Protection of the

# **Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Ukrainian Catholic Parish** 

Українська Греко-Католицька Парафія Покрови

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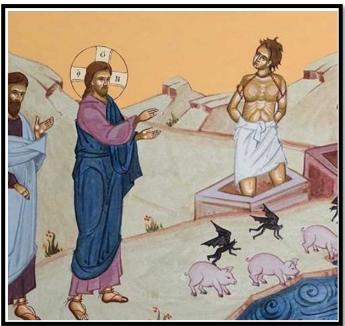
**Confessions:** before every Divine Liturgy *or* by appointment

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

23rd Sunday after **Pentecost** 

**November 13, 2022** 

23- а неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа



### Jesus Encounters a man possessed by evil

One of the highlights of my recent trip to Rome was an eight-day retreat according to the Spiritual Exercises of the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola. The eight-day retreat is highly profitable, but it is only a fraction of the full 30-day retreat that St. Ignatius designed (I recommend it to anyone. I did it a number of years ago. But... be prepared to change your life.). Anyway... a big part of the retreat is meditating on several concepts - including many episodes from the Gospels. By meditating in a prayerful way on a story from the Bible (or even just one sentence of a story), you would be surprised how much food for thought there is! There are many ideas and inspirations in every phrase if you give yourself a chance to turn the world off and put all your concerns and problems on hold and open your mind and heart to the working of the Holy

Spirit. There are several authors who have shared their insights into reading the Bible by publishing them in many-volumed books. My spiritual director at the retreat gave me an "assignment" of reading one book by one such author. This author amazed me by going on for a few chapters about a partial phrase that Jesus spoke at the last supper and how significant those few words were in salvation history. What was the phrase? "... this is My body...". For God - the creator of all - to speak those words to His Apostles on the eve of His death and before returning to the Father...was a profound moment. (we'll talk). However, for now I want to point to a phrase from today's Gospel reading. When Jesus comes across the demon-possessed man, the man shrieks out, "What do you want with me!? [...] I beg you, don't torture me!". Now that's interesting, not? Jesus was in no way torturing the man. He hadn't even spoken to him yet. Why was the man (or rather the demons that possessed him) so agitated and defensive and terrified? Is Jesus deserving of blame just because His holiness jars the evil in the man the wrong way? What's the lesson here for us in our day and our encounters with people around us? - Fr Michael

#### SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

Pastor, Parish Priest: Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535

Parish Council Chair - Glen Henkewich 204-633-1502

UCWLC President - Janet Kuchma

204-582-5932

Men's Club President - John Natyna

204-339-9366

Perogy Committee President - Myron

Fedoruk 204-338-7243

Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio

204-334-4298

Church Auditorium Rental - 204-582-7535

### **Christmas Gifts for Children in Ukraine**

The Cathedral (via Father Shved and seminarian Alex Pankiw) is collecting items to send to Ukraine as St. Nicholas presents for children of the war. If you have it in your heart to give, please bring any of the following by THIS TUESDAY (Nov. 15) to 115

McGregor St. Monday to Friday, 9:00-3:00:

Paints, markers, notebooks, coloring books, toys, sock, gloves, hats, hairbrushes, hair elastics, toothbrushes, vitamins, candies... be kid-creative!

#### Parish News:

- 1. The next **Parish Council meeting** is **TOMORROW**, Nov.14th at 6 PM in the boardroom.
- 2. Catechism every Sunday night at 7 PM via ZOOM link: please call Teresa at 204-334-4298.
- 3. Fred Douglas Lodge -- Father will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM.this Wednesday, Nov. 16. Please come to help with the responses, and to smile and chat for a few minutes with the residents.
- 4. We have a great **Ukrainian Dance group for children** that meets every Monday. Please come and see -- Mondays from 6PM.
- 5. Please come and help us with the next perogy-making session this coming Wednesday and Thursday! We truly need extra hands: November 16th (come at 8:45 AM to peel the potatoes) and November 17th (to make the perogies).



6. Cabbage Rolls For Sale -- The Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC will be making Cabbage Rolls on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. \$8.00 per dozen (cooked or raw).

Order deadline: Sunday, November 27, 2022.

To order, call or email Frances @ 204-633-4662 of of tances bodnar (hotmail.com)

Pick up times:
Wednesday, November 30 between 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 4 after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**We would appreciate help** from any parishioners who would like to join us on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.

#### Other Events/News:

7. **Interesting:** Bishop Borys in Philadelphia has instructed all priests in his area to **count up the people in the pews** for the next while and to send the tally back to him. If our parish had to do this, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could keep our Sunday numbers consistently high, now that Covid is over?



- 8. St. Nicholas parish on Bannerman: Christmas Craft & Vendor Sale this Saturday, Nov. 19 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Admission: \$1.
- 9. St. Basil's parish (202 Harcourt): Christmas Bake Sale (pyrohy, holubtsi, peroshky, solodke) Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- 10. Christmas Meat Holiday BINGO in support of the Ukrainian Refugee Fund: Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1 PM to 5 PM. at St. Nicholas Church (on Bannerman). For tickets, call Jo-Jo Barkley 204-802-8141.
- 11. Christmas Fruitcakes & Cards: As а fundraiser, our Winnipeg prolife organization, Campaign Life Coalition, is again selling Christmas fruitcakes during November. The large (2.5lb.) cake is \$26.00 and the small (1lb.) cake is \$15.00. Call 204-452-2459 and sav you're from Blessed Virgin Mary parish, they will be delivered to our office for you to pick up. If you want them to be delivered to your home, there is a \$5 surcharge. They have Christmas cards as well. Talk to them.
- 12. Buy your raffle ticket now for Immaculate Heart of Mary School's annual fund-raising raffle. Tickets are \$50; the draw is Nov. 30. Get them from our parish office by Nov. 23.

## START THINKING ABOUT IT!

THIS CHRSTMAS... WELCOME THE NEWBORN BABY JESUS INTO YOUR HOME, INTO YOUR FAMILY, INTO YOUR MARRIAGE, INTO YOUR LIFE AS IT IS....

Your are invited to participate in a truly unique Pylypivka-Christmas project....

There's no rush, but you and those within your home should think about it and pray about it and discuss it, before getting even getting started...

Father Michael brought back from Rome, a whole lot of Baby Jesus figurines ... kind of tiny... about the size as depicted

He will bless them prior to Christmas and the idea is that everyone who would like to take one home may do so. There will certainly be enough for each 'family' in our parish according to

our list whether it is a small 'household' or a large one.

What's the idea? Well, we would all like to welcome the newborn Saviour into our home and into our lives. How would we do this? In what way? What would be the best setting? How would we prepare to welcome him? How would we prepare a place of prominence in our dwelling. And, especially, how would we prepare ourselves spiritually? Think about this... there will be more details next week.



#### An Interesting Perspective....

#### **Immigration versus Natural Increase**

Canada has an insufficient number of taxpayers to service such a large country. Canada also has an ageing population and is fast approaching a demographic emergency. Two of the major reasons for this crisis include: (i) our alarmingly low birth rate, which measures at 1.4 children for each woman of child bearing age, when 2.1 children is the replacement level and (ii) since the abortion law was rescinded in 1969, Canadians have killed almost five million of their pre-born citizens. To compensate for this decrease in births, the Trudeau government has tried to fill the gap by increasing the level of immigration, but this has still led to a serious lack of skilled workers. Settling immigrants in Canada costs money to cover increased housing, medical care, education, etc. - but it pays off in the future. If our government is willing to financially support immigrants, it should also be willing to cover the costs of helping women to give birth rather than aborting their babies. Supporting life from conception to birth and beyond, should be a major consideration if we want to increase our labor force and provide Canada with a future.

Robert Schwenk, in Campaign Life Coalition newsletter Nov 2022

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 to those discouraged comfort 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.'

**Holy Family Home**: Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich

Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

Beacon Hill Lodge: Helen Naherny River East Personal Care Home: Edward Holowich

#### **EPISTLE READERS' SCHEDULE**

**November 2022** (call our office if you'd like to read!)

Time **READER Date** November 13 10 AM Dominique Boguski November 20 10 AM Teresa Hryndzio November 27 10 AM John Petryshyn

#### **Notes from our UCWLC:**

1) The UCC is collecting winter clothing and boots for both children and adults. Please make sure that the items are in good or new condition. They will also accept hygiene items and non-



- perishable food items. You can drop off your donation to UNF at 935 Main Street, weekdays between 10:00 and 2:00.
- 2) Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our October Halloween themed Coffee and Fellowship on October Raffle winners were: Irene Pilipowicz, Frances Bodnar, Anne Rusnak, Christine Krucko. and Sharon Johnston. Please join with us for the next Coffee and Fellowship on November 27th.

#### Just a word to helpful people, from an older person:

'Winter is here! Sidewalks are slippery, and stairs can be dangerous. I am very grateful for your help when I navigate from car to church, or doctor's office back to car. But when you help me, please do this:

- -- Ask me first if I would like help. Never just grab my elbow, or arm, or walker.
- -- Offer me your hand, or your upper jacket sleeve to hold onto lightly



- Look around where I was just sitting, in case I have forgotten something.

#### Please DON'T do this:

- -- No happy chatter once we start walking! I lose my attention in trying to be careful where I put my feet. I cannot think of two things at once when I'm concentrating on where to step next.
- -- Don't grab my bag(s) I often know just how to carry them, for balance. Please ask me first.

Much appreciated!

#### **Donations from November 6, 2022:**

Sunday collections: \$1157

(40env.)

Candles: **\$138.80** Seminary **\$582** 100th ann. \$250 Vichna Lyampa. \$10 Bldg. fund \$100

In mem. of Msgr. Buyachok

\$100

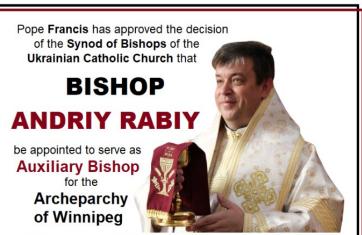
Livestreaming needs: \$50

Ukraine: \$20

Christmas flowers \$25

Expenses: \$2121.69 (salaries, cleaning, flowers) Thank you for your generosity! Спасибі!

#### NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR WINNIPEG

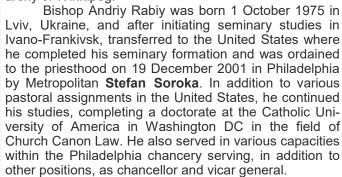


На многії літа, Владико!

WE WELCOME YOU!



The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg is pleased to announce that following upon the decision of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis has transferred Bishop Andriy Rabiy, until now the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia (USA) to the position of Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg.



He received episcopal ordination on 3 September 2017 in Lviv, Ukraine. Bishop Andriy Rabiy is the auxiliary bishop to serve the see of Winnipeg, the first being Bishop Neil Savaryn, OSBM, who was appointed in 1943. Bishop Rabiy's pastoral and canonical experience will be of great assistance as the Archeparchy of Winnipeg ministers to some 12,000 Ukrainian refugees who have recently arrived in Manitoba fleeing the war in

10 листопада 2022 року у Ватикані повідомлено про те, що Святіший Отець Франциск, поблагословивши рішення Синоду Єпископів УГКЦ, призначив владику Андрія Рабія єпископом-помічником Вінніпезької архиєпархії УГКЦ, перенісши його з Філадельфійської архиєпархії УГКЦ.

Владика Андрій Рабій народився 1 жовтня 1975 року у Львові. Священничу формацію отримав семінарії українській святого Йосафата у Вашингтоні. 1999 року отримав ступінь бакалавра з філософії в Католицькому університеті Америки, ступінь богослов'я 2002 магістра року Домініканському богословському інституті у Вашингтоні, а 2008 року — ліцензіат з канонічного права в Католицькому університеті Америки.

диякона висвячений 15 листопада 1998 року, на священника — 19 грудня 2001 року. 8 серпня 2017 року Святіший Отець Франциск призначив отця Андрія Рабія, протосинкела Філадельфійської архиєпархії УКГЦ, єпископом-помічником цієї архиєпархії, присвоївши йому титулярний осідок Германіціяни.

Єпископська хіротонія відбулася 3 вересня 2017 року в архикатедральному соборі Святого Юра у Львові. Головним святителем нового єпископа став Отець і Глава УГКЦ Блаженніший Святослав, співсвяархиєпископ і митрополит дельфійський Стефан Сорока та єпископ Едмонтонської єпархії УГКЦ Давид Мотюк. 3 16 квітня 2018 року до 4 червня 2019 року був апостольським адміністратором Філадельфійської архиєпархії УГКЦ протягом періоду sede vacante. З 4 червня 2019 року служив єпископом-помічником Філадельфійської архиєпархії УГКЦ.















## **BVM** ART

## **CONTEST!**



Don't you wish you had spent more time during your life painting or drawing something? Well, take a couple of hours this week and DO it! Artwork is now being accepted

Entry fee: \$15

1st prize -- \$100 plus your art will be used as THE parish 2023 calendar

YOU WIN

2nd prize -- \$50 3rd prize -- \$30

for use as our 2023 Calendar!

**Rules:** 

Size: 8.5" x 11" vertical (ie. up-&-

down)

Materials: any (paint, ink, crayon, markers) Who may enter: Any parishioner -- ANY AGE! Theme: "Blessed Virgin Mary Parish enters its Second Centenary"

Deadline: December 6 (St. Nicholas day). Bring to the parish office; will be anonymized for judging.

Judging: TBA

#### 5 причин стати священником

1. Поглиблення Священство дає шанс поглибити своє християнство. Причому як на інтелектуальному рівні, так і на духовному. Обов'язкове вивчення філософії та теології у семінарії, а також духовні практики, які там проводяться, дають добрий початок для цього.



- 2. Занурення Священник постійно контактує з Таїнствами Христа, які вділяє вірним, але в яких і сам бере участь як земний та видимий посередник. Особливо це стосується Таїнства Євхаристії — центрального у житті кожного священника.
- 3. Розвиток Священник пастир людей різного стану і культури, і до всіх повинен промовляти їхньою мовою, і мати підхід до кожного.
- 4. Товаришування Священник стає духовним батьком для довірених йому вірних. А добрий батько, який прагне добре виховати своїх дітей, товаришує їм у їхньому зростанні, а не лише наказує, ганить, докоряє і карає. Добрий батько дає приклад, як належить чинити, і не лише словами, але передусім — власними вчинками.
- 5. Служіння Священник має унікальну можливість збільшити добро у цьому світі. Нема більшого добра, як послужити ближньому. Служіння священника — це передусім Служба Божа, це Таїнства Церкви, це духовні поради, які реально прислужаться і стануть у пригоді вірним, які допоможуть довіреним священику людям стати кращими, добрішими, справедливішими, милосерднішими, кращими батьками, кращою молоддю, кращими працівниками, врешті — кращими християнами. Служіння має приносити конкретні плоди у житті християн.

Джерело: CREDO: https://credo.pro/2021/04/193302 credo.pro/2021/04/193302

#### **Dear Parishioners:**

We have been emailed with specific requests. Can you help?

"I am sure you are very involved with helping the many Ukrainian families as they arrive. I am writing to you to ask if you could reach out to your parish members as there is a need for volunteers. Since April we have had over 7000 Ukrainians land at the Winnipeg Airport. There are about 50 a day that arrive. They arrive with what they can fit in a suitcase.

#### HELP AT THE AIRPORT HELP DESK

At the airport is a help desk run by volunteers where they record all who arrive. Hopefully there is a toy for the children, water and snacks to provide. There is a list of hotels the government funds that is updated daily. If they need a hotel we call to confirm that a room is available and get them a shuttle or a taxi chit. Ideally there are two volunteers per each 3 hour shift chosen whenever you can help. There is an online calendar you can choose your time at your convenience. You can contact myself or the person who is organizing this:

Svitlana Podzizei podzizei.svitlana@gmail.com

#### **MENTOR PROGRAM**

They also have a mentor program: you just help them get phone numbers here, find an apartment, maybe drive them places and so on. Just someone to reach out to to help understand their new home.

The person who is running this program is: Michelle Kowalchuk <u>mikowalchuk@gmail.com</u>

#### **DONATIONS**

Donations are appreciated! and can be dropped off at UNF Club Winnipeg, 935 Main Street. (They can be followed on Facebook for updates) FRIDAYS 10am to 4pm, SATURDAYS 10am to 4pm, SUNDAYS 1pm to 4pm. MONDAYS to THURSDAYS: Closed

The following items are what UNF Help Centre really needs, as of October 21:

- 1. Size 3/4/5 Diapers
- 2. Canned Tomatoes
- 3. Pasta
- 4. Pasta Sauce
- 5. Chicken Soup
- 6. NEW pillows
- 7. Can openers
- 8. Towels
- 0. Canned Meat
- 10. Hygiene

(Shampoo, Women's

Pads/Tampons)

We will no longer be accepting baby clothing.

Sizes of winter clothing we will only accept at this time: Children's (10-16)

Please be sure that all donations are clean, no stains or rips.

If you have large items please send pictures as they have no room to store. Should you have any questions, please email at <a href="mailto:unfclub@gmail.com">unfclub@gmail.com</a>

I appreciate you sharing as the existing volunteers have been giving their time since April and are starting to become exhausted. (Ukrainian language would make it easiest but I have managed to help and do not speak Ukraine. Google Translator has been working for me!) Thank you for taking the time to listen.

#### Thank you!

#### **Cindy Dandewich**

Donation **Envelopes** in the Coming Year: In a few weeks, the donation envelopes for the **2023** year will be placed in the church labelled with the donor's family name. If you have never had donation envelopes and would like some, please call/email us in the parish office and we'll assign you a number. Thank you for your financial support!

#### Padre Pio: Gossip... Confession... Honesty

When a person speaks badly of a friend, he destroys the reputation and the honour of a brother who has the right to enjoy respect.

One day Padre Pio said to a penitent: "When you gossip about a person it means that you have removed the person from your heart. But be aware, when you remove a man from your heart, Jesus also goes away from your heart with that man."

Once, Padre Pio was invited to bless a house. But when he reached the entrance of the kitchen he said: "There are snakes here. I do not want to go in". And then he said to a priest that often went to that house to eat: "Don't go to that house because they say unpleasant things about their brothers and sisters."

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A lady came from England to have her confession heard by Padre Pio. She went to his confessional but Padre Pio closed the window saying: "I am not available to you." The woman stayed for several weeks and during this time, daily returned to his confessional and daily was turned away. Finally, Padre Pio consented to hear her confession. She asked the Padre why he made her wait so long to be heard. Padre Pio answered: "And You?" "How long have you made Our Lord wait?" You should wonder how Jesus could welcome you after you committed so many sacrileges. You have delayed your judgment for years, besides sinning against your husband and your mother you have received Holy Communion in mortal sin. The woman was stunned and reformed. She cried when she received absolution. She returned to England a few days later, very happy!







## Schedule of Services Nov. 13 - Nov. 20, 2022

Sun., Nov. 13 23nd Sunday after Pentecost

23-а НЕДІЛЯ по Зіс. св. Духа

9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (bilingual)... For all parishioners

Mon., Nov. 14 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy .... For +Jean Michasiw **Apostle Philip** 

by John & Barbara Kutcher & family 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:43-51

Tues., Nov. 15 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +Anthony & Ludwika Parzyjagla **Martyr Gourias** 

by Theodor Parzyjagla 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Pylypiwka Fast begins! Luke 11:34-41

Wed., Nov. 16

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... For + Jean Michasiw **Apostle Matthew** 

by John & Adeline Natyna 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13

Thurs., Nov. 17 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy .... For + Poor Souls in Purgatory St. Gregory

by Dmytro Sikora 1 Thessalonians 5:1-18 Luke 11:47-12:1

Fri., Nov. 18 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... For blessings for the Szun family Plato & Roman

by anonymous 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28 Luke 12:2-12

Sat., Nov. 19 7:20 a.m- 1st Hour & Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... For + Olga Palmer **Prophet Obadiah** 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 by Marianne Troup

Luke 9:1-16

24th Sunday after Pentecost 24 -а Неділя по 3іс. св. Духа Sun., Nov. 20

9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (bilingual)... For all parishioners

#### Reminder for the upcoming fast:

- **PRAY:** "....Pray daily for peace in Ukraine... for those who have been forced to flee their homes... for those who have died as a result of the war...for those who have died today and who will die tomorrow. O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, ...hear the earnest prayer of Your beloved Church ... for her afflicted children ...in ...Ukraine. Deliver Your vulnerable people from unjust aggressors, foreign invasion and the terror of war. O kind-hearted Lord, as You are our peace, soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that your beloved children of the land of Ukraine, may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom, where You reign with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good and life- giving Spirit, now, and forever and ever. Amen.
- 2) FAST: "... We invite you to a three-day fast starting on Thursday, November 24, concluding on Saturday, November 26, when we commemorate the Holodomor annually throughout Canada. Fast as best as you can. For some, that will mean only bread and water, for some no sweets, for others only one meal each day. However you choose to fast, unite your thoughts and prayers before the Lord for peace for the people of Ukraine.
- ALMSGIVING: "... As winter approaches, the people of Ukraine need your support evermore. We invite you to consider a further humanitarian aid donation so that the people of Ukraine may have the basic necessities in life that each of us enjoys - food, shelter, clothing, and medicine, as well as heat, for their homes this winter. Kindly donate through your local parish, or directly to CNEWA, or to your UCC Our Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada

#### VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа: In memory of Father Michael Buyachok from Michele and Josephine D'Andrea

Christ Icon - awaiting your intention

Mother of God Icon – awaiting your intention

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.



Seriously, Lord?

Drop everything

just like that? (long pause) OK!