no one seems to be interested or is willing to reach out and try to help. Everyone has his own needs, his own family or friends to help first. Sometimes he feels he *cannot* help, because he feels too weak or limited himself. Perhaps we have felt that way ourselves at some point. Perhaps we have seen such a person on the streets of our own city or in our travels to other places in our country or elsewhere around the world: someone old and/or poor and/or ragged and perhaps smelly and just completely forlorn. Just sitting there. Maybe forcing a fake smile and a "thank-you" to encourage a donation or to express what may seem to be an appropriate gesture of gratitude.

How did the person get into such a predicament? Bad luck? Family problems? Drugs? Other bad choices? Maybe that's just the way life developed (or didn't).

Our man in today's Gospel reading finds himself in that situation. Does he still have hope? It kind of seems so, for he's there by the pool, after all. He has borne with a serious illness for 38 years! Yet, here he is hoping still to maybe be healed. If there was no spirit of hope in him, he probably wouldn't have asked to be brought to the pool, or even crawled there on his own. But yet, when the "stirring of the water" occurred, well, there, of course, were many others who wanted to get into the water to be healed. Some were physically capable of making their move. Others had someone - family? friends? hired assistance? - to help them get into the water right away. Our man, had no-one. He was utterly alone.

But Jesus was there. He's always there. For reasons that are our Lord's alone, Jesus took notice of the man and helped him. Among those reasons, of course, are the intention of our Lord to teach us about the power of God, Christian compassion and the importance of our responding to God with a change of our life. Jesus heals him! The man celebrates and then does the logical thing - he goes to the Temple to give thanks to God and to render witness to the Religious authorities that God had in fact healed him.

When God touches our life or the life of ones dear to us, we know that the right thing is what? **To give due recognition and credit to our Lord** and to acknowledge the mercy and love of God before others. Later that day, Jesus seeks out the man again and, out of love, reminds him to now live a life in tune with the miraculous love that God has shown him. The words spoken by Jesus are more of a warning.... but a warning of love: "You must fully understand what just happened to you. You have had a unique and powerful encounter with God! He has healed you and given you a renewed life of health and strength after 38 years of weakness and suffering. **Please think about what you will now do with this life and health for the rest of your years**". [By some estimates, the average life expectancy at that time was perhaps 50-60 years].

Then Jesus gave another earnest admonition for the man's own good.

"And do not sin any more so something even worse doesn't happen to you."

What does that mean!? Is there a correlation between sin and suffering? The answer, of course is "yes" and "not always". A person who over-eats will suffer from obesity and perhaps associated illnesses like diabetes. One who drives carelessly should not be surprised if they end up in an accident. Then there are the citizens who suffer because their government chose to become corrupt or impose idealistic, godless laws that either severely restrict or irresponsibly promote immoral license. In the long term society and those citizens suffer if they oppose or if they surrender.

We wade through these problems by following the advice of the Lord. **Strive above all to live with the Church in the presence of Christ and according to His Gospel and everything will be given to you to make it through this life and into the next life eternal!** (cf. Matthew 6)

Fr. Michael

Parish News & Events:

1. Beginning today, we return to our **Sunday schedule of 2 Divine Liturgies**. We are looking at an eventual shift in times to hopefully attract and accommodate "Newcomers", but for now the times will remain at 8:00 and at 10:00 AM. This Sunday we will have two priests from Ukraine as our guest preachers! Fr. **Volodymyr Vintoniv** from Ivano-Frankivsk and Fr. **Yuriy Silnyk** from Drohobych
2. **CATECHISM classes continue Sunday nights at 7:30.**
3. **Parish Council Meeting** this Wednesday night, May 3 at 5 P.M.
4. We celebrate our **annual (9th) Memorial Divine Liturgy & Panakhyda service** for deceased clergy and parishioners **this Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.** ALL are invited to attend this service for those of your deceased loved ones who were parishioners of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, but for the reception afterwards please remember that you must be pre-registered. Thank you for your understanding.
5. **Coffee & Fellowship NEXT SUNDAY.** Come prepared to share a story at the mike about your grandparent (s).
6. Tuesday, May 9th is **Lost Sock Day**. In honour of this day, we are asking parishioners to bring **new socks** (children, ladies, men) which will be donated to a homeless shelter. You can drop off the socks at the back of the church on Sunday, May 7th or give them to a **UCWLC member**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
7. **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.
8. The **UCWLC** will be taking a pilgrimage to **Blessed Vasyli Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine** at St. Joseph Parish on Tuesday, **May 16th @ 10:30 am**. If you would like to join us, please contact Janet @ 204-582-5932 or jkuchma@mymts.net. We would love to have our parishioners join us at this event.
9. This past week, the insurance adjuster made an inspection of our parish centre. They will eventually provide us with requirements and/or recommendations of things that need to be updated or replaced. Consider making a bit of an additional donation to for the upkeep of our parish. (Talk about naming rights...Ever have a water tank named after you? That'd be pretty unique...)



The Miser and His Monkey

There was once a rich miser who loved to keep adding gold coins to a chest he aimed to fill. He put into that chest every bit of gold he could save. In order to make more money, he worked on Sunday and didn't even think of going to church. He never thought of using the money for himself nor of giving any of it to those who were in need.

One day, the miser bought a monkey for a low price, hoping to sell it for a much higher price, again, just to make more money. One afternoon, he went for a walk to clear his head. While he was gone, the monkey saw a kind neighbour throw a coin out of a window to a poor beggar on the street below. Now... a monkey likes to do what he sees others do, so he went to his master's money chest, opened it, and began to take out one piece of money after another and throw it out the window.

When the people saw the gold coming out of the rich miser's window, they came in crowds to pick it up! More and more people came. When the chest was almost empty, the rich miser came up the street. Seeing what was going on, he nearly went mad with rage. "Oh, you wicked, foolish animal!" he cried, shaking his fist at the monkey. But the neighbors did not sympathize, and one said:

"The monkey is right. Because it is foolish to put your money away in a chest and never make use of it. God has punished you for working on Sundays."

The miser lost what he had worked for so hard on Sundays. He

cheated God... so God permitted him to lose what he thought he had gained by not keeping holy the Lord's day. Cheating God is cheating yourself.



News & Events Elsewhere:

10. 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.
11. **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.
12. **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



The old grey mare van ain't what she used to be, but she will now be helping a family in need... Fr. Michael, on behalf of the parish, met with Volodymyr from Ukraine at the insurance agent this past Wednesday to finalize the transfer of ownership of our parish minivan. Our parish council decided to let the large refugee family make use of it. The family will visit us one Sunday so we can meet them! Here in the picture Fr. Mykhaylo Khomitsky helps Volodymyr change the license plate..

Some have asked about the tradition of our Church that from Easter Sunday until Pentecost we remain standing throughout the entire Liturgy as a celebratory expression that Christ is Risen! On Pentecost, special "Kneeling Prayers" are prescribed for when we begin kneeling again. All are invited to practice this if they can.

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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Please pray for the success of the Holy Father's trip to Hungary (Friday, Saturday and Sunday current).
Did you know that:
1) Alitalia Airlines has always guaranteed a good beginning to Papal flights by having ready not one, but TWO identical airplanes, just in case something wrong with one of them is noted just before take-off?
2) that just before he left Rome this time, his cardinal in charge of "Service of Charity" scooped up 13 homeless people who like to sleep on the streets around St. Peter's Basilica, and brought them to the Pope's residence just for a brief chat and a blessing (and breakfast afterwards, once the Pope set off for the airport)?
3) that the Holy Father's plan this weekend is not to hop around Hungary, but just to stay in the capital of Budapest, as that city is celebrating it's 150th anniversary? Hmm.. why such a "young" city in "old" Europe?
Answer: because it was created by the joining of **THREE** other cities: **Pest, Buda and Obuda.**

Schedule of Services April 30 to May 7, 2023

Sun., April 30

Sunday of the PARALYTIC

Неділя Розслабленого

8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

За відновлення Церкви в Канаді

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) int. for all parishioners

Mon., May 1

Prophet Jeremias

Acts 10:1-16
John 6:56-69

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... Birthday blessings for Jean K. by family

7:00 p.m. - **Mayivka/ Молебен до Матери Божої**

Tues., May 2

Athanasius the Great

Acts 10:17-33
John 7:1-13

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... God's blessings and health for mother Helen Dolski

7:00 p.m. - **Mayivka/ Молебен до Матери Божої**

by Debbie & family

Wed., May 3

*Mid-Feast Wednesday

Acts 14:6-18
John 7:14-30

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +John Kutcher (40 days) by Kutcher family

5 p.m. Parish Council meets; 7:00 p.m. - **Mayivka/ Молебен до Матери Божої**

Thurs., May 4

Martyr Pelahia & postfeast

Acts 10:34-43
John 8:12-20

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For my children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren Macy & Myla

by Glen Ambrose

7:00 p.m. - **Mayivka/ Молебен до Матери Божої**

Fri., May 5

Martyr Irene & postfeast

Acts 10:44-11:10
John 8:21-20

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +John Kutcher by John & Adeline Natyna

7:00 p.m. - **Mayivka/Молебен до Матери Божої**

Sat., May 6

Venerable Job & postfeast

Acts 12:1-11
John 8:31-42

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... Memorial Service for all our dear departed

family members, parishioners since our founding

7:00 p.m. - **Mayivka/Молебен до Матери Божої**

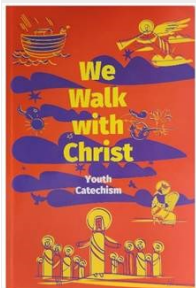
Sun., May 7

Sunday of the SAMARITAN WOMAN

Неділя САМАР'ЯНКИ

8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) int. for all parishioners

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) For the overwhelming success of National Week for Life and the Family!



A new catechism for youth, issued by the Ukrainian Catholic Church, is now available in English! The book containing practically all the fundamentals of our Faith and entitled "We Walk With Christ" is presented in a question and answer format and contains hundreds of illustrations. It is an ideal read for teens and young adults.... For oneself as a gift to anyone. It is available for only \$20. Contact the parish office to order yours today!!

VIGIL LAMPS



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Sunday collection: \$1130 (40 env.)
Church Needs \$ 100
Candles: \$ 129.30
Seminary \$-
Vichna Lyampa. \$ --

Ukraine: \$ 65

100th ann. donations: \$300

Annual May Memorial service:

\$100

Food pkgs. for Ukraine: \$ --

Total income: \$1824.30

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 **Riverview:** Helen Dolski

Holy Family Home: Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko