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24th Sunday
after Pentecost and
Feast of St. Josaphat

Welcome to our Parish!
Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії
November 12, 2023

24-а неділя по
Зісланні св. Духа і
пр. св Йосафата

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Happy Feast of the great Hieromartyr St. Josaphat!

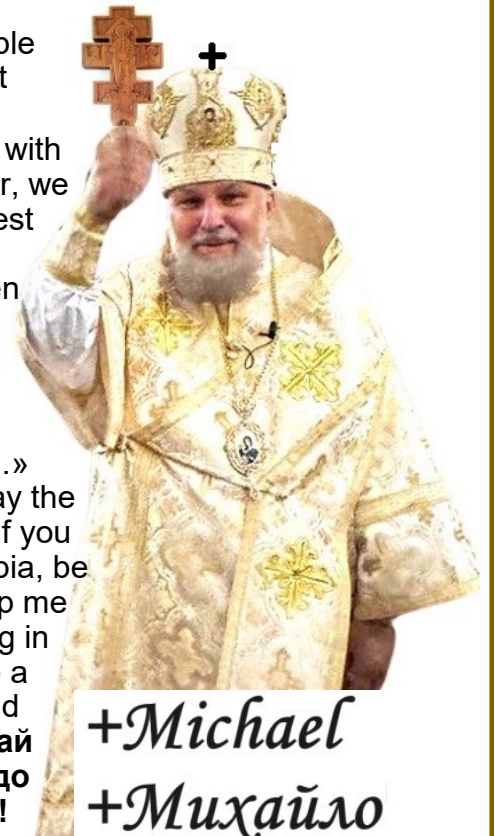


Little-known fact? Some accounts say that we can be grateful to the **Jewish people** for helping out the Ukrainian people on the day of St. Josaphat's martyrdom. Today, November 12th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Josaphat. And this is the story: Intense emotions between the those Christians who wanted to reestablish their unity with Rome and those who did not boiled up and overflowed on the day he died, in 1623. One account has this summary:

"At a relatively young age, upon becoming both bishop of Vitebsk and archbishop of Polotsk, Josaphat faced a difficult situation. Most monks, fearing interference in liturgy and customs, did not want union with Rome. By synods, catechetical instruction, reform of the clergy, and personal example, however, Josaphat was successful in convincing the greater part of the faithful in that area of the grace of the union. He led by example and instituted changes that helped clergy and laity alike live more faithfully.

"Some radical opposing bishops took up residence in the same area and set up an opposition hierarchy. These spread the accusation that Josaphat had abandoned his own tradition and had "gone Latin" and that all his people would have to do the same. Sadly enough, he was not enthusiastically supported at the time by the Roman Catholic bishops of Poland. Josaphat was unfairly discredited. He tried to calm the troubles by speaking out, knowing full well that it might cost him his life. "If I am counted worthy of martyrdom," he said, "then I am not afraid to die."
(Dramatic conclusion.... Back page!)

Dear Parishioners! I want to take this opportunity to bid farewell and to thank you for the extraordinary experience that I have had on this "second tour" here at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. It was challenging at times as we tried to wade through the Covid years together staying safe while, at the same time, being as active as possible and providing basic pastoral care for all. My stay here this time was not very long, only about 833 days (according to Google), but we had many experiences together and we can thank our loving Lord for blessing us with Grace and opportunity on every one of those days. We prayed together, we learned about the Lord and about each other and about how we can best make our contribution toward the universal mission of Christ's Church the **Evangelization and salvation of all people**. My goodness - it even fell to our generation to duly celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Parish! Thanks to the effort and dedication of so many, we did put on a great centenary! The generations that came before us and will come after us will be proud. There is an expression that I heard in Ukraine at times of farewell: «Дякую за все, і вибачте, якщо щось було не так...» "Thank you for everything and forgive if anything was not *right*". So I say the same. Know that you will be in my prayer and I humbly ask the same. If you are ever in the what is known as the "lower mainland" in British Columbia, be sure and look me up. I will always be happy to see you. Please do keep me in your prayer and know that you are in mine. I go with faith and trusting in the will of God and so there is a joy in my heart. However, there is also a twinge of true sadness as I truly will miss each and everyone of you and our BVM parish family as a whole. Нехай Бог благословить вас! Нехай покровителька нашої парафії, Мати Божа, оберігає вас і веде до свого Сина і до вічного життя, де ми можемо знову зустрітись!



+Michael
+Михайло

Parish News & Events:

1. We give a **warm welcome today** to our spiritual father, His Grace **Metropolitan Lawrence** (Huculak), who comes to join us as we bid farewell to our parish priest (now bishop) His Excellency Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski. Please come downstairs for lunch together after today's Divine Liturgy.
2. **Perohy-making in our parish: Nov. 15th & 16th.** Please come and help! It's a delightful gathering of friends -- new and old -- who help our parish tremendously by donating a few hours of their time. Just meander downstairs either or both mornings and see what's what.
3. **Пилипівки починаються!** Can you believe that **Pylypiwky begins this coming Thursday?** This is the pre-Christmas season's "official beginning". Let us turn our thoughts to the upcoming holy season, and make a sincere resolution to pray a bit extra every day, so that Christmas will sparkle for us even more this year!
4. **Cabbage Rolls For Sale:** Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC will be making Cabbage Rolls on Thursday, November 23, 2023. \$9.00 per dozen (cooked or raw) **Order deadline: Sunday, November 19, 2023.** To order, call or email Frances @ 204-633-4662 or francesbodnar@hotmail.com. **Pick up times:** Friday, November 24 between 11 am. and 1:00 pm. or Sunday, November 26 after the 10:00 am. Divine Liturgy. We would appreciate help from anyone who would like to join us on Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 9:00 am. Thank you!
5. Our **Men's Club Pancake Breakfast** is only 3 Sundays away. Don't even *think* of going elsewhere **Dec. 3rd!**
6. **THANK YOU:** you gave **76 lb. of non-perishables to Winnipeg Harvest** (delivered last Friday by Gregory Y.)

News & Events Elsewhere:

7. **This weekend: Sunday --** Scott Woods Band presents **Old Time Country Christmas.** Sunday, November 12 at 7:00 pm at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre. Proceeds support that parish. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased at the Parish Office, or online at scottwoods.ca.
8. **St. Nicholas parish** (corner of Arlington & Bannerman Ave.) invites all to its **Christmas Craft and Vendor Sale** this Saturday, **November 18th, 2023** 11am – 3pm Admission \$1 ****The canteen will be open!****
9. **St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Parish** is proud to present its **70th Anniversary Gala Night** on Friday, November 24th, at St. Boniface Cathedral Hall. This is a formal attire event. Tickets are \$50. Money raised will go towards building a ramp for their church. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to contribute, support tickets are available for \$20. For tickets, please call Sis Nida Olea, at 204-999-1261.
10. A **Johnny Cash-themed fundraiser (incl. music, lunch, cash bar)** will be held next **Fri., Nov. 24 & Sat. Nov. 25 at St. Joseph's Ukr. Cath. parish hall.** Proceeds go towards winter gear and medical supplies for soldiers in Ukraine. Tickets are available at St. Joseph's parish office 250 Jefferson Ave. for \$30.
11. A **free pro-life movie:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Kevin Dunn's latest documentary: "ROE Canada" at the Winnipeg Free Evangelical Church (just south of The Mint on 59) Monday, November 20, 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm). But please register first at: <https://bit.ly/RoeWpg>
12. Support Pro-Life! **Christmas Cards and Fruitcakes:** CLC fruitcakes will be for sale during November. The large (2.5lb.) cake is \$28.00 and the small (1lb.) cake is \$16.00. These cakes make a great Christmas gift for family, friends and employees. Christmas cards will similarly be available; each \$8.00 pack contains 10 cards exhibiting a variety of Christmas scenes. All the proceeds from these items will go to support CLC's ongoing mission to the unborn. Phone: (204) 452-2459

13. Did you know that **Handel's Messiah** is the only composition of its time to be performed continuously since its premiere in Dublin in 1742? If you have never seen the Messiah (and even if you have), book your tickets now because it is always **SOLD OUT** quickly every year. **Dec. 15 & 16** at 7:30 PM for \$45 by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at **Knox United Church.**

Christmas Project
BECOME ST. NICHOLAS' HELPER FOR CHILDREN OF UKRAINIAN FALLEN HEROES
Collection of school supplies, hygiene products, board games, thermos, Christmas souvenirs, sweets, vitamins
«ДІТИ ГЕРОЇВ»
115 McGregor St
at the Cathedral on Sundays or at the parish office
during the weekdays from 9:00 to 3:00 till October, 29

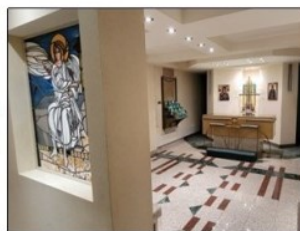
How to Have the Best Parish Priest in the Country:

- Submit to his spiritual authority and encourage others to do the same (esp. if there are any who are grumbling/complaining)
- Surprise him with a meal.
- Invite him to your home to become acquainted with your family
- Invite him along on some family outing.
- Find out if anything in his home needs fixing/improving (leaky shower, car repairs) and see if you can help him.
- **RECRUIT as many people as you can to pray regularly for him!** Try to cover him seven days a week.

-- abridged from *Harvestprayer.com*

Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine Volunteer Shrine Ministry

The Shrine and St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church is one of the few Churches in Winnipeg that is open daily for visitors. Keeping the doors open is possible because of those who generously offer their time, a few hours a month, as Shrine volunteers. We are very grateful to the community of Shrine volunteers. However, **we could use more help.** We invite you to consider being a Shrine volunteer and an ambassador to welcome visitors, promote the cause of Blessed Vasyi Velychkovsky and spend time in prayer. If you are interested in this ministry experience or for more information **contact Lesia Sianchuk at the Shrine office at 204-338-7321 or email: info@bvmartyrshrine.com**



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 **Beacon Hill:** Helen Naherny **Riverview:** Helen Dolski **Seven Oaks Hospital:** Dmytro Sikora **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko

 <p>KARPATY MEATS & DELI <i>Fresh Homemade Sausages</i></p> <p>536 Bannerman Ave. @McGregor Winnipeg, MB R2W 0V6 Mon.: Closed Tues: 8 AM-5 PM Wed-Fri: 8 AM – 6 PM</p> <p>204-586-1395</p>	 <p>907 Main St. Winnipeg, MB R2W 3P2 Tel: 204-956-2193</p> <p><i>Serving the Ukrainian community for over 45 years</i></p> <p>245 Railway Ave. Vita, MB R0A 2K0 Tel: 1-204-425-3114</p> <p>info@korbanchapel.com www.korbanchapel.com</p>	<p>Seven Oaks Sadok Inc. Daycare</p>  <p>provides quality, licensed childcare while preserving the Ukrainian language, culture, customs and religion. We welcome all children from all backgrounds & religious denominations.</p>  <p>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</p>
 <p>Ruslan Construction</p> <p>Professional Metal Roofing/Siding Manufacturing & Exterior Construction <i>Locally-made products</i></p> <p>204-294-7372 ruslanconstruction.com</p>	 <p><i>"Independently Owned"</i></p> <p>1442 Main St. Winnipeg, MB 1800 Day St. Transcona, MB Tel: 204-586-8044</p> <p><i>Serving the Ukrainian Community for over 50 years</i> www.cropo.com</p>	<p>HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS</p> <p>Office: 204-582-7535</p> <p>Parish Priest: Rev. Dr. Michael Kwiatkowski <u>ext. 2</u> Auditorium: ext. 3 Catechism area: ext. 4 Facility Rentals: 204-582-7535</p> <p>Parish Council: Irene Hanuta (co-chair) 204-297-7814</p> <p>Catechism: Good-hearted volunteer needed! 204-582-7535 ...call Father!</p> <p>Men's Club: E. John Natyna, president 204-339-9366</p> <p>UCWLC: Janet Kuchma, president 204-582-5932</p> <p>Perogy Making: Myron Fedoruk, president 204-338-7243</p>
<p>This space is for <i>your</i> message.</p> <p>Call us! 204-582-7535</p>	 <p>950 Main Street 1375 Grant Ave.</p> <p>1-850 Regent Ave. W. 310 Leila Ave Mon-Fri 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (Leila branch also open Sat.) 1940-2022</p> <p>204-989-7400 carpathia.ca</p>	
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TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T ALREADY KNOW



If someone came running to you and said he saw Jesus!.... would you run along with him to go see?

Someone DID come to King Louis IX of France (known now as Saint Louis IX) shouting just that.

"Your majesty.... come quickly -- there is something happening at the church... a great miracle!" he panted.

"What kind of miracle?"

"A great miracle! A priest is saying Mass, and everyone just saw, just as he raised the Host at consecration, they are seeing Jesus Himself on the altar! Quick, hurry before He disappears!"

The king remained very quiet, so quiet that the messenger was surprised.

"Your majesty, why aren't you saying anything? Aren't you coming?"

"No", replied the king. "Let the ones who doubt that it is Jesus on the altar, run to see. As for me, even if I saw Jesus on the altar in His visible human form, and touched Him with my hand, and heard His voice, I would not be any more convinced than I am now. **Because I know that He is present in the consecrated Host.** My faith is sufficient for me. I need no miracle."

Application: The faith of King Louis IX was so strong that he did not need any visions of Our Lord to prove that the colour, taste, weight and shape were only the appearances of bread and wine, but that Jesus, with His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, is really contained, offered and received under these appearances. **He believed this because Jesus said so, and Jesus is the Son of God... He is Eternal Truth.**

Try to imitate this faith of St. Louis by going to Holy Mass and Communion frequently, and by visiting the Blessed Sacrament as often as you are able to do so. Your actions will be a proof that you need no miracle either, to prove your faith in the Holy Eucharist!

TALK TO ST. JOSEPH -- HE WILL HELP YOU DIE HAPPILY!

A Venetian merchant had the habit of daily visiting an image of St. Joseph which stood in a niche at the corner of one of the streets of the town in which he lived.



Falling sick of a dangerous illness, which soon brought him to the brink of the grave, St. Joseph appeared to him as his last moments approached. At the sight of the Saint, towards whom he had ever been so devout, the sick man was filled with consolation, but above all his conscience became so enlightened, that in an instant he seemed to perceive clearly all the sins of his past life, and in their full heinousness and guilt; while at the same time he felt a new and exceeding great contrition, together with the sweetest hope of pardon.

He quickly sent for a priest, made a fresh and fervent confession, and having received absolution, full of peace and joy, piously expired in our Lord.

"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush." Anonymous
This Thursday is the first day of Pylypiwka (the first day of our Advent, as it's the day after the feast of St. Philip). How about pulling out those Pylypiwka booklets we made for the last 3 years (**they're ALL DIFFERENT inside**) and really ponder the stories?

Schedule of Services November 12th - November 19th, 2023



Sun., Nov. 12 **24th Sunday after Pentecost** **24-а неділя по Зісланні св. Духа**
10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- For all Parishioners ...
lunch follows, for ALL, in church auditorium. All invited.

Mon., Nov. 13 St. John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 / John 10:9-16	Tues., Nov. 14 Apostle Philip 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:43-51	Wed., Nov. 15 Martyr Gourias 2 Thess. 2:1-1 Luke 12:48-59	Thurs., Nov. 16 Apostle Matthew 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13	Fri., Nov. 17 St. Gregory 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 13:31-35	Sat., Nov. 18 Plato & Roman Galatians 1:3-10 Luke 9:37-48
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NO DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK MON - SAT.



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

ST JOSAPHAT... “He urged patience and forbearance among his people, even when they were incited to violence. Despite warnings, he went to Vitebsk, still a hotbed of trouble. Attempts were made to foment trouble and drive him from the eparchy: A priest was sent to shout insults to him from his own courtyard. When Josaphat had him removed and taken to his own home under guard house, the opposition rang the town hall bell, and a mob assembled. The priest was released, but members of the mob broke into the bishop’s home. Tensions rose until finally a mob gathered and took him by force — Josaphat was struck with a halberd [an axe] then shot, and his body thrown into the river. **It is said that the Jewish people of the city acted heroically amidst the violent mob — they risked their own lives to try to protect Josaphat and his friends and servants. These Jews saved many lives and they were the only ones to publicly accuse the killers of Josaphat and mourn his death while the Catholics of the city hid in fear.** “Josaphat’s death brought a movement toward Catholicism and unity, but the controversy continued, and the dissidents, too, had their martyr. The violence convinced many in the city that things had gone too far, and public opinion moved towards unity. Those leaders that opposed unity, eventually came to reconcile with Rome. “His body was later recovered and is now entombed in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The relics of St. Josaphat rest the side Altar of St Basil. **He was the first saint of the Eastern Church to be canonized by Rome.** St. Josaphat is the patron saint of Ukraine. “After the partition of Poland, the Russians forced most Ruthenians to join the Russian Orthodox Church. The ecumenical efforts in the past decades and moments like the 1964 encounter between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople, mark a significant steps toward the healing of divisions in Christendom that have spanned more than nine centuries. **St. Josaphat, who gave your life for the unity of Christians and inspired reconciliation with your death, pray for us!**” www.stjosaphatparish.org

Donations from November 5, 2023:

Sunday collection: \$1290.00 (38 env.) Church Needs \$ 210 Seminary \$ 565 Candles: \$ 105.50 Ukraine : \$10
 Food for Ukraine: \$300 **Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!**

VIGIL LAMPS for the week of November 12th:

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лампа – For health of Jean Sherman

Christ Icon – Wedding anniversary blessings for Jerry & Irene Pilipowicz (Nov. 10)

Mother of God Icon – Wedding anniversary blessings for Don & Carole Kuryk (Nov. 18)



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!

KEEPS YOUR SOUL FRESH AND FILLED WITH GRACE

“In seminary, one of the things

[my bishop] instilled in us as our rector with absolute clarity was this: after you are ordained a Catholic priest, **when someone asks you for Confession, the answer is yes. Period.** I consider it to be a foundational rule in my life as a priest, and as it turns out, it has proven practical.”

[He tells here a story of how he was running a marathon once -- yes, even priests have sports hobbies! -- and as he was running, another runner came up close to him and said, “Hey, Father (the sign on the priest’s chest did indeed say “Fr. Rob”), will you hear my confession right now?” The priest answered immediately, “Sure!” but laughed later to himself at how out of breath he was, while giving the prayer of absolution!]

“We gave our lives to God, and to offer his mercy through the sacrament of Confession is an honor, never a burden, no matter the time or place. While I have never heard of another priest hearing a confession while panting through a half marathon, my brother priests have shared dozens of unique and amazing stories of unusual confessional circumstances (with no details about the person or what was said in the confession, of course), so my story is just one of many. Priests have heard confessions in prisons and schools, on battlefields, in college dorms, and in living rooms. A good buddy of mine was once asked to hear someone’s confession while he was eating a Big Mac at an airport!

“My point is this: **Go to Confession.** When urge and opportunity come together, even if the circumstances seem less-than-perfect, even if you feel like you’re missing the booth and the screen, follow where your soul is being led and go to Confession. **Be blunt and totally honest**—I promise, you won’t say anything the priest hasn’t heard before. And because confession is always under what is called “the seal,” the priest would rather go to prison or even give his own life than reveal anything that you say, no matter the setting. Nothing but mercy awaits you there. Of course, it’s great if you can catch confession at the scheduled times at your parish or if your parish has a Lenten or Advent Penance Service (Lent begins on March 2nd this year!), but never believe that asking to go to confession is a burden for a priest; it is our privilege. At the risk of sounding cliché, you are not alone in the fight for holiness; your priests are running this race with you, mile by mile, road by road. We gave our lives to God, and to offer his mercy through the sacrament of Confession is an honor, never a burden, no matter the time or place.” *Fr. Rob Johnson*

