



# Protection of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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**Confessions:** before every Divine Liturgy *and* by appointment

**VENERATION of the  
HOLY CROSS**

*Welcome to our Parish!  
Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії*

**ХРЕСТОПОКЛОННА  
НЕДІЛЯ**

**March 3, 2024**

**Слава Ісусу Христу! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**Dear Parishioners:**

**Слава Ісусу Христу!**

Three weeks now, three weeks we have been on our Lenten journey. I do not know about you, but for me these were very fast three weeks. And now we have reached the midpoint, the middle of Lent.

The Church, in its infinite wisdom, reminds us, half-way through our journey, what is the point, what is the final destination of not only Lent, but the final destination of our whole life.



Дивен Світ

КОЛИ ХТО  
ХОЧЕ ЙТИ ЗА  
МНОЮ, ХАЙ  
ЗРЕЧЕТЬСЯ  
СЕБЕ САМОГО,  
ВІЗЬМЕ НА  
СЕБЕ ХРЕСТ  
СВІЙ ТА ЙДЕ  
СЛІДОМ ЗА  
МНОЮ.

### **The Cross.**

The Cross is the reason for our fasting, in preparation and remembrance of Christ's passion and suffering. The Cross is also the reason for our life and celebration because it became the instrument through which the power of death was destroyed.

No, death itself was not abolished. But now death, instead of leading to hell, becomes our passage into eternal joy with Christ in His Kingdom.

One of the hymns that we sing in church on this feast-day says, "The Church has been revealed as a second Paradise, having within it, like the first Paradise of old, a tree of

life, the Cross. By touching it we share in immortality."

Adam and Eve, who were in the old Paradise, with the original tree of life, were told not to touch the tree because they would die. Unlike them, we are told not only to touch the tree of life that is offered to us, but to take it up and follow, and inherit the Life.

"If anyone desires to become My followers," Christ reminds us today, "let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me." Adam and Eve were not ready, they were not mature enough to touch the tree of life. We, on the other hand, will never be mature enough, we will never be ready unless we deny ourselves, pick up our tree of life, the Cross, and follow Christ.

What does the Lord mean by the words "deny yourself?" Do we have to hate ourselves? Will hating myself lead me to loving others and, above all, Christ? No, Jesus is not telling us to hate ourselves. But he does say to turn away from ourselves, to put our ego aside, at least for a moment.

To distract our attention from ourselves is only possible if we focus it on something else. Simply to turn away our eyes and not look at anything, or to tear the heart and not direct it anywhere is difficult.

How then do we fulfill the commandment of Christ to deny ourselves? Let's begin with something simple, something accessible to every one of us.

Let's pretend that instead of saying, "Deny yourself," Christ said, "Be My eyes that see a neighbor. Be My ears that hear a call, a plea, a cry of the innocent and the abused. Be My feet that hurry to help others. Be My hands that feed the hungry, wash and clothe the naked and the sick."

By denying the self, picking up the Cross, and following Christ we remain ourselves in the deepest and most meaningful way because we turn our focus outward.

By denying the self, we take a look around, together with Christ, and ask ourselves, "Who needs Christ? Who requires His love? Who desires His purity and truth? Who wants His light?"

By denying the self we learn to listen to the life and attempt to hear those voices that rise up in prayer, anguish, joy, and respond to them. Carrying the cross and following Christ we forget about ourselves because we are absorbed with caring for others.

The Cross is brought out today to remind us about our Lenten destination; to remind about our purpose, and the endpoint of our life; to remind that we have an opportunity to be agents of Christ to His people – to share in His love, His suffering, and His joy.

To Him Who suffered on the Cross for our salvation be all glory and honor. Amen

(singat.com)

*Father Vasyl*

## Parish News & Events:

1. Thank you to everyone who came out to this month's Coffee & Fellowship celebrating friendship. The raffle winners are: Adeline Natyna, Peter Semchyshyn, Darlene Komonko, Glen Ambrose, and Olga Burym. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.



2. Our Men's Club meets this Wednesday, March 6, 2024 after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy. Calling all men!

3. **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

4. **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 LUNCH on Sunday.

5. Calling ALL who have the VOLUNTEER SPIRIT: **Come help us make perogies on March 13<sup>th</sup>** (peeling, 8 AM) & **14<sup>th</sup>** (making the actual perogies), and again on **April 17th & 18th.** Просимо помагати робити пироги в цих днях.

6. We still have space for **advertising in the parish bulletin.** Our rates are reasonable, and hundreds of people see our bulletin every week. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### Events Elsewhere in our Archeparchy

7. 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.

8. The Knights of Columbus (Fr. Filipow Council) will be hosting its annual Easter **Meat Bingo** on Sunday, March 10, 2024 from noon-4pm. at St. Nicholas Church on Bannerman.

У неділю, 10 березня з полудня до 16:00, Лицарі Колумба (о. Філіпова) проводитиме щорічне пасхальне **м'ясне бінго** у церкві Святого Миколая.

9. Calling all married couples: Want to get out and do something different? **How about a nice afternoon together on the other side of the city?** LOVE NEVER ENDS: Revitalize, Renew and Rekindle the Love & Light of the Sacrament of your Marriage as Easter approaches. **When: Saturday, March 16, 2024, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm** Where: St. Emile Parish, 556 St. Annes Rd., Wpg, MB R2M 5R8 Fee: \$25.00 per couple. Please make cheques payable to "Worldwide Marriage Encounter". Register online at [www.bit.ly/stemilemarriageenrich](http://www.bit.ly/stemilemarriageenrich) by March 14th .

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION

March 8, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Пят., 8<sup>го</sup>  
березня  
19:00  
Хресна  
Дорога,  
Наука,  
Сповідь

Суб., 9<sup>го</sup>  
березня  
19:00  
Молебень,  
Наука,  
Сповідь

Нед., 10<sup>го</sup>  
березня  
10:00  
Служба  
Божа,  
Наука,  
Сповідь,  
Перекуска



Fri., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>  
7 PM  
Way of the  
Cross,  
Mission  
Talk,  
Confessions

Sat., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>  
7 PM  
Moleben,  
Mission Talk,  
Confessions

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

10. Did you ever attend **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](http://stvladsalumni.ca).

Чи ви колись ходили до **Колегії Святого Володимира в Робліні?** Приходьте на великий REUNION 28 червня по 1 липня 2024 року в St. Michael's Camp у Медж Лейк, Саскачевані. Дивіться більше на [stvladsalumni.ca](http://stvladsalumni.ca).



### 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

\* Payment by cash only \*

### HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH CENTRE

460 Munroe Avenue  
Saturday, March 2, 2024  
Time: 11am - 2pm  
Contact: Cathy @ 204-669-6479

No Pre-Orders

### ВЕЛИКОПОСТНА ПАРАФІЯЛЬНА МІСІЯ

8, 9, 10-ого березня, 2024

Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church  
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**HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS**

**Office: 204-582-7535**  
**Parish Administrator:**  
Rev. Vasyl Hoi **204-951-3031**  
**Auditorium: ext. 3**  
**Catechism area: ext. 4**  
**Facility Rentals: 204-582-7535**

**Parish Council:**  
Glen Henkewich  
**204-782-3714**

**Catechism:**  
Good-hearted volunteer needed!  
**204-582-7535 ...call Father!**

**Men's Club:**  
E. John Natyna, president  
**204-339-9366**

**UCWLC:**  
Janet Kuchma, president  
**204-582-5932**

**Perogy Making:**  
Myron Fedoruk, president  
**204-338-7243**

**Why do Catholics love to venerate a crucifix, not only a cross? (Remember, a crucifix is a cross that has the body of Jesus hanging on it.) A man who loves football gives this answer:**



"When I was leading Bible studies for fraternity members in college, I put it this way:

"Your team has been slugging it out in the championship game. It's the fourth quarter, only a few seconds left, and no one has scored. Your team has the ball, and the quarterback takes it up the middle right through the heaviest blocking and sails over the goal line just a heartbeat before the buzzer goes off, winning the game.

"Now, which would you hang on your wall to remember that by: a poster of an empty goal line, or one of your quarterback going up and over the pile as he crossed the line?"

**"The Cross is the victory.** That's where Jesus declared "It is finished!" and surrendered to death. The crucifix is a declaration of all that because **it shows the winning play!**"

*Roy Wilson*

**Concert to Commemorate**

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Художник,  
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The Ukrainian Community Unites!  
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Діти та молодь представляють пісні, вірші та витвори мистецтва.

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 9th, 1:30 pm**

**Ukrainian Canadian Institute Prosvita**  
777 Pritchard Avenue

ALL ARE ЗАПРОШЕНО  
INVITED BCIX




**Stations of the Cross TRIVIA:**


**1. What are the Stations of the Cross?**  
A) The points of the Cross where Jesus was crucified  
B) The steps of Jesus' last day on Earth as a man  
C) The place people go to pray for Jesus on Easter  
D) The crosses located at Jesus' burial site

**2. When do Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross?**  
A) Advent  
B) New Year  
C) Pentecost  
D) Lent

**3. During which Station, does Jesus receive His cross?**  
A) The first station  
B) The final station  
C) The second station  
D) He starts the Stations of the Cross already with the cross.

**4. Who helps Jesus with his physical burdens during the fifth station?**  
A) Simon of Cyrene  
B) His Blessed Mother  
C) John the Apostle  
D) Judas

**5. The Twelfth Station is "Jesus dies on the cross." What were Jesus' last words just before he died?**  
A) "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit"  
B) "Remember my promises"  
C) "I will return in three days time"  
D) "Father, forgive those who have sinned in my death"



# Schedule of Services March 3<sup>rd</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Розпорядок Богослужінь



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

Mon., March 4

Venerable Gerasimus **➡ No Divine Liturgy today**

Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 13:10-23

Tues., March 5

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця

Martyr Konon of Isauria **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа... For +Thomas Sharby**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Matthew 13:36-43

(40 days) -- by niece Debbie Dolski

Wed., March 6

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця

46 Martyrs of Amorius **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа**

Hebrews 12:1-10  
Matthew 20:1-16

-- still available for your intention

Thurs., March 7

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця

Priest Martyrs Efrem, Basil, Eugene **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа... For health & God's**

Galatians 5:22-6:2  
Matthew 25:14-30

**blessings for Robert, Jessica & Milla Kutcher; and Jan Tracz**

-- by Kutcher family

Fri., March 8

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця

Priest Martyr Theophylaktus **10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...**

2 Timothy 3:10-15  
Matthew 25:1-13

-- still available for your intention

**➡ 7:00 PM -- PARISH MISSION -- WAY OF THE CROSS / ХРЕСНА ДОРОГА & Mission Talk**

Sat., March 9

8:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця

All Souls Saturday **9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...**

Hebrews 6:9-12  
Mark 7:31-37

**& SOROKOUSTY / СОРОКОУСТИ**

**➡ 7:00 PM -- PARISH MISSION -- Moleben to the Mother of God & Mission talk**

Sun., March 10

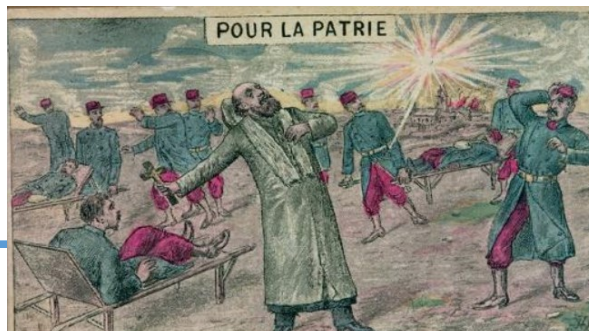
**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast** **ЧЕТВЕРТА НЕДІЛЯ Великого Посту**

**➡ 10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- PARISH MISSION -- bilingual Ukr/Eng. -- For all parishioners followed by lunch downstairs**

CHURCH INCOME	Feb. 25		
Sunday collection:	725 (30 env)	New envelopes	--
Candles	88	Bulletin advertisers	--
Vichna Liampa	--	Lenten offering	55
Church needs: -- general	50	Seminary	--
-- vestments: <b>Ruslan &amp; Mariya Bobelak</b>	2000	Easter flowers	60
Food for Ukraine	10	Vichna Liampa	30



Thanks for Your Support!



Today, mid-Lent, we celebrate the most important Sunday of the passion season: Veneration of the Holy Cross. Even non-Christians have had huge respect for Our Lord on the cross: Look up the life and death of Rabbi Abraham Bloch, who died while bringing a cross to a dying Catholic soldier to kiss in WWII.

**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



Please let us know when there are changes... many people pray over this info box!

**VIGIL LAMPS for the week of March 3:**

**Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лампа** – still available for your intention

**Christ Icon** – for healing of Jupiter Beardy's diabetic ankle by anon.

**Mother of God Icon** – still available for your intention

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!

