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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY**

**Слава Ісусу Христу!**  
*Welcome to our Parish*  
*Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії*  
**May 28, 2023**

**НЕДІЛЯ  
ЗІСЛАННЯ СВ. ДУХА**



## SECOND KNEELING PRAYER

*Priest:* Again and again on bended knee let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, You bestowed Your peace upon us and You granted us the gift of the Most Holy Spirit. And, while still yet being present with us in this life, You continue to bestow upon the faithful this inheritance that can never be taken away. On this day, in a vivid manner, You sent down this grace upon Your disciples and apostles, confirming their lips with fiery tongues so that, through them, we and the whole human race have received the knowledge of God through our own ears in our own language.

We have been enlightened by the light of the Spirit and have been delivered from error, as though from darkness, by the distribution of visible and fiery tongues. Through this mysterious action, we have thereby been taught faith in You; and having been illuminated, we bless You, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as one Divinity and Power and Authority.

You are also the Splendour of the Father, the unchangeable and immutable Image of His essence and His nature, and the Source of wisdom and grace. Open my sinful lips and teach me the manner in which and for what needs I should pray. For You know the great multitude of my sins, but their enormity can be vanquished by your loving-kindness. For behold, I stand before You with fear, and I cast the despair of my soul into the depth of Your mercy. Guide my life along Your ways, for You govern all creation by a word with the ineffable power of Your wisdom; show me the way in which I should walk, O tranquil Haven of those who are turbulently perplexed. Grant the Spirit of Your wisdom to my deliberations, giving the Spirit of understanding to my ignorance. With the Spirit of Your fear, overshadow my deeds and renew a steadfast spirit deeply within me. And with Your Sovereign Spirit, stabilize the indecisiveness of my thoughts, in order that being guided every day by Your gracious Spirit toward those things that are profitable for me, I may be deemed worthy to fulfill Your commandments. Let me be constantly aware of Your coming in glory when You will judge our deeds. Protect me from the corrupting pleasures of this world; strengthen me with the desire to strive for the treasures of the world to come.

For You have said, O Master, that whatever anyone asks for in Your name, it will be received without hindrance from Your Father, the co-eternal God. Therefore, on this feast of the descent of Your Holy Spirit, I, a sinner, also entreat Your goodness so that You would grant me whatever I have asked that is for salvation. Indeed, O Lord, You are the bounteous Giver of all benefits; and You are a gracious provider who gives most abundantly those things for which we ask. You are the Compassionate One and the Merciful One who sinlessly became a partaker of our flesh; and unto those who bend their knees to You, who became the purifier of our sins, You extend your infinite loving-kindness.

O Lord, grant then Your generousities to Your people. Hear us from Your holy heaven. Sanctify us by the power of Your saving right hand. Cover us beneath the shelter of Your wings, and do not despise the works of Your hand. We have transgressed against You alone; against You only have we sinned, but only You do we worship. We do not know how to worship a strange god; neither do we stretch out our hands, O Master, to any other god. Pardon our transgressions and accept our prayers that we offer on bended knees. Extend the hand of Your help to all of us. Accept the prayer of all as if it were pleasant incense, acceptable before Your most gracious kingdom.

Lord, O Lord, who delivers us from every arrow that flies by day, deliver us from all things that walk in darkness. Accept the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Deem us also worthy to pass blamelessly through the course of the night, untempted by evil things; and deliver us from every disturbance and apprehension that comes to us from the Devil.

*[prayer continues on page 2....]*

Grant compunction to our souls, and grant that we may meditate upon the trial at Your fearsome and righteous judgment. Nail the fear of You to our flesh, and mortify all of our earthy body members so that during the quietness of sleep we may be enlightened with the vision of Your judgments. Remove from us also every unseemly dream and detrimental carnal passion. Then raise us up again at the time for prayer, fortified in the faith and advancing in your commandments.

Through the benevolence and the goodness of Your only- begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with your all-holy, gracious, and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and ever. *All: Amen.*

### Parish News & Events:

1. Thank you, **Irene Hanuta** and **Bohdan Buyachok**, for spearheading and facilitating the **DOORS OPEN** this year, and to those who so generously donated bakings. So many visitors have taken home much food for thought, about the awesome things they saw and heard about, during their visit.
2. **Today is UCWLC League Day.** As a Parish, we take this opportunity to honour and thank our Parish Branch of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada for all that they have done and continue to do for our Parish.
3. **Cemetery services:** Sunday, June 4 @ 2 p.m. -- **All Saints Cemetery.**

### News & Events Elsewhere:

4. **The 23rd Annual Walk for Mary** -- TODAY, **May 28th**, 2023 at Holy Eucharist Parish, Watt & Munroe. **Starts @ 2 PM**
5. The **O. Koshetz Choir** is pleased to pair with soprano **Katherine Mayba** in presenting *Rejoice in Easter, Celebrate in Spring 2023.* - **TODAY, Sunday May 28, 2023, 7pm**, St. Andrew's United, Oak Street. \$30 admission.
6. **Please support our Ukrainian Park...** not just the children's camp, but the entire park, which is there for *your* enjoyment! It's owned by our Archeparchy. By supporting the Spring 50/50 you could win, and the park will continue to provide opportunities for young campers, and stay a beautiful place to camp, for all of us. Tickets are on sale, with the final draw for 50% of the pot on June 1, 2023. 100% of the net proceeds go back into the infrastructure of the park. Get your tickets TODAY at: [raffle.link/ucec](https://raffle.link/ucec).
7. Wouldn't it be nice to get out of the city for a day, and head for a BBQ AND a great event? **The Annual WALK for LIFE for our province takes place in Steinbach next Sunday, June 4. Its BBQ starts at 1PM, with the walk following at 2 PM.**
8. Also: **Niverville, Friday, June 2: Dinner with pro-life speakers.** Niverville Heritage Centre, 100 Heritage Trail, Niverville. Speaker: Joy Smith, the founder of the Foundation named after her, that fights human trafficking. **RSVP by May 26 at [lifeculture.ca/gala](https://lifeculture.ca/gala).**
9. Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate **SENIORS TOWER** is a 55 Plus Life Lease facility located at 147 Aberdeen Avenue in Winnipeg. The six-story building includes 26 one-bedroom (790 sq. ft.) and 17 two-bedroom (1025 sq. ft.) suites. All suites include a balcony and in-suite laundry. There is an excellent Exercise Room and a large friendly Lounge for fellowship (where Divine Liturgy is also often celebrated). Attached to Holy Family Home, tenants can enjoy walking and sitting in the beautiful picturesque protected park. Contact Janice Buors (204) 589-7381 or Sister Darleane (204) 586-2906 - if you wish to view the available suites and learn more about the facility.

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The Cause for the Canonization of Blessed Sister **Josaphata**, SSMI is being considered at the Vatican, and you can help her on her way to sainthood. (She has already been declared **Blessed** in June 27, 2001, by Pope St. John Paul II in Ukraine.) At this point, possible miracles through her intercession are being studied in Rome. Now, we need your help: **PRAY & REPORT.**

**PRAY.** Your prayers are more powerful than perhaps you imagine! They can take two forms: "to" and "for". Pray **to** Sister Josaphata, that she may intercede for you and others in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness. Pray **for** Sister Josaphata that the effort that she will be acknowledged as a Saint will continue to prove fruitful. Remember that prayers to and for Blessed Josaphata are really prayers asking God to act *through* and *on behalf* of Sr. Josaphata.

**REPORT.** After asking Sr. Josaphata to intercede for a particular intention, it is important to *report* any favors received – to let the SSMI (Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate) here in Winnipeg know when your prayers have been answered. You are encouraged to report **any** and **every** favor, **big or small**, so we can appreciate better the spiritual activity of Blessed Sr. Josaphata. Medical and physical healings are especially important to report since they are most likely to be judged miraculous under strict Vatican guidelines. **Just give Sr. Jean, SSMI** (vice-postulator for the cause) **a call at 204-638-5985 or email via [sjeanzem@gmail.com](mailto:sjeanzem@gmail.com)**

**It is a Call to Holiness!** The cause of Sr. **Josaphata** is not simply about her being declared a saint. It is an opportunity for each one of us to find inspiration in her example of life and to seek her intercession and draw closer to God.

The Church has always been about **the salvation of all** through our **personal call to holiness.** Blessed Josaphata's cause is a summons to all of us to remember that we, like Blessed Josaphata, were baptized into Christ and now - inspired by her example and through her intercession – we can also attain to heroic virtue. Through the prayers and example of Sister Josaphata, may we ever more fully respond to those two greatest commandments: to love the **Lord** with our whole heart and our **neighbor** as ourselves.





IN THE NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK CONTEXT, the CCCB has issued an **Open Letter to the Government** (and to all of us) re permitting persons with mental illness to access euthanasia/assisted suicide (MAiD). Prior to submission, the texts were drafted by the CCCB Office for Family and Life and reviewed by several Bishops, as well as experts in the fields of ethics, law, medicine, mental health, and palliative care. For the full version of these texts go online to [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

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**There was a prisoner** -- I have forgotten his name, or even the country in which he lived -- a prisoner who could not accept that he would be in prison for many years. He refused to associate with the others, took his food through a flap in the door... and soon the others had pretty much forgotten he was even there. He secretly tunnelled, and tunnelled, and after three years of back-breaking work, he escaped... only to find out that he had been pardoned long ago! He lost his mind... The rest of his life was spent in an asylum for the insane, where he acted as a crazy man, digging and digging... He would actually escape, but the keepers would bring him back, and he would begin all over again.

This is the perfect picture of a person who does unnecessary servile work on Sundays. He (or she) thinks he will be that much farther ahead, when he is really wasting his time. He will never have God's blessing upon his work. Many people are trying to escape from God and their conscience. They are madly "digging tunnels", trying to get all they can out of life, even though it be against God's holy law. But God and conscience catch up with them when they think they have gained liberty. (Fr. L. Lovasik)

# Schedule of Services May 28 to June 4, 2023

Sun., May 28

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**НЕДІЛЯ П'ЯТДЕСЯТНИЦІ**

8:00 a.m. -- **Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)** -- for each and every one of our Parishioners

10:00 a.m. -- **Divine Liturgy (bilingual)** -- God bless our Parish Branch of the UCWLC

1:00 p.m. -- **2023 WALK FOR MARY** begins at Holy Eucharist Church

Mon., May 29

**HOLY TRINITY**

Ephesians 5:8-19

Matthew 18:10-20

8:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For All Parishioners**

**7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'**

Tues., May 30

**Venerable Isaac & postfeast**

Romans 1:1-7, 13-17

Matthew 4:23-5:13

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... Birthday Blessings for Carlene Deptuch**

**7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'**

Wed., May 31

**Apostle Hermes & postfeast**

Romans 1:18-27

Matthew 5:20-26

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For + Mary Henkewich by John & Adeline Natyna**

**7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' "Crowning"**

Thurs., June 1

**Martyr Justin & postfeast**

Romans 1:28-2:9

Matthew 11:2-15

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Steve Fonyo (38th Anniversary of "Journey for Lives"), by a cancer survivor**

**7:00 p.m. - Молебень/ Moleben to Our Lord**

Fri., June 2

**Nicephorus & postfeast**

Romans 2:14-29

Matthew 5:27-32

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Douglas Kwiatkowski (40th day) by family**

**7:00 p.m. - Молебень/ Moleben to Our Lord**

Sat., June 3

**Martyr Lucilian & postfeast**

Romans 1:7-12

Matthew 5:42-48

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For Babunya +Evdokia (40 years) by grandson**

Sun., June 4

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**НЕДІЛЯ ВСІХ СВЯТИХ**

8:00 a.m. -- **Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)** - за упокій Архімандрита о. Дмитра Панкова (2007)

10:00 a.m. -- **Divine Liturgy (bilingual)** -- For all parishioners

Excerpt from **1st Kneeling Prayer** "...do not return us to the earth before You have made us worthy to return to You, and until You have prepared us, making us acceptable through grace....O Lord, look down from the heights of your holiness upon our people here present who are waiting for abundant mercies from You. Deliver us from the assaults of the Devil. Organize our life around Your holy and sacred commandments. Assign to Your people an angel, a faithful guardian. Gather all of us into Your kingdom. Grant forgiveness to those who put their trust in You; pardon them and us from sins. Purify us by the operation of Your Holy Spirit. Abolish the schemes of the Enemy plotted against us."

## VIGIL LAMPS for the week of May 28th:



**Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа** -- For all our Catechism children, especially those preparing to graduate

**Christ Icon** -- For all U.S. soldiers as they commemorate their Memorial Day

**Mother of God Icon** -- For Dr. Anne Penny for safe travels

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.



## Donations from May 21, 2023:

Sunday collection: \$755 (36 env.)

Ukraine: \$--

Church Needs \$ 350

Candles: \$ 101

Seminary \$-

Vichna Lyampa. \$ --

Food boxes for Ukraine: \$ -

Photo directory: \$20

**Total income: \$876**



**Total expenses: 4537.47**

**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

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