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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 27, 2022

25-а неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа



The Good Samaritan

This period leading up to Christmas, as we well know, is a time for 'fasting', giving special attention to our 'prayer' and sharing our wealth, however modest it may be, with individuals and causes in need by 'almsgiving'. For most of us, a great first step would be **1.** not consuming **more than we really need** to be healthy (*Do I really need that second serving?*); **2.** going beyond a minimalist attitude and developing a **regular prayer life** (*a daily prayer routine that includes Sunday Liturgy attendance and praying at home every day when getting up in the morning, before calling it a night at the end of the day and praying before every meal. Doing this together with everyone in my home is 100 times better!*); and then **3.** we're all scraping our loonies together for our own needs month by month, but then.... there's always someone more in need than even we are, не так? Can we maybe save up our change to give at the end of the month to a local or national charitable organization that feeds or defends or helps those who are helpless?

In today's parable of the Good Samaritan there are so many profound images and lessons. Some aspects in particular somewhat shock us: **1.** A **priest** actually just walks by?! He sees the situation, but perhaps tells himself that "I don't have time right now. I'm on my way to a service", or "if I touch this bloody, dirty man, I'll become unclean and can't perform my rituals at the Altar". All this may be true, but a man possibly dying in the ditch should get our immediate attention, not? and the Lord will provide for the rest. **2.** The **Levite** (equivalent to, say, a parish council member in our day) does the same thing, perhaps thinking, "That's not part of my job description, I'm supposed to be doing things at the church". **3.** But the real shocker should be who does actually help the person? It's a **Samaritan** and he helps not just by calling 911 on his cell and driving on, but by 'getting his hands dirty' (*and getting his ride dirty by loading up the bleeding, beaten man into it*), and he even sacrifices his time and money to be sure that the beaten man is left in good hands and taken care of. AND he even pays for it all from his own pocket! The kicker is that that the **Samaritan** doesn't normally care for people like the man in the ditch, because the man in the ditch (and his people) on any other day probably wouldn't even give the Samaritan a second look, and if he did, it would probably be a dirty look. Samaritans were considered to be people who didn't have the right lineage and having religious and cultural practices that were not acceptable to the man in the ditch. **THAT'S THE CORE LESSON.** Someone in need is our brother, our sister, our mom and our dad. Regardless of what we may have against them, when they are in need of aid, kindness, consolation, faith or support... we do *what we can*. And the seemingly little "that we can" is often more than enough. It is a million times better that walking by and doing nothing!

- Fr Michael

This theme fits in well with the challenge of MAiD (See back page)

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

Parish News:

1. **We welcome a Basilian Father** today, as Fr. Michael will be celebrating Divine Liturgy at Sarto, MB.
2. Please join with us for **Coffee and Fellowship today downstairs.**
3. **NO CATECHISM next Sunday, Dec. 4.** Otherwise: Catechism every Sunday night at 7 PM via ZOOM link: please call Teresa at 204-334-4298.
4. Don't forget: Submissions for our **2023 Calendar Art Contest** are **due Dec. 6th!** Let the artist in you sketch/paint/collage something wonderful for us all to admire on the calendar that will hang on the wall all year. The prizes are great! **Theme: "Blessed Virgin Mary Enters its Second Centenary"**

5. **Cabbage Rolls For Sale** -- The Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC will be making Cabbage Rolls this Tuesday. \$8.00 per dozen (cooked or raw). Order deadline: Sunday, November 27, 2022. To order, call or email Frances @ 204-633-4662 or francesbodnar@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.

6. **NEXT SUNDAY!!!!** The **Men's Club** invites all parishioners and friends to come down to the church auditorium next Sunday, December 4th after the 10:00 liturgy to enjoy a delicious **pre-Christmas Pancake Breakfast** of pancakes and sausages with the usual accompaniments. The cost is \$7.00/adults, \$4/children under 12. The UCWLC will be holding a **Bake Sale and Raffle**. We would appreciate any donation of homemade baking from our parishioners. We hope that you will come and enjoy some good food and fellowship with your parish family and friends. **But start your morning off at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, because there will be a special visitor!!!! (see next page)**

7 Blessed Virgin Mary parishioners who are sick or shut in and **who would like to receive the Sacraments** of Reconciliation & Holy Communion before the Nativity of Our Lord (Dec. 25) may do so by contacting Father Michael at 204-582-7535 to arrange a date.

Other Events/News:

8. **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.
9. **Raffle tickets:** Knights of Columbus 4th degree Canon Luhovy Assembly will have a draw on Dec. 12 at St. Anne's church. Tickets are \$20 each; obtain from our BVM parish office. Proceeds go to Ukraine Humanitarian fund.
10. **Christmas Fruitcakes:** Large (2.5lb.) cake is \$26.00; small (1lb.) cake is \$15.00. Call 204-452-2459 and say 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.
11. **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, FRI, SAT between 10:00 and 2:00.

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

You are invited to participate in a truly unique Pylypivka-Christmas project this year!



Plan to have in your home a special place ready for the nativity of Christ. Bethlehem knew from the Prophets that the Messiah would be born there some day and yet they were not ready. When Jesus came, no one had any room for Him. Not among His Parents' relatives, not in private homes, not even in places designed to offer lodging for a profit (i.e. "the inn"). The Lord Jesus, when He started spreading the Good News, told us that we should be ready for His coming at any moment. We have time to prepare a special place in our homes for Him. **On Christmas Eve you will receive your blessed baby Jesus figurine** (like the one pictured). Prepare a place now in your heart, in your soul, in your home for Him that you will know the joy of the shepherds, magi and angels!

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 comfort to those discouraged 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



Up on the roof top, click, click, click...

Well it was Mr. Natyna, and not St. Nick

(Checking the heating units over our Parish Centre on Friday)



However... Next Sunday, Yes, December 4th,

at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, we are told that SAINT NICHOLAS will indeed visit our parish! So please, come with all your children, grandchildren, neices and nephews (and the kids from the hood) and stay for the Breakfast & Fun!



Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Fees have been waived for about 45 children from Ukraine.

The school hopes that good-hearted parishioners around our city would consider donating to help cover this, as of course, it does cost to educate every child: **\$2,700 per year**. Please consider this, and if you have it in your heart to give, let the school know. Cheques for this Back-to-School effort can be made to:

Lubov SSMI Foundation 1085 Main St. Wpg. R2W 3S1



The Festival of Lights 2022 is underway and is ready to receive your help. You are invited to offer a gift to the Holy Family Home Festival of Lights Campaign. Your donation will help enhance quality of life for residents in their daily living. Your gift will help purchase an outdoor wheelchair swing for the park, so residents who use a wheelchair can enjoy time together outdoors with their loved ones, reminiscing while having a swing.

Your gift will also help light up the Holy Family Home campus. The more dollars raised, the more lights will shine for residents to enjoy. If you travel past the Home this Christmas season, you too will be able to experience the Festival of Lights. To donate call 204-942-0443 or online at www.lubovfoundation.ca.

You are also invited to join from your home in celebrating a non-public Divine Liturgy, live-streamed from the Holy Family Home Chapel on December 4, 2022 at 10 a.m. A link to the service will be available at www.holyfamilyhome.mb.ca.



Our annual parish "Angels for Mary" program resumes! There is a list at the back of the church for families to purchase as many angels as they would like in memory of deceased loved ones. The **name card is filled out and left in church** for the special Christmas tree in church, while the **angel is taken home** for the family Christmas tree at home. Each angel plus card is **\$5**. The funds go toward our Catechism Program and the nightly Marian Hour Rosary on 810 CKJS Radio. A Divine Liturgy will be offered after Christmas for all the souls that are commemorated by the Angels and whose names are hung on the special tree in church.

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Schedule of Services Nov. 27 - Dec. 4, 2022

Sun., Nov. 27 **25th Sunday after Pentecost** 25-а Неділя по Зіс. св. Духа
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (bilingual)... For all parishioners

Mon., Nov. 28 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Venerable Stephen 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy Birthday blessings for Nadia Gorbay (Nov. 27)
 1 Timothy 1:1-7 by family
 Luke 14:12-15

Tues., Nov. 29 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyrs Paramon & Philumenes 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Jean Michasiw
 1 Timothy 1:8-14 by Ernie & Mary Michasiw
 Luke 14:25-35

Wed., Nov. 30 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Apostle Andrew 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +Jean Michasiw
 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 by Teresa Hryndzio
 John 1:35-42



Thurs., Dec. 1 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Prophet Nahum 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ... For +Msgr. Michael Buyachok (40 days)
 1 Timothy 3:1-16 by Buyachok family
 Luke 16:1-9

Fri., Dec. 2 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Prophet Habakuk 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For God's blessings upon Edward, Sylvia,
 1 Timothy 4:4-8 Christine, Paul, Annie
 Luke 16:15-18;17:1-4 by Michael Holowich

Sat., Dec. 3 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Prophet Sophonias 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +poor souls in Purgatory
 Galatians 3:8-12 by Teodor Parzyjagla
 Luke 9:57-62 5:00 p.m. -- DL for tomorrow's workers

Sun., Dec. 4 **26th Sunday after Pentecost** 26-а Неділя по Зіс. св. Духа
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (bilingual)... For all parishioners
 with Pancake Breakfast following



Some people from our parish attended a presentation this past Thursday at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain. It was an *update* given by **Alex Schadenburg** of the **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition** about the push for **MAiD** in Canada. The same government that ushered in the tragedy of abortion several years ago, has now been promoting the next dystopian horror show - euthanasia under the name of **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)**. Yes, that is (intentionally) dramatic terminology, but the actual reality is really indescribable. However... the main point is that the promotion of the intentional killing of our seniors, the physically and mentally challenged and even children is growing in our country. What can we as orthodox Christians do? Well there is **1.** the needed *activism* - like picking up one of postcards (pictured above) at the back of the church and sending it), but **especially 2.** the pastoral *reaching out* to those we know who are elderly, disabled, ill, alone or afraid and giving them a few regular minutes of kindness by a visit or a call or online facetime that tells them that **we care** and **we are glad** that they are here in this world and in our lives!



Fr. Michael (see the website: <https://epcc.ca>)

Donations from November 20, 2022:

Sunday collections: **\$1200** (28 env.)
 Candles: **\$70**
 Seminary **\$170**
 100th ann. **\$30** (candles)
 Vichna Lyampa. **\$5**
 Bldg. fund **\$100** in memory of Walter Kokolsky (10 yrs. Nov. 9) from wife Emily & family
 Ukraine: **\$20**
 Christmas flowers **\$35**
 Expenses: **\$ 3614**
 (supplies, salaries, kitchen)

Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

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