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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

Sunday of the
Man Born Blind

May 14, 2023
3 ДНЕМ МАТЕРІ!
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Неділя Сліпо-
народженого

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

This is "Mother's Day"! It has a long history of becoming the special day that it is today throughout (most of) the world. Eventually most modern countries - like Ukraine 24 years ago - declared "Mother's Day" as a national commemoration. So today we wholeheartedly join our collective parish voice in honouring each and every one of our mothers! And we should!... both from the depths of our hearts and as a proclamation! Like a number of other bizarre social trends in the last few years, the **unthinkable is being proposed that "Mother's Day" be downplayed or even eliminated.**

What? How? Why?

Motherhood has been chipped away at and compromised in not a few ways over the last decades. First of all, the very honour and warmth that mothers arouse in our hearts has been challenged for some time now. Women who wanted to dedicate themselves to the high vocation of motherhood found it increasingly difficult to do so. Economic circumstances encouraged or even demanded that mothers needed to find a way to raise their children and work a full job at the same time. This led mothers to near exhaustion or deciding to entrust their children to grandparents or nurseries or day care. Or creating the concept of "latchkey kids". Not because they didn't want to be with their children as they grew up, but because they felt compelled to provide for their material needs. Some families were able to or decided to do with less so that the mother could be what became known as a "stay-at-home" mother. We won't even get into the unconscionable proposal of society that mothers can choose to curtail their plans of a large family or even to *terminate* if they have already conceived their child!

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Установити в Україні День матері, який
відзначати щорічно у **другу неділю
травня.**

Президент України Л.КУЧМА
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Then,

on the other spectrum of life, society is moving us to forget the many years of 200% dedication on the part of mothers who raise us. The thought now is 'Forget about spending time reciprocating parents' love by seeing to it that they are at least adequately taken care of until the Lord calls them home (*Ephesians 6:1-4*). Instead, place them in places where they can be forgotten [not all such places are bad - if we maintain a "hands on" interest and visit frequently with love and care] or, most recently, maybe the best way for your mother - and for you - is an early exit by "medical" assistance.

No! As Christians who have been called out of this worldly culture, that is not our way. **We not only see the great love and dedication that our own mothers have shown us in the best way they knew how at the time, we see the great value and need for a strong motherhood in society. Whether our mothers are still with us or if they have gone from this life to prepare a place for us in the next life, today we proclaim I love you Mom! and God bless our Mothers and all mothers throughout this world!**

Fr. Michael



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Parish News & Events:



1. We are a parish dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary -- and how our parishioners have always loved to gather on lovely **May evenings to sing Moleben in her honour!** **Please come out every night at 7 p.m.** and make this a year to remember for your family.
2. Thank you to everyone who came out last Sunday to Coffee and Fellowship where we honoured mothers. Winners of the raffle were: Irene Pilipowicz, Annie Romaniuk, Addisyn Chen, Lorna Nelson, and Father Volodymyr. The winner of the special raffle for mothers was Pat Korch. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event. The next Coffee and Fellowship will be on June 18, Father's Day.
3. The **UCWLC** will be taking a pilgrimage to **Blessed Vasyi** Velychkovsky National **Martyr's Shrine** at St. Joseph Parish **this Tuesday, May 16th @ 10:30 am.** If you would like to join us, please contact Janet @ 204-582-5932 or jkuchma@mymts.net. We would love to have our parishioners join us at this event.
4. **This Thursday** is a great feastday -- we commemorate the day Our Lord ascended back up to heaven. **COME TO CHURCH,** and please bring one more person with you. Just one.
5. **From that day, and for the next 9 days (ie. a novena), a short prayer of preparation for Pentecost Sunday (Zeleni Sviata)** will be prayed after Moleben in the evening. When was the last time you came to a weekday service? **COME TO MAY DEVOTIONS,** and let us, besides giving great honour to our Blessed Mother, prepare for Pentecost Sunday together.
6. **This Thursday is also Vyshyvanka Day!** Once a year, pull out that "special Ukrainian something" from your closet or drawer and put it on! Let's turn Winnipeg Ukrainian for one day! Plus, since it's a great holyday... let's dress up for the Lord!
7. **Our parish photo-books have finally arrived!** Those who sat for photos may pick theirs up at the back of the church, without charge. (*Note to those who submitted their OWN photos: please bring your \$15.*) If you did not sit for a photo, but would like a book for a keepsake of your fellow parishioners, you may purchase one at \$20.
8. **Cemetery services:** Please mark your calendars now: Sat., May 27 @ 2 p.m.-- **Holy Family Cemetery** and Sunday, June 4 @ 2 p.m. -- **All Saints Cemetery.**
9. **CATECHISM GRADUATION and THANKSGIVING - Sunday Jun 4.**

10. **Volunteerism, Apprenticeship and Subsidiarity** One of the things that been keeping parishes like ours thriving throughout the centuries is the willingness of members to volunteer! Some volunteers commit to various responsibilities on a regular basis or for an almost *permanent* basis (but for a certain term of a year or several years) and some are ready to jump in and help whenever there is a need and when they are asked. Well, as any parish that wants to thrive in our day **Blessed Virgin Mary Parish needs volunteers and we need a lot!** Right now we have some volunteers doing various things around the parish: Bulletin preparers, Perogy-makers, Hall-rental-set-up crew, maintenance jobs, Parish Council members, Altar Guild, hospital and nursing home visitors, Easter & Christmas set-up/take down, Sacristans and Servers, and the list goes on. God bless each and everyone who does this! Especially those that have been doing this for several years! However, we need more! We really do. Why? Because, in some cases some of our volunteers are ready to "pass the torch" on to others. Some can't make it as often as they used to, or they simply need to be away now for family matters or personal appointments, etc. Then, there are so many things MORE that we could do as a parish if we had volunteers to count on. Think about it! Pray about it and step forward! Speak with Fr. Michael and/or directly with those other volunteers who are already spearheading some ministry within the parish. And keep in mind the other two principles mentioned in the title. **Apprenticeship** - always respect those who have been doing the task for a long time. Learn from them. They not only have a good way to do it, but they usually know some tricks of the trade that one only learns from experience. Later on, if you have a new or better way, good for you! And **Subsidiarity** - tells us that if we can do something and/or take care of it at the level or in the circle that we're in, let's do it! Sure there are some things that we should clear with the parish priest and/or parish council or others before moving forward, but there are surely some things that we can deal with ourselves or at least not ignore, but report: water leaking, lights/stove left on, doors left open, etc. But, again, we do need volunteers! If anyone tells you otherwise, well, come see me -- we need help in many things.... Church maintenance, help at liturgies with collections, church set-up, Rosary, ushers, readers, choir-members, auditorium set-up, catechism and education programs, bringing people to/from church, hospital visits, community Evangelization outreach, community assistance outreach, administrative assistance, facility enhancement planning, clean-up and 'refreshening' at our church and at our parish centre, fundraising events, DoorsOpen volunteers, etc. etc. etc.

May 9th was Lost Sock Day. The UCWLC will continue to collect new socks for the less fortunate in Winnipeg until the end of May. New socks can be dropped off on the table at the back of church or to an UCWLC member. Thank you to those who have already brought socks. May God bless you for your generosity.



News & Events Elsewhere:



11. A **pro-life annual fund-raising buffet dinner** will be held on **Friday, May 26th** at 6:30 p.m., in Holy Eucharist Hall (Watt & Munroe). Guest speaker: Jim Hughes, who was president of Campaign Life Coalition for 30+ years ("Canada's Pro-Life Warrior"). Tickets are \$50 (table of 6 for \$300). Please RSVP by May 18 by calling 204-452-2459.

12. **The 23rd Annual Walk for Mary** will be held on **Sunday, May 28th,**

Hiring: **Bishop Martyr Velychkovsky Shrine** is hiring a young person for a summer job: Assisting visitors/ inquiries, tour guiding, retail sales, maintaining social media, other administrative assistance. Call Lesia Sianchuk at 204-338-7321.

Seven Oaks Sadok Inc. Daycare provides quality, licensed childcare while preserving the Ukrainian language, culture, customs, and religion. We welcome all children from all backgrounds & religious denominations, offering: **Full day Preschool** (ages 2-5) **Nursery School** (ages 2-5) **Morning Program:** 9:00-11:20 **After Kindergarten:** 11:30-3:20 • **Before & After School programs** (ages 6-12). Location: R.F. Morrison School, Winnipeg. For more information or to register, call (204) 995-7614 or email cynthia_sadok@live.ca




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Do your best... you never know whose life you're affecting!
A lady called Lisa J. was asked what she most enjoyed about teaching catechism. She smiled and said that when she first started, she was soooooo green behind the ears. She was never sure if she had enough material, or the right material, and the fidgety children were sweet, yes, but was anything "sticking" during her classes? Maybe she should quit? Then one day at a local supermarket, the mother of one of her children spied her and ran over to speak with her. "Lisa, you have made such a difference in our family on catechism day. We used to have a huge battle with Ronnie to go to catechism at all. But this year, we are so happy he has you as his teacher, because he can't get ready fast enough to go to your class! The stress and commotion is gone, the whole family feels it, and then when we bring him home, he loves trying to tell us exactly what you told the class that day. **I think our whole family is growing more this year!**"

Schedule of Services May 14 to May 21, 2023

Sun., May 14 **Sunday of the Man Born Blind** **Неділя Сліпонародженого**
8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) -- for all mothers: may mutual love between mothers and their children truly grow through life
10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- for all parishioners

Mon., May 15 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Venerable Pachomius **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ...For +John Kutcher by Marion Garrity and family**
 Acts 17:1-15 **7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'**
 John 11:47-57

Tues., May 16 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Venerable Theodore **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Douglas Kwiatkowski by brother Tom**
 Acts 17:19-28 **7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'**
 John 12:19-36

Wed., May 17
Apostle Andronicus **10:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at Fred Douglas Lodge... For blessings for Onita family by the Issigonis family**
 Acts 18:23-28 **7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'**
 John 12:36-47

Thurs., May 18 8:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
ASCENSION THURSDAY **9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For all parishioners**
ВОЗНЕСІННЯ
 2 Timothy 2:1-10 **7:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For staff and students of Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv)**
 John 15:9-16



Fri., May 19 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Priest Martyr Patritius **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +Mary Henkewich by Agnes Yasenko**
 Acts 19:1-8 & *postfeast* **7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'**
 John 14:1-11

Sat., May 20 7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary
Martyr Thalaeus & postfeast **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy...For +Pierre Balanian by friends**
 Acts 20:7-12 **7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'**
 John 14:10-21

Sun., May 21 **Sunday of the Nicean Fathers** **Неділя Святих Отців Нікеї**
 & *postfeast* **8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)** -- for all mothers: may mutual love between mothers and their children truly grow through life
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VIGIL LAMPS for the week of May 14th:



Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа -- In loving memory for dear mother **+Anastazia Lewicki** (41 yrs) from daughter **Agnes Yasenko**, children and grandchildren

Christ Icon – In loving memory of **+Don Putasnick** (2 years) from **Dolores and Ken Bielak and Family**

Mother of God Icon – For health and God's blessings for friend **Mary Kowalchuk** on her 101st birthday – from **Agnes Yasenko**

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.

STEWARDSHIP: The pastor of a tiny country church had been having trouble with stewardship and tithes and offerings. One Sunday he announced, "Now, before we receive the offering, I would like to request that the person who stole the eggs from Widow Jones's chicken coop please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. God doesn't want money from a thieving sinner." The offering plate was passed, ...and for the first time in months everybody gave.



Donations from May 7, 2023:

Sunday collection: **\$1295**
 (53env.) Ukraine: \$--
 Church Needs \$ --
 Candles: **\$ 182.70**
 Seminary \$--
 Vichna Lyampa. **\$ 30**



Annual May Memorial service: **\$50**
 In memory of **+Mary Henkewich \$290**
 In memory of **+Victoria & Walter Werbicki \$100**
 Annual Memorial Service **\$180**
 Misc.: **\$15**
Total income: \$2342.90
Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

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 everyone...." **River East Care Home:** Edward Holowich **Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik **Beacon Hill:** Helen Naherny **Riverview:** Helen Dolski **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko