



Protection of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 2022

22-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

Our God is a God of Choices

The "Rich Man and Lazarus" can be as satisfying or as horrifying a story as you want to make it. We all shake our heads at the "mean old rich man" who swept past the beggar at his gate and ignored him. We think to ourselves, "Well, of course I would help that poor man if he were at my gate!"

Oh, really?

It's all about choices. Our God never forces us to do things one way or another. **But oh, will we have to make account of our choices after death.**

God is not a "meany" who will "make us pay". We write our own future life, by the choices we make now.

And we can't plead ignorance. The "right choices" are written in our hearts:

If I choose to abort a little baby, or help somebody else abort a little baby, do I really expect to just waltz into heaven,

where dwells the God who created all life? No, I must go to confession, then change my life.

If I choose to do other things on Sunday mornings and ignore that one hour during which we give praise to the God who created us and loves us, do I really expect Him to open those pearly gates of His later for me? Not a chance. I must go to confession, then change my life.

If I lied/cheated/stole property/belongings of another... if I'm "shacking up" with someone I have not properly married... do I really expect to have the God of justice, the Just Judge Himself, let me into His house? I must go to confession, then change my life.

If my tongue is out of control: If I constantly argue... "skewer" others... let sarcasm become my trademark, thinking it's funny... tell untruth after untruth... give negative opinions *every! single! time!* ... keep bringing up negative things from the past... No *wonder* holy scriptures mention the tongue being the smallest member of the body, yet doing the most damage to others!



SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298

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Anyway. This can be fixed! I can strive FROM RIGHT NOW to be the "Lazarus" who is welcomed "into the bosom of Abraham" (ie. into God's eternal rest and the joy of heaven) if I do this:

-- make a good confession a.s.a.p.! (Seriously -- I can decide now, to go every month to confession. *Just as a woman would never give guests to eat from a "clean" bowl that was collecting dust for weeks on the counter, without first wiping it clean... in the same way confession for the soul!*

-- "put a seal on my lips" as much as I can, and try to compliment and smile at others more

-- come to ALL, or as many as possible, of the services held in my parish church

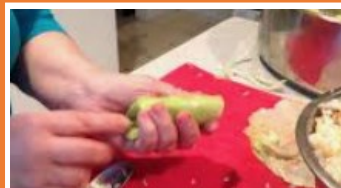
-- pray to the Holy Spirit to help me not get lazy -- or fearful -- in making the right daily choices.

LORD, I WANT TO CHOOSE WELL. HELP ME!
Guest writer. (Father Michael's column resumes next week)

Parish News:

1. Congratulations to our **Frances Bodnar** who was recently elected **Secretary to the Archeparchial UCWLC**. *На мнорії літа!*
2. **Catechism every Sunday night** at 7 PM via ZOOM link: please call Teresa at 204-334-4298.
3. The **next Parish Council meeting** is one week from tomorrow: Nov. 14th at 6 PM in the boardroom.

4. **Please come and help us with the next perogy-making session!** We truly need extra hands: November 16th (come at 8:45 AM to peel the potatoes) and November 17th (to make the perogies). *We remind all that there is 8 AM Divine Liturgy both mornings: please attend. That 38 minutes of your time will bring you a rich reward in the next life.*



5. **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 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.


Other Events/News:

6. Where are you planning to remember our fallen soldiers this Remembrance Day? A special **MEMORIAL Divine Liturgy** for Remembrance Day - Friday, Nov. 11 at 10 AM-- will commemorate all war veterans, as well as deceased of Knights of Columbus. **This year, we will all go to celebrate this at Sts. Volodymyr and Olga Cathedral**, where our Metropolitan will lead the services. NOTE: Included will be the unveiling and blessing of a unique icon commemorating the thousands of Ukrainians who served in the Canadian Armed Forces as well as those Ukrainians now defending freedom in Ukraine.
7. **St. Nicholas parish on Bannerman: Christmas Craft & Vendor Sale**, Saturday, Nov. 19 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Admission: \$1.

8. **St. Basil's parish (202 Harcourt):** Christmas Bake Sale (*pyrohy, holubtsi, peroshky, solodka*) Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

9. **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.

Holy Father's
Nov. intention: "For Children Who Suffer"
We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



Donations from October 30, 2022:
Sunday collections: **\$1550** (44 env.)
Candles: **\$83.30**
Seminary **\$10**
100th ann. **\$-**
Bldg. fund **\$100**
Livestreaming needs: **\$-**
Ukraine: **\$-**
Christmas flowers **\$25**
Expenses: **\$1927.50** (*Hydro, internet, water*) **Thank you for your generosity!** *Спасубі!*

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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 Tues. of next week (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, tooth-brushes, vitamins, candies... be kid-creative!

To those who read this bulletin a day early:

Fall back

Daylight saving ends Sunday at 2 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday.



PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO ONE

"There are many, many people- old people, crippled people, mental people, people who have no one, nobody to love them--they are hungry for love. And maybe that kind of hunger is in your own home, your own family. Maybe there is an old person in your family, maybe there is a sick person in your family. Have you ever thought that your love for God you can show by maybe giving a smile, maybe just giving a glass of water, maybe just sitting there and talking to them for a little while?
- St. Mother Teresa, excerpts from "Where There is Love, There is God"

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

EPISTLE READERS' SCHEDULE

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

Date	Time	READER
November 6	10 AM	Adeline Natyna
November 13	10 AM	Dominique Boguski
November 20	10 AM	Teresa Hryndzio
November 27	10 AM	John Petryshyn

"Yesterday, I was talking to our sisters in the place where they are. They visit a place where they have all these old people, people who have no one, people that are wanted by no one. They are just there. And they look forward and they count the time when Sunday will come, that the sisters may come and do simple things for them. Maybe just smile at them, maybe just straighten the sheet a little bit, maybe just lift them up a little bit, brush their hair, cut their nails, small things, so small that we have no time for them and yet these people, these are our people, our brothers and sisters. They look forward to that little touch. And sister told me of an incident that there was a man there who was looking forward to sisters coming because for the whole week, he has no chance to wash his mouth. Do we know that we have our poor like that? Do we know that he is our brother, our own brother—belonging to the same family of God? Created by the same loving hand of the Father? And there he was. Next week, when they went, he was already dead—died alone quite possibly. " **Saint Mother Teresa**

The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV).



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- reading about Current Events and upcoming events in our archeparchy

Today is the last day for "donation matching" special. Someone will be at the back of the church to help you get set up if you need a hand.

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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 in our office for use as our 2023 Calendar!

Entry fee: \$15

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

2nd prize -- \$50

3rd prize -- \$30

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).

Judging: TBA

YOU WIN!



Pylypiwka begins on November 15th! We would like to put out our special Pylypiwka booklets that help us prepare for this coming Christmas: the Birth of Our Lord!

What is a story in your family that you have cherished, and love to tell within the family? Please consider sharing it with others now!

Sister Michaila is collecting short, simple versions of:

-- a miracle that happened in your family, or that you heard about many years ago that happened to a neighbour or friend, OR

-- a wonderful, uplifting thing that happened to you or to somebody you know when you least expected it... OR maybe a special person you remember told you something -- maybe a piece of advice -- that you have never forgotten. **Do phone Sister THIS WEEK** and tell her your story. You may remain absolutely anonymous if you wish. She will do her best to include it in this year's Pylypiwka 2022 booklet, that will be handed out FREE within our parish. Please phone her TODAY -- any time of day or night, seriously -- well, except during Divine Liturgy time :-)) -- and tell her that story that you know would warm the hearts of others.

204-951-2522 (And thank you to those special UCWL ladies and others who gave their stories last year. They were wonderful! God bless you!)



Feast of St. Josaphat -- this coming Saturday! Nov. 12

It is nearly impossible to describe in short what this amazing saint accomplished in his short (45 yrs.) life. Do read the books about him! But here, at least, let's remember his martyr's death:

"The mob hostile to reunion broke into the courtyard of the mansion where Archbishop Josaphat was staying. He came out of the house -- a commanding figure in his black robes and crossed medallions over his breast. He addressed his enemies calmly, "Why are you attacking my servants? Take your anger out upon me!"

Momentarily the mob quieted. Then two schismatics, bolder than the rest, rushed forward and split his head open with battle-axes. As if that were not enough, they shot him as well, stripped his body, and set wild dogs to tear him apart. Tiring of their terrible sport, the mob threw his body into the river with his penitential hairshirt tied around his neck and loaded with rocks to sink his body. His remains were subsequently recovered and hidden from further desecration.

It has been written that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of Church growth. Among the many miracles consequent to Josaphat's murder was the conversion of those same assassins to the Roman union. Thousands of dissidents returned to the

Catholic faith. Most significant, even Bishop Smotrytsky [a bishop who hated St. Josaphat] became an ardent supporter of the Pope! " by Fr. Anselm Romb, OFM conv.

Our parish priest, Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski, has just returned from retreat. Among his other prayers for us, he prayed a Divine Liturgy for all of his dear Blessed Virgin Mary parishioners over the grave of Saint Josaphat.



*We
WILL
remember
them!*



Blessed Virgin Mary Parishioners who served in the armed forces during WW2:	Peter Okrainec	A. Dayholos	F. Shewchuk
N. Malanchuk	J. Winchar	W. Kirk	S. Morlock
Paul Yakimischak	Peter Melnyk	R. Tomchushyn	W. Zadorowych
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John Decka	Nicholas Cherney	B. Capiak	Blessed Virgin Mary Parishioners who DIED in service:
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John Hrechkosy	Peter Zurba	M. Petrus	P. Tomchyshyn
Nick Frost	Walter Zurba	F. Spicoluk	W. Yurchyshyn
Walter Werbicki	Walter Tryhuk	M. Kuzma	
Nick Bielak	B. Braschuk	J. Kish	
B. Shumski	Eugene Dershko	S. Kowalchuk	
J. Shumski	W. Chimka	L. Kraglin	
Michael Kubara	Blessed Virgin Mary Parishioners who served in the Canadian Army:	S. Shalay	
W. Olynyk	J. Dunik	M. Potoroka	
		N. Porubanec	
		S. Porubanec	
		M. Shwaga	
		J. Woloschuk	



This coming Tuesday: Feast of St. Michael the Archangel



*Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against
the wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Not many people know that behind this powerful Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel is an incredible story. This is no ordinary prayer. This is a prayer written by Pope Leo XIII after a supernatural personal experience.

On Oct. 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a mystical experience after celebrating Mass at his private chapel. According to witnesses, after celebrating Mass, the Pope suddenly stood immobile in front of the altar. For around 10 minutes, he just stood there, as if in a trance. His face was pale and drained of all color.

After that experience, the Pope, in a rush, went immediately to his office and composed the prayer to St. Michael. The original form that the Pope wrote was much longer than the shortened version which we now pray today...

What did the Pope see in that vision that led him to urgently write the prayer to St. Michael and eventually institute the recitation of this prayer in the universal Church after every Mass?

The Pope explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle: the arrogant voice of Satan, and the kind, gentle voice of Our Lord Jesus. The conversion was as follows:

**Satan says to Jesus: "I can destroy your Church."
Jesus replies: "You can? Then go ahead and do so."
Satan: "To do so, I need more time and more power."
Jesus: "How much time? How much power?"
Satan: "75 to 100 years, and a greater power over those who will give themselves over to my service."
Jesus: "You have the time, you will have the power. Do with them what you will."**

Some may ask: Why would God would allow the devil to tempt and attack His people and His Church?

God allows trials and sufferings in our life - including occasional direct encounters with the evil one - in order to strengthen our Faith, earn merit, and defeat the devil. Faith in God is like a muscle - it needs to be exercised for it to grow and develop. In the same way that world-class athletes subject their bodies to the most severe tests and trials during training, God allows many of us to be subjected to trials in life, including occasional direct encounters with the devil, so that we will have opportunities to grow in our Faith.

We also need to remember that God will never abandon us in our daily battle against the evil one. All we need to do is to call on the help of the Holy Trinity, the Blessed Mother, and the Heavenly Hierarchy, including St. Michael the Archangel.

Let us make the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer a part of our daily routine! -- *Laudate Mariam website*

Schedule of Services Nov. 6 - Nov. 13, 2022

Sun., Nov. 6 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** 22-а НЕДІЛЯ по Зіс. св. Духа

9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (bilingual)... For all parishioners

Mon., Nov. 7
33 Armenian Martyrs
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Luke 10:22-24
7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For my grandmother +Paraskevia
by Myron Fedoruk
7:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy For +Jean Michasiw (40th day)
by Michasiw family



Tues., Nov. 8
ST. MICHAEL Synaxis
Hebrews 2:2-10
Luke 10:16-21
7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy in honour of St. Michael & all angels
by anonymous

Wed., Nov. 9
Venerable Matrona
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Luke 11:9-13
7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +Helen, +Sophia, +Volodymyr
by Dmytro Sikora

Thurs., Nov. 10
Apostle Erastes
1 Thessalonians 2:9-14
Luke 11:14-23
7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +Helen Moroz
by Peter Moroz & family



Fri., Nov. 11
Martyrs Mennas & Victor
1 Thessalonians 2:14-20
7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +Jean Michasiw
by Janet Kuchma

Sat., Nov. 12
Martyr St. Josaphat
Hebrews 4:14-5:10 John 10:9-16
7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +William Kowalyk
by wife Sadie Kowalyk

Sun., Nov. 13 **23rd 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

Reminder for the upcoming fast: Our Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada, in a letter dated Oct. 17, 2022, say the following (excerpts... full text is on archeparchy.ca):

- 1) 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.
- 3) 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

VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа: In memory of my brother-in-law Tom Berra (from Agnes Yasenko, nieces & nephews)

Christ Icon – awaiting your intention

Mother of God Icon – For health & God's blessings fro granddaughter Kristen Trafiak on the occasion of her birthday (from Baba Agnes Yasenko, nieces & nephews)

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.

