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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

**Sunday of the
Samaritan Woman**

May 7, 2023

**НЕДІЛЯ
САМАР'ЯНКИ**

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

The founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius, in his famous "Spiritual Exercises" offers as one of his meditations the eventual **great divide of the world into two armies** gathered on a massive battlefield. They are gathered under two different banners: outside Jerusalem at the throne of Christ, and outside Babylon at the throne of Lucifer, the enemy of Christ and His People. Of course this battle is a final decision, a struggle that we must all face in life. But before things become so decisively a "point of no return", we can and must be open to seek and want the truth and the peace and joy that comes with it. We most commonly arrive at the truth by thinking, praying and by talking! Without honest communication and honest expression we set ourselves up for failure and harm and a lifetime (even an **eternity**) of hurt.

We have probably all been in a situation where we really wanted something or to do something and we didn't want to be talked out of it. We made up a logic in our minds that seemed iron clad - or pretty convincing, to us anyway - and we didn't want to have that "logic" chipped away at or undermined. Why? Because we really wanted to do what we wanted to do and were unwilling to give a fair hearing of points of view (or solid TRUTH) that might deny us from getting what we wanted. But... what if what we wanted would cause us great pain or harm? What if what we wanted right now would sooner or later cause us and other people serious harm and heartache and suffering? How simple and selfish would we have to be to say "I don't care!" "I don't want to hear it!" "Not from you!" etc.?

Well, our fallen human nature gives us that tendency. Granted, life circumstances CAN put us into a certain mindset or deal us with a bad hand of cards. But, eventually, as painful as it may be for the short term, we want to give truth a chance. We want to allow the voice of God to reach our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to shed light on our life-choices and attitude that is really not taking us to the heights that the Lord wills for each of us. Before we entrench ourselves in a battle to the death against truth and against the author or truth - our Lord - as depicted in St. Ignatius' meditation above, we need to ask the Lord for the humility to honest. Before we make an almost irreversible decision against nature and logic and truth (like some are doing with their bodies in our day, or by entering into destructive relationships, etc.) we want to give truth a chance. Yes, sometimes we are not thrilled with the conduit by how that truth comes to us, but we still want to hear it and know is and let it set us free! (John 8:32).

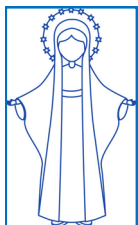
The woman at the well today was initially uncomfortable, even a bit tart with Jesus today, because she perceived that He was a Jew and she didn't want to hear anything from a Jew who she knew didn't like "her kind" much. However (thank God) **she engaged in a conversation and what happened?! The truth started to come out. Jesus - an example to us all - spoke truthfully and firmly, but with respect and compassion.** The woman got this. She too, rather than running away or dissing Jesus, mustered the courage and humility to engage Jesus in a conversation. What a wonderful outcome! She not only embraced the truth (with great relief we can imagine), but she brought her neighbours to the same experience. This could have never happened except for the willingness of the Samaritan woman to actually talk with this Jewish man and hear Him out. And, on the other side, for this Jewish man (Who happened to be the Messiah and the Son of God) to be willing to talk respectfully to this woman and help her arrive at the truth. **We truly need to talk more! ... humbly and honestly.**

Listen, we have to talk

Fr. Michael

Parish News & Events:

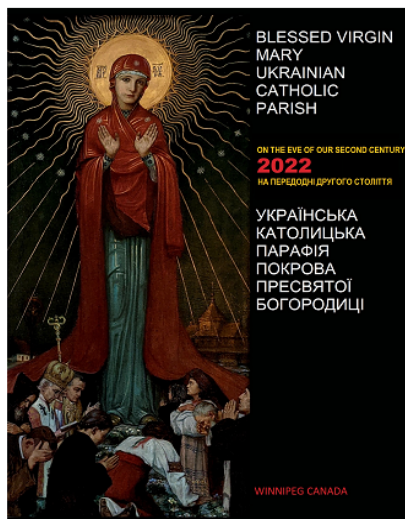
1. Our parish extends sincere condolences and promise of prayer to the family and friends of parishioner **+Mary Henkewich**, who passed away last Sunday. Вічна її пам'ять!
2. **CATECHISM classes conclude with today's class at 9 a.m.**, and a special presentation.
3. **Coffee & Fellowship TODAY.** Come downstairs right after today's 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, and, if you would, share a story at the mike about your grandparent(s) as the prelude to this week's "National Week for Life", with emphasis on Grandparents. (*Did you remember to find our three archbishops' stories on Youtube?*)



4. 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. The graces we obtain will not be visible now, but oh, how we will rejoice later that we have made this little effort to show her our love!

5. **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.*)

6. This Tuesday, May 9th is **Lost Sock Day.** In honour of this day, we are asking parishioners to bring **new socks** (children, ladies, men) which will be donated to a homeless shelter. Hopefully, you brought some to leave at the back of the church today. If you didn't quite have time to go shopping, then give them to a **UCWLC member** when you can.



Our Parish Photo Directory has arrived!

They are available for a cost of **only \$20** However, of course, if you purchased a portrait, you also get a **complimentary copy!** Contact our Parish Office! **Прийшли парафіяльні довідники!**

7. Our **UCWL ladies meet this Tuesday** right after the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

8. **PEROGY-making:** Please come again to help this Wed. & Thurs., **May 10th** (9 AM to peel potatoes) and **May 11** (anytime in the morning) to make the perogies.

9. The **UCWLC** will be taking a pilgrimage to **Blessed Vasy!** Velychkovsky National **Martyr's Shrine** at St. Joseph Parish on 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.

10. **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.**

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, 2023** at Holy Eucharist Parish, Watt & Munroe. Join us in walking and praying together on the Feast of Pentecost. Registration starts at 1:30 followed by the walk setting off at 2 PM. Pledge forms are available at archeparchy.ca (under "Events") and in our own parish office. For more info, call 204-669-3666 or email zenova@mymts.net.

13. **UKRAINIAN PARK 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS** 50% of the pot on June 1, 2023. 100% of the net proceeds will be invested into the infrastructure of the park for the children's summer camps and so much more! Visit our Archeparchial Website for more details and to buy tickets online. https://www.archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=1259



"O Blessed Mother Mary, Help Me!!!"

Not all that long ago, in Kansas, USA, the founder of a Benedictine Abbey there (now the Benedictine College) wrote about a wonderful prairie miracle.

Father Henry Lemke wrote in his diary about an 1856 incident where he was lost in a storm and **prayed for Mary's intercession.** As soon as he said the prayer, a light appeared on the horizon. He stumbled toward it and found that it was a lantern hanging in the window of a cottage.

The mother and daughter who lived in the cottage sheltered him and told him that a lady dressed in white had appeared to the child in the night. This had awakened the mother, who hung the lantern.

Wrote Lemke: "O, you dearest Mother of God, it was through the pure and unsullied soul of a child that you effected that the mother would place a lamp in the window just about the very time when I was calling out for help because I feared for my life. The Mother of God worked a miracle."

Two years later, Benedictine College was founded.

And another delicious twist: Only two years later -- in 1858 -- the "lady dressed in white" appeared to *another* little girl in a small town, but this time on the other side of the ocean.....St. Bernadette of Lourdes, France.

Всечесний о. Михайле:

Дуже дякуємо Вам і вашій парафіяльній спільноті за автомобіль. Для нашої сім'ї це величезний подарунок і поміч на початку нашого побуту в Канаді. Нехай все милостивий Господь Ісус Христос винагородить Вам сторичею за цей дар, а Мати Божа неустанно опікується Вами.

З молитвою і великою вдячністю, **Сім'я Федорів**

Dear Father Michael:

We thank you and your parish community very much for the van! For our family, this is a wonderful gift and help as we begin our adventure in Canada. May the most merciful Lord Jesus Christ reward you a hundred-fold for this gift, and may the Mother of God protect you always.

With prayers and sincere gratitude, **The Fedoriv family**



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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Чуда на Почаївській горі 1) **Якось сталося таке диво:** одного почаївського ченця захопили в полон татари і кинули до в'язниці. Там чернець згадував рідну обитель, чудоторний образ Пресвятої Богородиці та молився. Одного дня, коли він як завжди стояв на молитві, раптом стін не стало, і побожний в'язень побачив, що опинився в Почаєві, біля монастирських стін. Він зрозумів, що врятований, і повернувся до Лаври, прославляючи милосердного Господа й Божу Матінку.

2) **Якось повз Почаїв проїздив** польський граф Микола Потоцький. Несподівано коні сахнулися і перекинули карету. Розлючений граф вихопив пістолет, аби застрелити кучера. Але той повернувся в бік Почаївської лаври і став благати: «Мати Божа Почаївська, спаси мене...» І дивна річ – пістолет Потоцького дав осічку. Не вистрелив ні вдруге, ні втретє. Тільки тоді граф зрозумів, ХТО захистив кучера. Цей випадок так вплинув на Потоцького, що він надовго зупинився в монастирі й відтоді жертвував на нього великі кошти.

Schedule of Services May 7 to May 14, 2023

Sun., May 7

Sunday of the SAMARITAN WOMAN

Неділя САМАР'ЯНКИ

8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) int. for all parishioners

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) For the overwhelming success of the National Week for Life and the Family!

7:00 p.m. -- Panakhyda for +Mary Henkewich

Mon., May 8

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

Apostle John & postfeast 10:00 a.m. - Funeral Divine Liturgy for Mrs. Mary Henkewich

1 John 1:1-7

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

John 19: 25 – 27; 21: 24 - 25



Tues., May 9

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

Transfer of Relics St. Nicholas & postfeast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... завтра 25-річниця від дня смерті мого батька

Hebrews 13:17-21

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... Birthday blessings for Sharon Johnson

Luke 6:17-23

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

by her Prayer Partner

Wed., May 10

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

Apostle Simon & postfeast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For health & God's blessings for Bertha Stoyko on her birthday by her Prayer Partner

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 13:54-58

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

Thurs., May 11

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

Cyril & Methodius

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Joe Gregg (4 yrs.) by friends

2 Timothy 2:1-10

John 15:9-16

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

Fri., May 12

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

Epiphanius

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For ++poor souls in Purgatory by Dmytro Sikora

Acts 15:5-34

John 10:17-28

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

Sat., May 13

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

Martyr Glyceria

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +John Kutcher by Maria Gorbay

Acts 15:35-41

John 10:27-38

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

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



VIGIL LAMPS



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Christ Icon -- That the Lord may help us all become better communicators this week.

Mother of God Icon -- May more children think ahead to Mother's Day and plan to do something uniquely pleasing to their very unique mothers. *Every mother is in some way the "best mother in the world"!*
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 April 30, 2023:

Sunday collection: \$1330. (48 env.)
Church Needs \$ --
Candles: \$ 116.90
Seminary \$-



Vichna Lyampa. \$ --
Ukraine: \$5020.00
100th ann. donations: \$-
Annual May Memorial service: \$50
In memory of +John Kutcher: \$50

Total income: \$8067.
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