

Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!



Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес! Christ Is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

We extend a warm "Happy Easter Season!" to all our parishioners and guests, and pray that your participation in today's Easter Season Divine Liturgy will be enriching, meaningful, and special for all of you.

May 19, 2019 ~ Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Acts 11: 19-26; 29-30* *Gospel: John 4:5-42*

Troparia and special texts are on **page 12** of the **white** Easter season booklets

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Joseph Myslicki
Sunday (10 a.m.): Larissa Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Francis Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Stanley Myslicki

Parish News & Events



Our sincerest appreciation is extended to the members of St. George's Society for putting on a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch last Sunday after the Divine Liturgy, and who, under the leadership of coordinator **Dr. Larry Watral**, made it another successful and wonderful occasion. May you continue to love and serve God for many more years to come!

Want pyrohy without the fuss? You can still place an order with the Holy Cross Golden Agers for their pyrohy making on **Tuesday, June 4**. Call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) at your earliest convenience to avoid disappointment as the limit will be reached soon.

Mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 23** is the date for our annual "**Parish Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation Day**" right here on our parish grounds, and hopefully, we will get to go outside and enjoy the warm weather for a bit. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletin — stay tuned!

All parishioners please note: After any activity in the church hall kitchen, please do **not** forget to check if any burners on the stove or oven are still on in order to prevent the build up of gas and a possible 'big bang'! This is for our safety and well-being. Also, make sure that all fans are engaged when using the stoves and ovens, and that they are also turned off after usage. *Thank you for your attention and cooperation.*

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 24 (note the change in date)

10:00 a.m. ~ **Moleben to the Mother of God**

SATURDAY, MAY 25

4:40 p.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary

5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak

Eucharistic Minister: Frances Puchalski

SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:40 a.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

Eucharistic Minister: Stanley Myslicki

The Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus in today's Gospel would forever change the course of her life and it would impact not only her, but also the community in which she lived. Jesus met her at the point of her need. He was able to look beyond her past, seeing her for who she really was, recognizing her intrinsic value as a person loved by the Father. He met her and accepted her for who she was — without judgment or accusation, without harshness or unkind words, but full of grace and truth — with the love, mercy, and grace that she longed for. This woman was coming to draw what she needed for her physical life, and Jesus recognizes that, but He shifts the conversation from the physical to the spiritual: "*Whoever drinks this water will thirst again. It may quench your thirst for the time being, but not for long. I'm offering you something that will quench the thirst of your soul for eternity.*"

Jesus totally transformed her life ... did you notice? She never drew out the water she'd come for. In fact, she left her water jar and hurried back to the city to tell everyone she could about Jesus! This is the same offer that Jesus makes for us today, and it's the same offer that we are called to make to the community in which we live.

~ from a sermon by Seth Lawson

Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

MAY 11/12

Envelopes: \$2,896.²¹

Mission: \$126.⁸⁵

Special Projects: \$90.⁰⁰

Eparchial Needs: \$205.⁰⁰



Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

The Mission Collection for May is designated for **Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay**. Since 1994, Habitat for Humanity of Thunder Bay has been building homes and hope for families in need by providing affordable housing in our community.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Thank you to **Dr. Larry Watral** and member crew who came out to help prepare and serve the food and drink for the annual Mother's Day Breakfast. May God bless you and your efforts.

Our next bingo session is a matinee on **Monday, May 20** (Victoria Day). Volunteers should be at the hall no later than 12 noon in proper attire.



The next bingo training date and time is:
Sunday, May 26 @ 4:00 p.m.

All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the training (it's only an hour long) and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.

Our final regular monthly meeting will take place on **Sunday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets for the annual dinner meeting, on **Thursday, June 20**, will be available at that time. We hope to see many members in attendance on both occasions.

Love and Service to God since 1960!

Words of Faith and Hope

*"All doors are open to the believer.
This is the lesson of
the Samaritan woman at the well."*

~ Patti Smith ~

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular afternoon activities take place on Thursdays starting at 1:00 p.m. with doors opened at 12 noon, and new members are always welcome to join our ranks. Check us out!

Orders for our Spring Pyrohy Making session on **Tuesday, June 4** are still being accepted. Contact Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann (G) Opaski at 577-2805 to get your name of the list. The price is \$6 per dozen (for cooked or raw frozen). Help from parishioners, families, and friends on that day will be greatly appreciated; a delicious lunch will be offered.

***Do not regret growing older.
It's a privilege denied to many!***

Readings for the Sunday of the Man Born Blind
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34

In Prison at Philippi

Gospel: John 9: 1-38

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind



Mother Mary, Help Us

Mary Shows Us How to Live in the Spirit

Excerpted from *Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts*

THE VIRGIN MARY teaches us what it means to live in the Holy Spirit and what it means to accept the news of God in our lives. She conceived Jesus by the work of the Holy Spirit, and every Christian, each one of us, is called to accept the Word of God, to accept Jesus inside of us, and then to bring Him to everyone.

Mary's Example — Love of God and Neighbour

The Holy Virgin made of her existence an unceasing and beautiful gift to God because she loved the Lord. Mary's example is an incentive for all of us to live in charity for our neighbour, not out of some sort of social duty, but beginning from the love of God, from the charity of God. And also, Mary is the one who leads us to Jesus and teaches us how to go to Jesus; and the Mother of Jesus is our own and makes a family, with us and with Jesus.



Our Lady Helps Us Grow Strong

A mother helps her children grow up and wants them to grow strong; that is why she teaches them not to be lazy — which can also derive from a certain kind of well-being — [and] not to sink into a comfortable lifestyle, contenting oneself with possessions. The mother takes care that her children develop better, that they grow strong, capable of accepting responsibilities, of engaging in life, of striving for great ideals. The Gospel of St Luke tells us that in the family of Nazareth, Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him" (2:40). Our Lady does just this for us; she helps us to grow as human beings and in the faith, to be strong and never to fall into the temptation of being human beings and Christians in a superficial way, but to live responsibly, to strive ever higher.

***Help us Mary, Blessed Mary, help us go your way;
Help us Mary, Blessed Mary, pray for us this day.***

What's Happening In and Around Our Community



Superior Quilt Show 2019 - Friday, May 24, Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26 at the CLE Coliseum. Admission is \$5; children under 12: free. 200+ quilts on display plus vendors, food sales, free demonstrations and Spring Quilt Challenge sponsored by Northcott. Check out the poster in the narthex for exact times as they vary from day to day or visit www.thunderbayquilters.org for more information.



Pickerel Dinner — St. Andrew's Church (Algoma St. at Red River Rd.) invites everyone to its pickerel dinner on **Sunday, June 9, 2019** at 5:30 p.m. in Saunders Hall. The menu also includes baked beans, potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and coffee/tea. Tickets (\$25/adult; \$10/child age 6-12) can be obtained by calling the parish office at 345-5202 during office hours. Limited seating, so get your tickets soon!

Paint Night - St. Agnes R.C. Church is hosting this fundraiser in support of their Alpha program on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Learn how to paint a beautiful painting with step-by-step instructions and guidance. Tickets are \$45/person and include all materials and appetizers. Please contact Kim Coursolle for more information at 628-2724. All ages and abilities welcome!



This woman was a very sinful woman whom had had many husbands and was openly living with a man outside of marriage when she met the Lord Jesus Christ at the well. She did not have any remorse at all about her shameful life in which she chose to live. The Lord Jesus knew of her sinful ways, told her this lifestyle was wrong, and to confess, repent, and be converted to the Christian faith. She was very amazed and astounded at the all-

The townspeople people followed the Samaritan woman back to Jacob's well. They asked the Lord to come to their town where they stayed with the Lord and listened to His teachings for two entire days. They did not ask "how much longer was the sermon" or "when will this be over so I can have something to eat and drink". They listened very carefully to all that the Lord Jesus Christ had to say, and it was the first time our Lord Jesus admitted to being a messenger from God our Father.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

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