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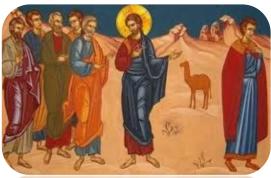
Confessions: before every Divine Liturgy *and* by appointment Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

12th SUNDAY after **PENTECOST**

August 20, 2023

12-а НЕДІЛЯ по ЗІСЛАННІ св. Духа

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! **GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**



In today's Gospel, a young man who had everything -and now could have JESUS, if only he would give away all his other things -- turns around and walks away. Let that sink in for a minute. Jesus stands right in front of us -- here in church, He is right in front of us in the tabernacle on the altar -- and do we see Him? Are we aware that we are standing in His presence?

When we were young, there used to be saucy t-shirts that read, "He who dies with the most toys WINS." We rolled our eyes, but when we looked around, it surely seemed that way: so many people wanted a nice car in the driveway, or had

splurged on a cottage, or a boat, or went on fancy hotel trips to who knows where.

Today, there is another t-shirt on the streets: "He who dies with the most toys... still dies." !! Now that's an attitude change.

Indeed, we all die. We all must die. How beautiful it would be, no?, if we could die with few "toys" scattered around our homes, but instead with many graces filling our souls to the brim!

Every one of us has a hole in the heart -- a real "hole". So many people go around trying to fill up that hole with pretty things, with fancy clothes, with exciting experiences, with dazzling careers. But this hole can be filled ONLY BY GOD. Deep down we know this. So why are so many so reluctant to admit it, and to come close to God? Ah, that's another story... that's another sermon about humility, patience and all the virtues that can be developed only by prayer, and by giving up one's time to spend more time with God. (eg. Cooks Creek this weekend!)

There is a Father Lovasik story elsewhere in this bulletin along this same theme. Enjoy! And stay close to Jesus! **Guest Writer**

NOTE: Just for this week, after Monday, Father will be celebrating Divine Liturgies privately. (No DL in church in the morning from Tues-Sat.)

Sun., August 20

12th Sunday after Pentecost

12-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

9:00 a.m. -- ONE Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- for those parishioners who cannot go to Cooks Creek

▶ 11:30 a.m. -- Pilgrimage Divine Liturgy AT COOKS CREEK! ◀ PLEASE BE THERE!

Mon., August 21 **Apostle Thaddeus** 2 Cor 8:7-15....Mark 3:6-1 6:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy... For +Paul Yakimischak by son Gregory Yakimischak

Wed., August 23 Fri., August 25 Sat., August 26 Tues., August 22 Thurs., August 24 Martyr Agathonicus **Martyr Lupus Priest Martyr Eutyches Apostles Titus & Bartholomew** Martyrs Adrian & Natalia 2 Cor. 9:12-10:7 Mark 3:20-27 2 Cor. 10:7-18 Mark 3:28-35 2 Corinthians 8:16-1 Cor. 2:6-9 2 Cor. 11:5-21 Matthew 22:15-22 Mark 4:1-9 Mark 3:13-19

Sun., August 27

13th Sunday after Pentecost

13-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа

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

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- Blessings for Fr. Volodymyr Bashutskyy on the anniversary of his ordination by the Kutcher family



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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 River East Care each and every one...." **Home:** Edward Holowich Maples Care

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<u>Holy Family Home</u>: Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko

VIGIL LAMPS *this week...*

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа -- God's blessing for good health for **Sylvia Romanchuk** on her birthday from

her Prayer Partner (belatedness not the fault of Prayer Partner)

Christ Icon -- For +Anna & Marion Kozlowski, Kristen, Rosemarie & husband Dominique & their daughter **Donna** (by Marion Garrity)

Mother of God Icon -- For the overwhelming success of the Cooks Creek Pilgrimage as an occasion of spiritual renewal for our Archeparchy and for individuals throughout Manitoba

Request your Vigil Lamp at least a week ahead. This is such a beautiful way of praying, knowing the candle burns for a week for your intention. \$10 each; your preference of lamp will be accommodated whenever possible.

LOOKING FOR GOD -- A certain man had spent his youth enjoying the pleasures of the world till he met with a serious auto accident. He began to realize how foolish he had been for wasting his time in trying to find real happiness in the pleasures of the body. He promised God that if he would cure him. he would change his way of living. God answered his prayer. The man left the city and built himself a shack in a forest. Nearby was a monastery where he went to Mass and Communion each morning. One day a hunter came upon this shack. He pushed open the door and found the man. The hunter, surprised to find him on his knees and praying before a Crucifix, said to him jokingly, "For what are you looking in this forest all alone, old man?" The old man rose from his prayers, peered searchingly at his visitor, and asked, "For what are you looking out here in the forest, if I may ask?" "I am a hunter and I am looking for deer," was the reply. "And I am looking for God."

Application -- Two men in the same forest looking for two different things! There are two kinds of people in this world: those looking for the pleasures which the world offers them, and those looking for God and finding happiness in knowing, loving, and serving Him in this world. The world cannot give you lasting, satisfying happiness, because you were not made for this world. God made you to find true happiness in Him alone. St. Augustine put it this way: Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." by Rev. L. Lovasik

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