



Вітаємо Всі до Нашої Парафії! Welcome All to Our Parish! A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years

Epistle ~ Hebrews 9: 11-14

Gospel ~ Mark 10: 32-45

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Evelyn Poleschuk
Sunday (10 a.m.): Walter Warywoda

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas
Sunday (10 a.m.): Murray Salomon

We hear in today's Gospel the request of James and John: to be celebrated and honoured in Christ's glorious Kingdom, wanting positions of prestige and power. Sadly, they had lost sight of the big picture, so Jesus basically says "stop and humble yourselves." God created humankind to have a purpose; to care for one another and the earth. This purpose, this calling, this mission has evolved into various means by which we work to provide for our families and for ourselves. But if we think of work as only a means to an end and a way to glory, we are missing the point like James and John. We can casually pray "thy kingdom come" without thinking that we ourselves may be the obstacles to its coming because our focus is wrong. Our greatest vocation is our work in service to God and to others, and it is through this service that we discover true greatness, that we receive our "just rewards!"



~ condensed from a sermon by Claire Sauer

Liturgical Services for This Week

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 a.m. ~ **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
followed by Panakhyda for the deceased

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

5:00 p.m. ~ **Palm Sunday & Feast of the Annunciation**
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral
Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

10:00 a.m. ~ **Palm Sunday & Feast of The Annunciation**
Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak

The schedule for **Passion (Holy) Week, Easter Weekend and Bright Week** is included with today's bulletin.

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.

Collection for March 10/11

Regular Envelopes: \$1,330.⁰⁰
Initial Offering: \$20.⁰⁰ Vigil Lights: \$207.⁵⁰
Mission Fund: \$80.⁸⁰ Andrew's Pence: \$40.⁰⁰
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$70.⁰⁰
Flowers for the Tomb: \$163.⁰⁰
Special Projects: \$70.⁰⁰

Щиро Вам дякуємо ~ Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Collection for March is for the **Regional Food Distribution Association (RFDA)** of Northwestern Ontario. Visit www.foodbanksnorthwest.ca for more info.

A number of **2017 Donation Income Tax Receipts** still have not been retrieved from the narthex. We ask that you pick yours up (or your family members' so they can get them before they file) to help us save on postage costs. *Thank you!*

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



St. George's Society wishes to thank all who helped with pyrohy making this past week. May God continue to bless you! Thanks also to those who ordered product. Please see Michael Watral if you haven't yet pick-up your order.

On Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in our parish hall, there will be a showing of the film "*Bitter Harvest*", set in the 1930s during the 'Holodomor.' Admission will be by donation at the door. Bring your own pillow. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Those under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult. The film will be shown in English, and there will be a 10-minute intermission. Everyone is invited!

Help will be needed for our upcoming cabbage roll making session on Monday and Tuesday of this week (March 19-20). The schedule is as follows: **Monday at 10 a.m.** to clean/de-rib the cabbage; **Tuesday at 10 a.m.** to prepare the rice; **12 noon** to begin rolling and packaging. Today (Sunday) is your last day to order. Please sign the list in the narthex. ☺

The children of our parish will have an opportunity to put together an Easter Basket on **Saturday, March 31st at 3 p.m.** in our hall, and therefore, we need to know for how many children to prepare. Please call Jaclyn Strehlow at 252-1789 as soon as possible to indicate if your child(ren)/grandchild(ren) will be attending.

Our parish Easter Dinner (Свячене) will take place **Sunday, April 8** after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Help will be needed make cabbage rolls Friday afternoon (April 6) before the dinner, set up the hall on Thursday evening, prepare and serve the meal, and clean up on both Saturday and Sunday. Please speak with any member of the current Parish Council, kitchen lead Dr. Larry Watral, or hall lead Susan Ibey in advance if you are able to help in any way *Let's all work with each other to have another delicious and communal Easter dinner!*

Planning a wedding in 2018? Engaged couples are required to contact Father Stepan at 577-7721 at their earliest convenience regarding the proposed wedding and required marriage preparation classes. Please don't leave it to the last minute!



Biblical Words of Wisdom



"Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, and at the proper time, He will lift you up."

1 Peter 5: 6



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Thanks to all members who helped at Pyrohy Making this past week. Help will also be needed for Cabbage Roll Making on Monday and Tuesday this week. The exact schedule is indicated on page 1 in Parish News and Activities.

The next bingo training session for new volunteers will take place on **April 15** from 4 to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores at which we need more members (and parishioners) to attend. Your assistance is gratefully appreciated. Refresher trainings for current volunteers are set for **March 18** and **April 22** (Sundays) from 4 to 5 p.m. also. This is important as new requirements are being instituted. Please inform Gerry Bullock when and if you plan to attend.

There will be no other monthly meeting in March. We will gather on **Sunday, April 29** at 7:00 p.m. Happy Easter to all!

On this, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, we commemorate St. Mary of Egypt (†522), the repentant harlot.

 The theme of this Sunday has three parts: 1) No amount of past sin and wickedness can keep a truly repentant person from God; 2) Christ Himself has come to call sinners to repentance and to save them from their sins (Luke 5:32); and 3) in St. Mary of Egypt we see that it is never too late in life, or in Great Lent, to repent.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will gladly receive all who come to Him with sincere repentance, even at the eleventh hour.

How are you doing on your Lenten journey?

We've now reached the point in our Lenten journey when we're finally able to catch a glimpse of the Easter light at the end of the tunnel. So how do we remain faithful to our Lenten commitments in the days leading up to Holy Week? What's the point of persevering if it feels like we've spent more time failing than succeeding? Why should we even bother? It's almost over, right?

Wrong. We NEED to make the most of the time we have, and the key is to remember why we're doing this; why we're called to pray, fast, and give alms. During these last couple weeks of Great Lent, instead of thinking only of your own struggles, contemplate Jesus and His lonely journey through the desert. Put yourself in His dusty shoes and stand beside Him as He struggles to walk, weak from lack of food. Stay by His side. He knows what it means to face temptation, and He can help you overcome your own daily trials. Remember the reason why you started this journey in the first place: to unite yourself to Jesus as He goes into the desert. If we want to join Him in the Resurrection, then we have to be willing to journey with Him through Great Lent — all of it.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Our regular monthly meeting will take place this **Thursday, March 22** at 1:30 p.m. preceded by a mini bean bag tournament at 12:30 p.m. New members are still welcome to join; membership is just \$10 per year and well worth it. Come check us out this week. **Please note:** there will be no afternoon activities on **March 29** (Holy Thursday). Regular activities will resume on **Thursday, April 5**.

Orders for our Spring Pyrohy Making session on **Tuesday, May 29** can be placed anytime. Contact Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann (G) Opaski at 577-2805 now to get your name of the list. The price is now \$6 per dozen for **cooked or raw frozen**. Help spread the word ~ thanks a lot!

The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot this **Wednesday, March 21** at 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10 p.m. To book a spot, contact Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski as soon as possible (numbers are above). This is a **free** service. Non-members (18 years and up) **with valid passports** are invited also.



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

Sunday Sermons



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



Primavera Tea - presented by the Principe di Piemonte Ladies Auxilliary, **Sunday, March 25** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Da Vinci Centre.

Featuring Bake Table, Penny Auction, and Food Hamper. Dainties & sandwiches will be served. Admission: \$5.⁰⁰. Proceeds to the local Alzheimer Society. Come join them for some delicious food, social gathering, and a great cause!

Fish and Chips Fridays - RC Legion Port Arthur Branch No. 5, 229 Van Norman Street, invites you to join them on Fridays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for fish and chips. They serve Atlantic Cod and your choice of hand-cut fries or baked potato. Also included: coleslaw, coffee/tea, and dessert. \$14 for a full order (2 pieces of fish); \$11.⁵⁰ for a half order (1 piece of fish); and \$7 for children (12 years old and younger). **Open on Good Friday, March 30.**

An Evening of Colour & Energy! - Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group presents its annual concert "*Beauty and the Beets Beats*", **Saturday, April 28** at 7 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. To get your tickets, visit the TBCA box office, call (807) 684-4444, or order online at www.tbca.com. This is a fun, family-friendly evening you won't want to miss!





Whoever Wants To Be Great Must Become A Servant

Do you like to feel important? We all like others to notice us and think we are special. But two of Jesus' Apostles, James and John, learned the way to greatness in God's Kingdom is different than what we might think.

One day, after Jesus told His disciples what would happen to him, James and John approached Him with a request. "Teacher, we want You to do whatever we ask You to do for us." Jesus asked them, "What is it that you want Me to do?" James and John said, "We want to sit next to You in Heaven, one of us on Your right and the other on Your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not understand what you are asking. Can you go through all the things that I will suffer so that people can have a way to be with God in Heaven?" They both answered, "Yes, we can." Jesus knew that they did not fully understand everything that He would have to go through. He told them, "You will suffer through many things because you will tell people about Me. But I cannot tell you who will sit in these places by Me." As they were talking, the other ten disciples found out what James and John had asked and became upset with them.

Jesus called all the disciples together. He explained that the rulers of the world liked to show their power over the people. They wanted everyone to know how important they were. But Jesus said that in His kingdom, it would be different. The one who wants to be great must become a servant to everyone. Then Jesus said that is why He came—not to be served, but to serve others and to give His life to save everyone.

Jesus showed a perfect example of serving others. He never thought about Himself. He lived to serve and died to save us. Jesus wants us to be servants to others. That is how other people will know about God.

Jesus reminded His disciples about what He was going to do. He died on the cross and three days later, He came back to life. He did this so that we could be with Him forever. If we believe in our heart that He did this and ask Him to forgive us for all the wrong things we have done, then we will know that we get to spend forever with Him.

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BITTER HARVEST

BASED ON TRUE HISTORICAL EVENTS

Sunday, March 18

2:00 p.m.

B. G. Shumay Auditorium

(Holy Cross Parish Hall)

415 W. Victoria Avenue

Admission: Donation at the door

B.Y.O.P. (Bring Your Own Pillow)

Refreshments available for purchase

This film is rated **14A – 14 Accompaniment**
Persons under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult

There will be a 10-minute intermission. Film length: 103 minutes

Nominated for 4 Movieguide Awards in 2018,
Including Best Movie (Mature Audiences)

