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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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**SECOND SUNDAY
of the Great Fast**

Welcome to our Parish!
Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії
February 25, 2024

**ДРУГА НЕДІЛЯ
Великого Посту**

Слава Ісусу Христу! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Parishioners:

Слава Ісусу Христу!

The first thing I would like to point out about today's Gospel reading according to Mark is that the paralytic we meet today is the very same paralytic that is lowered down from the rooftop in Luke chapter 5. These are two stories from two different authors. And although these authors describe this story in different ways, they seem to complement each other. And despite the many small differences, the important and common thing in these stories is that people brought to Jesus a paralytic and that "Jesus saw their faith."

The friends of the paralytic are anonymous, but Jesus saw their faith, and that was enough him to reach out and heal. This is significant, because we see the same pattern repeated again and again in the Gospels. But my theme today is to talk about toxic shame and the power of intercession.

When Jesus forgives the sins of the paralytic, what exactly is He forgiving? We might wonder what his sins could have been, but I would like to venture a guess. I think Jesus was relieving him of the toxic shame of having to be carried everywhere and being seen as an invalid. At the time of Christ, disabilities were perceived as a sign of sin, so the disabled had to bear not only the pain of their disability but also the shame of responsibility for being disabled.

This man identified with his infirmity. That was his primary identity. He is a paralytic. But his paralysis was also a bitter fruit of his state of mind. So, when Jesus says, "Take heart my son, your sins are forgiven," he takes away his helpless shame by saying "I love you just as you are." Jesus, the great healer, is more interested in reforming his identity as a beloved child of God rather than healing his physical infirmity. And when the paralytic realizes this, a huge burden is lifted from his shoulders, so much so that he is able to stand up, take up his pallet, and go home, healed.

Now, I want to point out the difference between toxic shame and healing shame. If toxic shame leads to sense of worthlessness and destructive, disabling self-hatred, healthy, healing shame which leads to humility is totally different. Healthy shame, which is often denoted in our bodies by blushing – when we know we are wrong – can lead to self-awareness and a desire to change. This is the meaning of repentance – to turn from our ways, and live! When shame is sanctified as it is here in today's Gospel reading, it has a saving purpose. Instead of hiding our broken pieces from ourselves and from God, we invite Him in to heal us. This is what happens at the sacrament of confession. We find the courage to hide no longer, but to turn and to live.

The paralytic obviously lived with toxic shame, identifying with his worthlessness. This is the case of so many healings in the New Testament from the woman with the flow of blood or the divorced Samaritan woman or the man born blind or the cripple who could not get to the healing waters at the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. Some had the courage to call out for help, but many were healed by the faith of their friends like Jairus' daughter or the Centurion's servant, or today's healing, all who were healed through the faith of their friends. Think about that for a second – you yourself can bring about the healing of your friends and loved ones through your own prayers and faith. Jesus demonstrates again and again the power of intercession which is given to us.

Jesus says, "So that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins, rise, take up your bed and walk." We see Jesus' authority and his power as he addresses the scribes with chastisement and the paralytic with gentle care. When Jesus knowing the thoughts of the scribes, asks, "Which is easier, to say 'your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk?'," he demonstrates that his power to heal is a sign of God's authority. When the crowds see this, they are afraid, they marvel, and they glorify God. So, this healing and many others not only establishes Jesus' authority, but challenges the authority of the scribes and the Pharisees early in his ministry. And we who follow him can also intercede and proclaim forgiveness.

So clearly, we can see that Jesus does not define us by our achievements or by our disabilities, whether we are a famous athlete or a paralyzed person. Instead, when we are broken down, this becomes an opportunity for us to invite God in for healing, and our faith can bring hope to ourselves and to our friends through God the Father who is always loving us, God the Son who speaks the healing word, and the Holy Spirit who is continually spreading love everywhere in the world. (Deacon Jeff Smith) АМІНЬ!

Father Vasyl



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Parish News & Events:



1. Come downstairs for coffee TODAY after the 10:30 Divine Liturgy for our **monthly Coffee & Fellowship**.
2. **Cabbage Rolls For Sale** -- Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC will be making Cabbage Rolls on Thursday, March 21, 2024. \$9.00 per dozen (cooked or raw) Order deadline: Sunday, March 17, 2024. To order, call or email **Frances @204-633-4662** or francesbodnar@hotmail.com
Pick up times: Friday, March 22 between 11 am. and 1:00 pm. or Sunday, March 24 after the Divine Liturgy. We would appreciate help from anyone who would like to join us on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:00 am. Thank you.
Продаж голубців — UCWLC при парафії готуватиме голубці у четвер, 21 березня 2024 р. \$9,00 за дюжину (варену або сиру). Кінцевий термін замовлення: неділя, 17 березня 2024 р. Щоб замовити, зателефонуйте або напишіть на адресу **Frances @204-633-4662** або francesbodnar@hotmail.com.
 Час прийому: п'ятниця, 22 березня з 11:00. та 13:00. або неділю 24 березня після Божественної Літургії. Будемо вдячні за допомогу від усіх, хто бажає приєднатися до нас у четвер, 21 березня 2024 року, о 9:00. Дякуємо!
3. **Our Parish Mission will be held March 8, 9 & 10th, 2024. ONE DL that Sunday.** Come and refresh your soul, in preparation for Easter. Mission talks, reflection time, confessions... and coffee/refreshments on Sunday.
4. Calling ALL who have the VOLUNTEER SPIRIT: **Come help us make perogies on March 13th** (peeling, 8 AM) & **14th** (making the actual perogies), and again on April 17th & 18th. Просимо помагати робити пироги в цих днях.


Events Elsewhere in our Archeparchy

5. Please remember to visit often our Martyr's Shrine -- **Bishop Velychkovsky Shrine** -- in St. Joseph's church on Jefferson. If you're driving by on a **Wednesday afternoon**, please drop in to pray together the weekly Rosary for Ukraine, at 1:30 PM. During Lent, this is followed immediately by further devotions in honour of our martyr.
6. Black Tie Bingo at Holy Family -- if you snoozed, you "loozed", because it's sold out. BUT there is a great **50/50 raffle** that you can still tap into. The pot grows daily, and there are three chances to win! Two early bird draws occur on February 15 and 22, and the grand prize draw will happen at Black Tie Bingo on **February 29** at 9 p.m. By buying a ticket, you'll bring the joy of entertainment to Holy Family Home so that singers, musicians, dancers, magicians, storytellers, and artists can come to the Home and perform for loved ones who live there. **Tickets price: 1 for \$5; 3 for \$10; 10 for \$20; 50 for \$50 (best value – each for \$1 only!)** Purchase tickets at: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/lubov>. You can also stop by 1085 Main Street or give us a call at 204 942 0443. Manitoba only. LGCA 8836-RF-42983.
7. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Manitoba Provincial Council in partnership with the local **Gerdan Winnipeg Concert Committee** is pleased to announce a **concert** in Winnipeg at St. John's Anglican Church (135 Anderson Avenue) on **Saturday March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the concert featuring authentic Ukrainian Folk Music will support those affected by the war including families and UAF in Ukraine. **“КОНЦЕРТ ҐЕРДАН” 2-го березня 125 Ендерсон Евеню -- помагати родинам в Україні.**

8. Please support **Immaculate Heart of Mary School** -- and enjoy yourself thoroughly at **“GAME ON”** -- a **great evening** of vintage board games, classic TV game shows, delicious hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a spectacular meal catered by Bergmann's on Lombard. Plus... prizes... a raffle room... come! **Saturday, March 9 at Holy Eucharist Centre** (Watt & Munroe). Buy tickets in our parish office **by Feb. 28! only \$150.**



9. Did you ever go to **St. Vlad's College in Roblin?** Come to the big **REUNION this summer, June 28 to July 1, 2024** at St. Michael's Camp in Madge Lake, SK. See more at stvladsalumni.ca. (Can you guess who these cool-looking guys are? Two are bishops today, God bless them!)



Pray for UKRAINE


February 24, 2024
the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine
PRAYING FOR UKRAINE

To mark the 2nd anniversary since the beginning of the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine, you are invite to spend time in prayer before the Holy Relics of Blessed Vasyl in the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine & St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 250 Jefferson Avenue in Winnipeg

There will be community prayer at the beginning of each hour in both English and Ukrainian followed by private prayer time.

9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty
11 a.m.	Jesus Prayer
12 noon	Moleben to the Mother of God
1 p.m.	Chaplet to Blessed Vasyl
2 p.m.	Rosary
3 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet

"O Blessed Vasyl, you lived through the danger of war, protect your people from all enemies. Blessed Bishop and Martyr Vasyl, pray to God for us."



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ВІДЗНАЧЕННЯ ДРУГОЇ РІЧНИЦІ ПОВНОМАСШТАБНОЇ ВІЙНИ

23 ЛЮТ	20 DAYS IN MARIUPOL	“20 ДНІВ В МАРІУПОЛІ” Показ фільму, номінованого на “Оскар” 18:30 Франко-Манитобський культурний центр
24 ЛЮТ	МОЛЕБЕНЬ І ПАНАХИДА	11:00 Молебень в Українському Православному Соборі Святої Покрови 11:30 Хресний хід від Молебену до Панахида 12:30 Панахида в Українській Католицькій Митрополічній Катедрі св. Володимира й Ольги
25 ЛЮТ	2 РОКИ СПРОТИВУ	Акція солідарності 14:00 Канадський музей прав людини

Holy Eucharist UCWLC


Ukrainian Food Sale

4 Dozen Cabbage Rolls (frozen/uncooked)	\$45.00
1 Dozen Cabbage Rolls (cooked)	\$12.00
1 Dozen Perishke (sauerkraut)	\$12.00
1 Dozen Perogies (potato & cheese)	\$9.00

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204-582-5932

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204-338-7243

Are You a Real Friend?

The room was packed with people; even the doorway was jammed with people trying to see Jesus. It is quite possible they tried to get people to move so they could get their friend to Jesus. But no one wanted to lose his place in the crowd... he might miss something!

So, it looked like they might as well give up and take this man back home. Maybe another time, another place.

But they were desperate! They had to get him to Jesus.

You see, these were REAL friends. REAL friends don't give up.

So being desperate, these men thought up a good idea!

"Why don't we climb up on the roof and let him down where Jesus is standing?"

Now, you have to understand, this was probably not their house!

What would *you* do if you saw someone tearing your roof off and trying to lower some stranger into your house? That's what these guys were doing! They were desperately trying to get this poor sick man to the healer. It might be their only chance. It could be their last opportunity!

As far as they were concerned, Jesus may not ever pass that way again, and they wanted to make sure this paralytic man had to chance to see him. **So they tore a hole in this man's roof, and lowered him down to Jesus.**

But instead of giving healing, the first thing Jesus said was, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

Jesus saw in this man a much greater need than healing for his body. Thank God Jesus is not only the healer, but He is our redeemer! He is our savior. He has the power to forgive us of our sins.

Jesus wanted that man to walk away with total restoration for both soul and body.

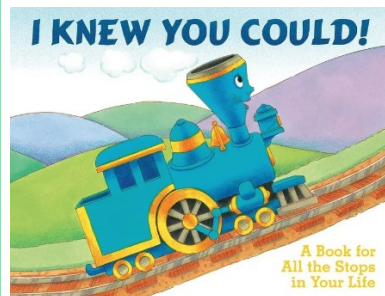
Thank God, this man left that room much different than he came.

He came with infirmities, he left completely restored and healed.

He came with iniquities, but he left forgiven and set free.

He came with no hope, but he left with complete victory. He came with questions, but he left with the solution.

He came with faith, and he did not leave disappointed.



Even though the door was blocked, another way was made.

I can think of others whose doors were blocked but they never gave up. What some of you may not realize is, if Satan is blocking your door it is because you allow him to do so.

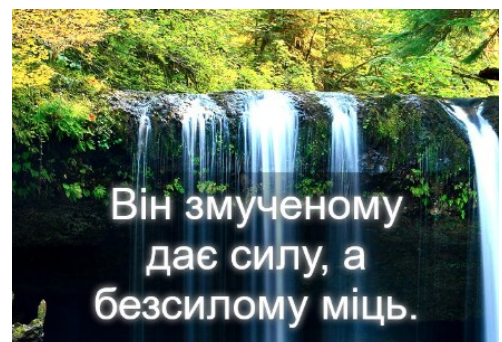
He may block your door, but you can go through the roof.

He may send a trial your way, **but turn that trial into a blessing.**

He may send temptations your way, **but turn those temptations into victories.**

He may bring defeat your way, but turn that defeat into victory by saying:

"I can do all things through Christ Jesus Who strengthens me!" James Lowe



Schedule of Services February 25th - March 3rd, 2024

Розпорядок Богослужінь

Sun., Feb. 25

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT **ДРУГА НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ**

9:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- Ukrainian -- For Ukraine on the occasion of the 2nd anniv. of all-out war
10:30 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- bilingual (Ukr./Eng.) -- For all parishioners followed by Coffee & Fellowship

Mon., Feb. 26

Venerable Porphyrius  No Divine Liturgy today

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



Tues., Feb. 27

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Confessor Procopius **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...**
Philippians 2:12-16 -- still available for your intention
Matthew 10:32-38; 19:27-30

Wed., Feb. 28

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Confessor Basil **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа**
Ephesians 4:1-6 -- still available for your intention
Matthew 7:1-8

ЛІТУРГІЯ ПЕРЕДОСВЯЧЕНИХ ДАРИВ

Thurs., Feb. 29

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Venerable Cassian **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа... For Poor Souls in Purgatory**
Colossians 3:4-11 by Debbie Dolski
Matthew 7:24-8:4

Fri., March 1

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Ven. Martyr Eudokia **10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа... For +Stephanie Bilyj (6 yrs.)**
Ephesians 5:1-8 by daughters Diane and Adrienne and grandson Michael
Matthew **7:00 PM -- WAY OF THE CROSS** **ХРЕСНА ДОРОГА**

Sat., March 2

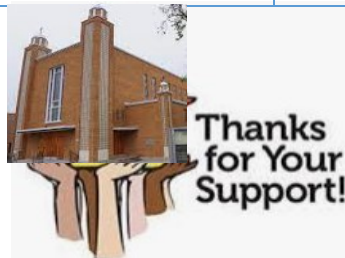
8:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
All Souls Saturday **9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа... for health of Antonina Witrowych**
Hebrews 10:32-38 Mark 2:14-17 **& Sorokousty** by daughter Erena

Sun., March 3

VENERATION of the HOLY CROSS **ХРЕСТОПОКЛОННА НЕДІЛЯ**

9:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- Ukrainian -- For health of Emmanuel Ozokwelu and for strength, well-being, and God's blessings, for his parents and family by Teresa Hryndzio
10:30 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- bilingual (Ukr./Eng.) -- For all parishioners

CHURCH INCOME	Feb. 18		
Sunday collection:	1380 (53 env)	New envelopes	55
Candles	132	Bulletin advertisers	--
Vichna Liampa	--	Lenten offering	390
Church needs:		Seminary	--
-- elevator repair:		Easter flowers	50
Irene Hanuta	200	Vichna Liampa	--
Darlene Komonko	50		
Eleanore Baranyk	1500		
(in mem. of Leonard Baranyk)			
-- church insurance:			
BVM UCWLC	2000		
--vestments:			
Darlene Komonko	50		



Answer to photo quiz: Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski third from left. Bishop Bryan Bayda on very left.

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 every one...."



River East Care Home: Edward Holowich **Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik
Seven Oaks Hospital: Ø **St. Boniface Hospital:** Ø **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko, Mary Shabbits **At home:** Antonina Witrowych, Dmytro Sikora, Roman Naherny

VIGIL LAMPS for the week of February 25:

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лампа – for the repose of the soul of grandson +Jared Michael Emery by Donna Leavey

Christ Icon – still available for your intention

Mother of God Icon – for Sr. Muriel, SSMI, that her upcoming eye operation goes well, by family

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. This is a way that supports our parish, in addition to obtaining graces for those whom you pray!

