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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
of the Great Fast**

Welcome to our Parish!
Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

**ЧЕТВЕРТА НЕДІЛЯ
Великого Посту**

March 10, 2024

Слава Ісусу Христу! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Parishioners:

Слава Ісусу Христу!

The Gospel lesson for the 4th Sunday of Great Lent, Mark 9:17-31, should be a message of hope for many of us.

Often, in the face of tragedy or problems, we feel hopeless, wringing our hands and worriedly asking, "what went wrong?" and "What should I do?" or "why me?"

We see the disciples in this condition in the Gospel lesson. A man brought his sick child to the disciples and asked them to heal his son. But try as they might, the disciples were not able to heal the boy. Jesus had given the disciples the power to exorcise demons (*Mark 3:15*), and they had had some success (*Mark 6:7-13*), but in this case they failed. Later, away from the prying ears of the crowd, they privately ask Jesus to explain to them why they couldn't heal the boy but Jesus was able.

Jesus tells them fasting and prayer are the activities needed to remedy the situation. But note Jesus does not tell them it was their lack of faith that led to their failure. Rather Jesus reminds them how to consciously stand in God's presence – through prayer and fasting. The disciples had in fact on another occasion requested that Jesus teach them to pray (*Luke 11:1-4*). Jesus complied to their request and taught them the Lord's prayer. Prayer always puts us in God's presence. And being in God's presence it turns out is the goal of the spiritual life. The goal is not getting all our prayers answered – we are not trying to turn God into our personal Amazon.com so that He delivers to our doorstep everything we request.

Prayer puts us into God's presence, and makes God present to us, which makes union with God



possible. We are not just asking for gifts; we are asking to be with the giver of life. St. Paul says: "I seek not what is yours but you" (*2 Corinthians 12:14*). **That precisely should be our attitude toward God – don't seek what He can give you, seek God the giver of every good and perfect gift.**

There are plenty of things in our lives that come between us and God – our worries, our problems, our temptations, our disbeliefs, our selfishness, our lusts – all of these personal demons. Prayer and fasting cut through all of those things and put us back in the presence of God. The goal is to be not only mindful of God but united to God. We can only begin that journey by prayer and fasting. We have to lay aside all earthly cares and truly believe that the most important thing is to be in God's presence. And that is true whether things are going good or bad, whether we are in a time of prosperity or poverty, whether experiencing a blessing or a curse. Being in God's presence is the goal no matter what else is going on around us. Even if it is the moment of our death, if we are in God's presence, we are

where we need to be.

Remember Satan does not tremble because the church has wonderful fellowship hours, or at church dinners, nor at church fund raisers, nor at church schedules. But **Satan is crushed by humble, heartfelt prayer** – by our standing in God's presence, by our submitting our lives to God's will.

As we move into these last two weeks of Great Lent, make Christ Jesus the center of your life so that you always follow Him and you keep Him near you.

One last thing to remember, in ancient Israel, King Hezekiah when he launched his reforms to restore proper religion told the Levites: "My sons, do not now be negligent, for the LORD has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to him, and to be his ministers and burn incense to him." (*2 Chronicles 29:11*)

The task the priests of Israel were chosen for was to stand in God's presence! Now we come to the New Testament where the priesthood has been expanded to all believers. The Apostle Peter tells us: "Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ". (*1 Peter 2:4-5*)

Now it is the task of each of us and all of us – **not just the priests** – to stand in God's presence and to offer spiritual sacrifices. We all are to "liturgize" together to the glory of God. We are to make God present

in every moment of our lives. **Amen!**

from frted.wordpress.com

Father Vasyl

Parish News & Events:



1. We are happy to report that a group of our parishioners will be gathering this coming Saturday, March 16 at noon, to bake pasky, and later will sell them, with all funds going to the parish. Many thanks! (Maybe come join them?)

2. **Men's Pancake Breakfast** -- on Palm Sunday, March 24th... Bring the whole family! Also, our UCWLC Bake Sale will be held the same day, Palm Sunday, March 24. Donations of bakings from our parishioners would be appreciated. Thank you!



Чоловічий млинцевий сніданок -- у вербну неділю 24 березня... Приходьте всією родиною! Крім того, наш розпродаж випічки UCWLC відбудеться того ж дня, у Вербну неділю, 24 березня. Будемо вдячні за пожертвування випічки від наших парафіян. Дякуємо!

3. **Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Easter Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, April 7, 2024**. Advance tickets will be available for sale starting on March 17. More information to follow. Пасхальний парафіяльний обід -- відбудеться в Томину неділю, 7 квітня 2024 р. Попередній продаж квитків буде доступний з 17 березня. Більше інформації згодом.

4. **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!

5. **Our Parish Mission is this weekend -- see poster elsewhere. ONE DL this Sunday.** Come refresh your soul in preparation for Easter. Mission talks, reflection time, confessions... and LUNCH on Sunday.

6. Calling ALL who have the VOLUNTEER SPIRIT: **Come help us make perogies this week, 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



7. If you get this bulletin on-line before the weekend, make sure you attend the Taras Shevchenko Concert on Saturday at Institute Prosvita, 777 Pritchard, beginning 1:30 PM. **Якщо ви отримаєте цей бюлетень он-лайн, то ще маєте час відвідати концерт Тараса Шевченка в Інституті «Просвіта», Прітчард 777, початок о 13:30 в суботу.**

8. The Knights of Columbus (Fr. Filipow Council) hosts its annual Easter **Meat Bingo TO-DAY (SUNDAY)** from noon-4pm. at St. Nicholas Church on Bannerman. **Сьогодні з полудня до 16:00, Лицарі Колумба проводитиме щорічне пасхальне м'ясне бінго у церкві Святого Миколая. Запрошаємо!**



LENTEN PARISH MISSION

March 8, 9th & 10th, 2024

Пят., 8^{го}
березня
19:00
Хресна
Дорога,
Наука,
Сповідь

Суб., 9^{го}
березня
19:00
Молебень,
Наука,
Сповідь

Нед., 10^{го}
березня
10:00
Служба
Божа,
Наука,
Сповідь,
Перекуска



Fri., Mar. 8th
7 PM
Way of the
Cross,
Mission
Talk,
Confessions

Sat., Mar. 9th
7 PM
Moleben,
Mission Talk,
Confessions

Sunday,
March 10
10:00 AM
Divine
Liturgy,
Mission Talk,
Confessions,
Refreshments

9. Join us in person for **Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp 2024: RIDDLES & CLUES!** Explore the Ukrainian Catholic faith, have fun, and make lifelong memories! The **first week of camp is June 30 - July 6 for Grades 7 to 10. The second week is July 7 - 13 for Grade 1 to Grade 6.** Cost is \$450/week. Register online at archeparchy.ca under Ministries/Children's Camp. Interested in being a staff member or volunteer? Contact Sophia Korban, Camp Administrator, at 204-979-5924 or childrencamp@archeparchy.ca.

10. Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp is currently **accepting staff applications for Cook, Dishwasher, Lifeguards, Counselors, and Counselors in Training.** We are also looking for kitchen and program adult volunteers. Go to www.archeparchy.ca (Ministries/Children's Camp) for job descriptions and application forms or contact Sophia Korban, Camp Director, at 204-979-5924 or childrencamp@archeparchy.ca. Apply by April 5th.

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ВЕЛИКОПОСТНА ПАРАФІЯЛЬНА
МІСІЯ

8, 9, 10-ого березня, 2024

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Family Atmosphere in our Parish Family

As true Christians, we should love and respect everyone, but especially those whom we see at church. They attend the same parish as we do. They love the same pyrohy and holubtsi, they love the same tunes, they await with anticipation those fantastic parish dinners. Most importantly, we praise God in the same Ukrainian Catholic way. Each of us is unique, but we belong to one family, and we are to be brothers and sisters towards one another. This causes our Guardian Angels to smile, and most of all, pleases Our Lord very much.



The devil hates this. The devil is real, and he has made as his only work in this world, to set us against each other... to quarrel, to fight, to avoid each other. This makes him rub his hands in glee... and unfortunately leads us further and further away from God.

I have a story for you, this time not from Manitoba but from our neighbors in Saskatchewan. It made me chuckle, but serves as a reminder about how the devil goes about "seeking those whom he may devour". If he can "get us mad", he has us pointed on the path to... well, certainly not to heaven!



Stenen, SK

"Another incident worth mentioning as an example of the hardships and inconveniences which the pioneers endured, was the one at a **church Praznyk in Stenen [SK]**. This church was built in the centre of a two-acre plot three miles north of Stenen. It was moved to the town in 1953. Our services were held once or sometimes two times a month. On Holy Days when we wanted to have a Praznyk, we had to overcome many problems. Following the Divine Liturgy, on Praznyk days, the women started to get dinner ready, having brought from home whatever they could. They covered the grass with white cloth, setting all food on the cloths on the ground. **Everyone was seated on the ground and the priest said the prayers, but no sooner had we sat down when a strong whirlwind blew in with such force that it took everything with it, cloth and all.** We all went home disappointed and hungry.

"The following year we improved: we had tables built, and so this time, following the Mass, we were to take part of the same traditional dinner. The priest said Grace, and we had started eating, when again a wind, like a tornado, blew in from a black field, covering our food with dirt and grime. We had to leave without finishing our dinner. The third year we said, "This time we can't fail." Near the church was an empty house belonging to one of our parishioners, and he gladly let us have it for our Praznyk. We were so happy, as this meant that this year our dinner could be warm, as there was stove in the house. Following the morning Mass, everyone came into the house for dinner, our pastor said prayers... and all of a sudden the floor gave way and we all fell into the cellar! Some people were hurt, and had to visit the doctor.

"Three unfortunate happenings! But we decided that bad luck comes in threes, and indeed, after that, things ran better."

from *Blessed Endeavour* by Maria Kowcz-Baran p. 437



Schedule of Services March 10th - March 17th, 2024

Розпорядок Богослужінь

Sun., March 10 **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast ЧЕТВЕРТА НЕДІЛЯ Великого Посту**
10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- LAST DAY of PARISH MISSION -- bilingual Ukr/Eng.
 For all parishioners followed by lunch downstairs



Mon., March 11
Patriarch Sophronius → **No Divine Liturgy today**
 Romans 12:1-3
 Luke 6:31-36

Tues., March 12 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Confessor Theophane 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...
 Ephesians 4:14-16 For +Rev. Fr. Victor Yakowchuk by SSJ
 Luke 6:24-31

Wed., March 13 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Transfer of the Relics of Nicephorus 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа
 Ephesians 4:17-25 ... for +Annie Zemliak by family
 Luke 7:36-50

Thurs., March 14 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Venerable Benedict 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...
 Ephesians 4:25-32 For +John Kutcher and Anna & Michal Tracz
 Luke 13:1-9 by Kutcher family

Fri., March 15 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Martyr Agapius & companions 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа... For +Sr. Cherubima, SSJ
 2 Corinthians 5:10-15 by SSJ
 Luke 12:42-48

Sat., March 16 8:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Akafist Saturday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа... For +Andrij Witrowych
 Hebrews 9:1-7 & SOROKOUSTY / СОРОКОУСТИ by Antonina & Erena Witrowych
 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Sun., March 17 **Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast П'ЯТА НЕДІЛЯ Великого Посту**
9:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- Ukrainian -- For health of Sylvia Todaschuk by Erena & Antonina
10:30 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- bilingual (Ukr./Eng.) -- For all parishioners Witrowych

GOD, it is not your desire that war should happen and people should suffer and die, and so we trust that you see this pain and your heart breaks.
 We ask for your mercy to be upon your children, because you are a faithful and loving Father. Keep them from harm, and still the hearts of those who are fearful. Convict those who are in power to protect the innocent and uphold justice.
 We pray that you will grant peace for the sake of your gospel, that in these dark times, people will come to see the light and hope that can only be found in You.
 Amen.
 WWW.YMI.TODAY

CHURCH INCOME	March 3		
		New envelopes	10
Sunday collection:	1205 (31 env)	Bulletin advertisers	--
Candles	107	Lenten offering	170
Vichna Liampa	40	Seminary	--
Church needs:	--	Easter flowers	40
Food for Ukraine	--		



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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 Putashnick, Adam Romanchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko, Mary Shabbits **At home:** Antonina Witrowych, Dmytro Sikora, Roman Naherny
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VIGIL LAMPS for the week of March 10:

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