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# Blessed Virgin Mary

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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Греко-Католицька Парафія Покрови

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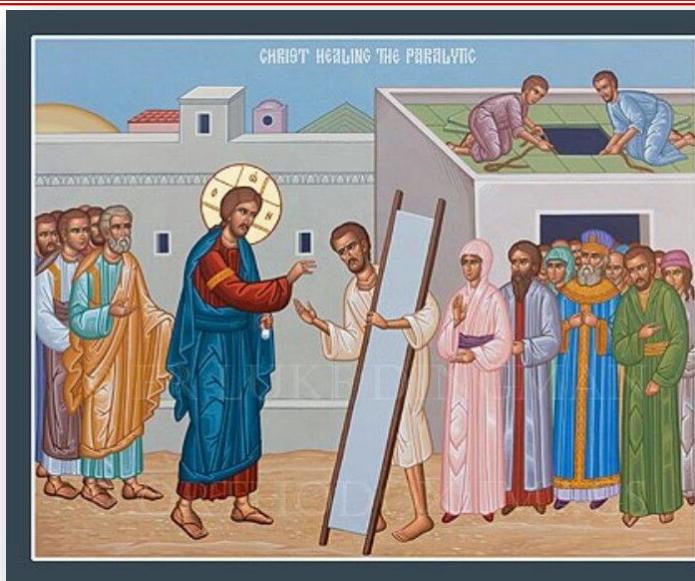
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**Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії**

**March 5, 2023**

**2nd Sunday of the Great Fast**

**2-а неділя Великого Посту**



### **"Can't be Done"? Time to Think Beyond the App!\***

Today's Gospel has inspired generations of Christians because of its obvious messages of: 1. the loving **forgiveness** of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ who came into the world to bring life and salvation to all people (especially those who bother to ask in humility) and 2. the importance of the **faith** of the man and his friends who bring him to Jesus. Let us also consider another message that may be so obvious that it's missed: he **creativity** and **boldness** of the friends who want to get the man to Jesus at all costs, precisely because they have **faith** in Jesus' loving **forgiveness!** We so often see a need of changes or opportunities in our personal selves, or our

marriages or our family or our parish, but we lack the courage and dedication to make them happen. We know ourselves how easy it is to "talk ourselves down" from doing something that we were originally excited about and felt good about, because it truly would be great if we could do it! But then we start to over think it (or are too lazy to think it through well) and we consider the consequences: What if it doesn't work? What will people say? It may require life changes and long-term dedication! We start to "feel the wind" and "see the waves" around us that we didn't really notice before, like St. Peter who actually did start to walk on water, and we get scared... we lose faith in ourselves and the Lord Who inspires us.

We see that even in our parishes and parish organizations. When a proposal is raised, too often the first song that is sung (and not totally unjustified) is the litany of why it would be too difficult and why it "can't be done". And time and again, rather than embracing the challenge of necessary change and figuring out how to make it happen and how a new life can be ushered in, the inspiration and enthusiasm is allowed to fizzle and is aborted. The friends in today's Gospel were convinced that their handicapped friend could be helped by Jesus in some way. Perhaps healed, perhaps blessed, perhaps simply given powerful words of encouragement that would shed new light on his struggles and suffering, which would give him the purpose to carry on. **But they had determined not to walk away until they tried every possibility.** Their faith and just human logic told them that they had not really tried everything yet. And the need of their friend was real. They could not simply say to themselves, "Well, it couldn't be done", "We were too late", "We didn't expect the crowds to be so massive", "People were already giving us dirty looks and telling us to stop making a fuss", "People will mock us", etc. No. They had a cause that was worth it (as we have so many causes that are worth it) and they went for it. They decided to face the possibility of failure. They likely would have to pay for the repairs to the roof. There was a slight possibility that Jesus might not do anything and, on the other hand, that they would be ridiculed by some, BUT, they also felt deep down that... probably not. No matter what happened, their sincere and dedicated efforts would be rewarded in some way somehow. They wanted to do something good. They know that they HAD to do something or they would be losing a fantastic opportunity for their friend and they would be betraying the inspiration that they received from the Lord. The next time we are tempted to tell ourselves or others, "Too hard!" or "That can't be done!", let us take a closer look. *Is it a worthy or necessary cause? Then ... how can we make it happen?!* **Fr. Michael**

*[\* When the app that we are using shows itself to be incapable of doing what we need/want it to do, we look for another app or create one that will work!]*

## Parish News & Events:

1. **TONIGHT: Catechism 7:30 via Zoom.**

2. Thank you to everyone who came out for February's Coffee and Fellowship and celebrated the theme of friendship! It was great to see so many come down to chat and enjoy the moment. Raffle winners were: **Sylvia Romanchuk, Annie Romaniuk, Karen Holigroski, Adeline Natyna,** and **Father Michael.** Thank you to those parishioners who helped in the set-up or clean-up of the event.



3. Please come and help us make **пирог** - **perogies** - **the mornings of March 15th & 16th...** and bring a free dozen home afterwards!

4. Plan to take advantage of an extraordinary **LENTEN RENEWAL** in our parish on the **Annunciation Weekend** - 24, 25 & 26 March with Winnipeg's New Auxiliary Bishop - **BISHOP ANDRIY RABY!** Inspiration to LIVE, Confessions, Fellowship, Spiritual Renewal! **Each Evening!**

5. As we boldly move into our Second Century, we want our parish to be in full compliance with our Archeparchial **safe environment policies.** The Policies are being updated and we will soon receive some new directives. Among the directives that we can deal with now are facility and property security and maintaining a safe environment for everyone - especially our children and the elderly. At this time, anyone who received access to any parish facilities by receiving a key(s) and/or a code, **but are presently not in the position of responsibility,** are asked to **return your key(s)** to the parish office at your earliest convenience. Also, all parish officers or those in positions of responsibility (especially if their responsibilities could put them in contact with the vulnerable) are required to **complete the Archeparchial Safe Environment module.** Some will receive an email about this, however, others who may be interested in doing the training may contact our parish office. - *Fr. Michael*

## News & Events Elsewhere:

6. **Online webinar about St. Thomas More** and martyrdom... weekly (we've missed one week)

7. **ART AUCTION to help Ukraine: Watch the website of Oseredok.** An Online Auction will take place on March 12-20, 2023. The art pieces are to be exhibited at Oseredok only on March 11th. See [www.oseredok.ca](http://www.oseredok.ca).

8. **BREATHE: A Catholic Marriage Conference is coming to Winnipeg March 17 & 18th.** Are you looking to reconnect with your spouse? To put aside the busy schedules and get inspired again? To breathe life into your marriage? To learn the practical tools designed to help you build a stronger marriage? Are you eager to learn how to withstand life's challenges, foster unity, rediscover joy and experience peace in your marriage? Then BREATHE: A Catholic Marriage Conference is right for you. Offered by the St. Emile Parish Marriage, Family & Life Ministry in partnership with the Archdioceses of St. Boniface and Winnipeg. Schedule: Friday, March 17, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. / Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Emile Parish in Winnipeg. \$250/couple. Questions?: [marriageandfamily@catchat.ca](mailto:marriageandfamily@catchat.ca) or 1-306-369-2220

9. **FREE online short talk about the Book of Revelation March 21.** A priest will talk about what a saint -- St. Andrew of Caesarea -- wrote about the Book of Revelation (the Apocolypse). Let us catch up about what this book says, what it might mean, and what prophecy may be gleaned from it. **Free.** Presenter: Msgr. A. Robert Nusca, Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM (**Winnipeg time: 6-7:30 PM**). Location: Newman Centre, 89 St George St., Toronto AND ONLINE. Register online: [Patristic Talk: St. Andrew of Caesarea's Commentary on the Book of Revelation — St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto \(staugustines.on.ca\)](http://PatristicTalk:StAndrewofCaesarea'sCommentaryontheBookofRevelation---StAugustine'sSeminaryofToronto.staugustines.on.ca)

## Helpful Parish Contacts

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## Cabbage Rolls For Sale

The Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC will be making Cabbage Rolls on **Wednesday, March 29, 2023.**

**\$8.00 per dozen** (cooked or raw)

*A LIMITED number will be made, so please get your orders in early.*

Order deadline : Sunday, March 26

To order, call Frances @ 204-633-4662 or email

[francesbodnar@hotmail.com](mailto:francesbodnar@hotmail.com)

Pick up times:

**Thursday, March 30** bet. 11:00 am. & 1:00 pm. or

**Sunday, April 2** after the 10:00 am. Divine Liturgy.

We would appreciate help from any parishioners who would like to join us on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 9:00 am. Thank you.



At the meeting of the **Men's Club**, this past week, an unplanned discussion took place about funerals and **cremation.** Trying to understand why the practice is growing - it seemed that cost and convenience were surely major factors. Regardless, Christians are deserving of a truly Christian burial, that is why the Church asks that cremation takes place **AFTER** the funeral service(s) and that the remains are not left on a shelf, or divided or sprinkled in a lake, but given a proper burial. **"This grave is sealed until the second coming of our Lord..."**

**Donations from February 13 & 20, 2023:**

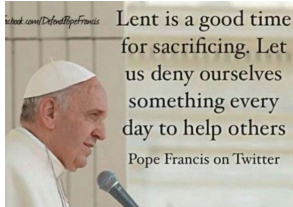
Sunday collections: **\$2840** (77 env.)  
 Candles: **\$177.00**  
 Seminary \$-  
 Christmas carolling: **\$20**  
 Vichna Lyampa. **\$20**  
 Ukraine: **\$-**  
 New envelopes **\$25**  
 Other Church donations **\$435**



**Donations from February 27, 2023 :**

Sunday collections: **\$1710** (43 env.)  
 Candles: **\$122**  
 Seminary \$-  
 New envelopes **\$35**  
 Vichna Lyampa. **\$25**  
 Ukraine: **\$20**  
 Lenten offering **\$620**  
 Easter flowers: **\$125**

**Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!**



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**This Lent, forget about "giving up chocolate".**

**GIVE UP BEING A WIMP.**

Are you a wimp?

Our Lord Jesus was no wimp. He ate what was given Him. (Wimps whine and complain.) He wore what His Mother sewed him. He almost certainly spoke up for bullied classmates.

When He grew up, He taught His apostles to be men. He gave good example in His speech and conduct. He stood up for widows and orphans. When there was a terrible storm on the sea, He turned over and kept on sleeping. He played with children when what He really needed was peace and quiet and a rest. Tradition has it that He and his apostles didn't just walk into a village and start preaching, but they looked around to see what needed fixing... and started fixing it. That always drew a crowd of interested bystanders... and then the preaching could begin. (Wimps whine about never being given the "opportunity".)



Jesus didn't shy away from enemies who kept attacking Him, but engaged bravely with them. He didn't shy away from speaking out about problems like divorce. And NO ONE has ever died like Jesus, as the target of such hatred and pain and torture.

**"Jesus, I'm such a wimp, and frankly I'm tired of it. Make me strong, right now by helping me keep on track with my Lenten promises."**

Did you know there is an organization that delves into **Eastern Catholic history** and hosts speakers that give monthly talks about all things Eastern Catholic? The next few have intriguing titles:



2023	Speaker	Title
March 14	<b>Greta-Monica Miron</b> (Babeş-Bolyai U., ROMANIA)	Image and Confessional Identity in the Bishopric of Făgăraş-Transylvania (18th c.)
April 4	<b>Anna Bisikalo</b> (Harvard University, USA)	Young Hearts and Minds: Recruiting a New Generation of Clandestine Greek Catholics in Western Ukraine, 1968-1980
April 25	<b>Wioletta Zielecka-Mikołajczyk</b> (Copernicus U, Torun, POLAND)	One of Many or an Original? Organization of the Uniate Diocese of Przemyśl against the Background of the Kyiv Metropolitanate of the Eighteenth Century
May 16	<b>Frank Sysyn</b> (U of Alberta, CANADA)	Religious Union and the Formation of Confessional Allegiance: The Transformation of Rus' through the Union of Brest

**ALL EVENTS START AT 11:30 AM EST** For more information or to register, please email [EasternCatholicSeminar@gmail.com](mailto:EasternCatholicSeminar@gmail.com).

# Schedule of Services March 5 to 12, 2023

Sun., March 5

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**2-а неділя Великого Посту**



Best Friends

8:00 am - Служба Божа/Divine Liturgy

9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners

Mon., March 6

42 Martyrs of Amorius

Ephesians 4:25-32  
Matthew 5:42-48

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... Birthday blessings for Natalia  
*by family*



Tues., March 7

Priest-martyrs Ephrem, Basil, Eugene

Philippians 2:12-26  
Matthew 10:32-38, 19:27-30

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For John Kutcher  
*by Men's Club*

Wed., March 8

Confessor Theophylactus

Ephesians 4:1-6  
Matthew 7:1-8

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For ++Anna, Petro, Stefania, Yaroslav, Maria,  
Volodymyr, Maria, Mykhaylo, Yosyf, Volodymyr *by Anna Geryluk, Toronto*

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thurs., March 9

40 Martyrs of Sebastia

Hebrews 12:1-10  
Matthew 20:1-16

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For ++poor souls in Purgatory  
*by Dmytro Sikora*

Fri., March 10

Martyr Codratus

Ephesians 5:1-8  
Matthew 6:22-34

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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... За ++ сына Любомира, Михайла, Олю, Катрусю,  
Іванка, Павла, Іллю, та Пареню *від Євгенії Булки*

7:00 p.m. - Way of the Cross/Хресна Дорога

Sat., March 11

All Souls Saturday

Hebrews 10:32-38  
Mark 2:14-17

8:20 a.m. - 3rd Hour & Rosary

9:00 a.m. - Sorokousty Divine Liturgy followed by Panakhyda  
... as requested by parishioners

Sun., March 12

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**3-а неділя Посту**

8:00 am - Служба Божа/Divine Liturgy

9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... all parishioners



**NATIONAL TOURING MUSICAL arrives in Winnipeg for one public performance to fundraise for Ukrainian refugees**

The powerful moving musical "Pier 21", depicts the arrival of refugees and immigrants preceding World War II, the soldiers that volunteered to fight Fascism, and the War Brides that returned after the War. It plays for one show only at the Manitoba Museum on March 17 at 7:00 pm. Presented by Oseredok and Canadiana Musical Theatre, all proceeds will go to support English language training for Ukraine refugees. Tickets available through Oseredok 204 942-0218 or at [oseredok.ca](http://oseredok.ca). \$25 admission.



**Easter Bake Sale**

St.Basil's Ukrainian Church  
Auditorium  
202 Harcourt St.

March 25, 2023

10am - 2pm



Perogies  
Cabbage Rolls  
Paska & Babka  
Kobasa  
Beets with  
Horseradish  
variety of Easter  
Baking & Foods



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## VIGIL LAMPS

**Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа** -- In loving memory of **Elsie and James Romaniuk** who passed March 6, 1997 coming from Phillis, Danny and Brad.

**Christ Icon** – for our **Clergy** that meet in conference this week

**Mother of God Icon** – Protection of the Theotokos for those who risk much to help the desperate (+*Harriet Tubman 10 March 1913*)

*Request your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of praying, knowing the candle burns for a week for your intention.*



**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