

Слава Ісусу Христу ~ Слава на віки! Glory be to Jesus Christ ~ Glory forever!
 Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!
 ~ May your participation in today's Divine Liturgy be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful ~



Sunday, March 8, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle: *Hebrews 1: 10 - 2: 3*

Gospel: *Mark 2: 1-12*

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral
 Sunday (10 a.m.): Andrika Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

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

Parish News & Events

The next after-liturgy coffee/luncheon hour in our parish hall will take place on **Sunday, March 22** at which time a representative from the **Our Hearts at Home** cardiovascular campaign will be present to speak about this important surgical program.



Our parish Lenten Mission will be held on **March 24, 25 & 26 at 6:30 p.m.** each evening led by **Msgr. P. Stilla** of St. Patrick's Cathedral. You are encouraged to attend as many days as possible. The sessions will begin in the church and then continue in the parish hall. A light snack and refreshments will be provided, but if so desired, you may bring an item (cake, cookies, squares, etc.) to share.

The Spring Pyrohy Making Session will take place **March 28, 29, and 30 (Sat-Sun-Mon)**. Orders are closed. As usual, we are counting on all men and women of the parish (and guests) to help with the various tasks especially on the Monday to make dough and circles, pinch, boil and package the product. A delicious lunch will be provided. *Thank you for your support!*



If you would like to rent our parish hall and kitchen (some restrictions apply), we ask that you please review the **Hall Rental Policy** and appropriate application forms (available on our parish website) before contacting the Parish Office for booking. Go to **www.holycrosstbaycom** and click on the **Hall Rental & Funerals** tab near the top left. Proof of insurance is required for any hall rental, which can be purchased from Pearson Dunn or any private insurance company. **Please note:** regular weekly rentals (such as those for the Holy Cross Golden Agers) will **not** be displaced to accommodate a special or last-minute request without the approval of the parties involved.

During the Lenten season, let us remember our Food Hamper located in the narthex — your contributions are appreciated.

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.

FEBRUARY 29/MARCH 1

Envelopes: \$2,325.⁰⁰

Mission Collection: \$110.⁰⁰

Initial Offering: \$5.⁰⁰ Andrew's Pence: \$5.⁰⁰

Special Projects: \$115.⁰⁰

Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$75.⁰⁰

Flowers for the Tomb of Christ: \$118.⁰⁰

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Collection from **January to June 2020** is for the TBRHSC "Our Hearts at Home" cardiovascular campaign. If desired, parishioners can make a larger donation to this cause and get a receipt from the parish.

Liturgical Service Schedule

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

5:00 p.m. ~ **Third Sunday of Great Lent**
 Veneration of the Holy Cross
 Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk
 Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Tennant

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

10:00 a.m. ~ **Third Sunday of Great Lent**
 Veneration of the Holy Cross
 Epistle Reader: Tanner Mills
 Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak



Today, we hear how Jesus' power is demonstrated in a way that no one can contest. They're all blown away by this demonstration of the power of God; they've never seen anything like it. However, when you really think about it, this 'healing' is just the sideshow. The more important act is His first words to the paralyzed man: "Your sins are forgiven." Jesus has come to proclaim forgiveness of sins to human beings who are unable to help themselves. His healing of the paralyzed man demonstrates that He has the power of God to back up His words, but it's the message of forgiveness that really matters. Jesus' offer of forgiveness is the greatest gift He could have given this man or anyone else. To be made right with God is the ultimate gift we could give to someone else. And it's such a simple message. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Put your trust in Him. Live your life for Him.

Comforting Words of Reassurance

*Good friends bring us closer to Jesus.
 Best friends break through any
 obstacle, any crowd, and any roof
 to drop us right at His feet.*



Question: What does the Bible say about friends?

Answer: Human beings were created to be social creatures, meaning that we are most comfortable when we have family, friends and acquaintances. Friendship is an important element in a fulfilled, contented life, and those who have close friends, whether one or two or a multitude, will usually be happy and well-adjusted. At the same time, those who call themselves our friends may cause us grief and hardship, constantly disappointing us.

Proverbs 1:10-19 and 4:14-19 contain warnings about friends and how we should choose them. We are not to associate with those who entice us to do wrong, no matter how appealing their "friendship" seems to be. Those whose "feet rush to sin" should be avoided. The path they choose is no place for a Christian whose choice should be to follow the "path of the righteous." Only that path leads to friendship with God, which is the ultimate goal of a Christian.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The next bingo training session will take place on **Sunday, March 8** at 4:00 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre. Our next scheduled bingo is a matinee on **Wednesday, March 18** at 12 noon. Please let our Volunteer Coordinator Gerry Bullock know if you wish to attend the training and/or can volunteer at the next session.

Deadline for submissions for the next issue of *The Plentiful Harvester* is **Friday, March 13**.

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March 9, 1814 ~ March 10, 1861



He was a peasant's son and has become a prince in the realm of spirits.

He was a serf, and has become a Great Power in the commonwealth of human culture.

He was an unschooled layman, and has shown to professors and scholars newer and freer paths.

He sighed for ten years under the Russian soldiery, and has done more for the freedom of Russia than ten victorious armies.

Fate pursued him cruelly throughout life, yet could not turn the pure gold of his soul to rust, his love of humanity to hatred, or his trust in God to despair.

Fate spared him no suffering, but did not stint with pleasures, which welled up from a healthy spring of life.

And it withheld till after death its best and costliest prize—undying fame and the ever-new delight which his works call forth in millions of human hearts.

~ Ivan Franko, May 12, 1914 ~

Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Great Lent

(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14 - 5: 6

Jesus the Great High Priest

Gospel: Mark 8: 34 - 9: 1

Jesus Speaks about His Suffering and Death

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions:
"What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?"
and "What are the connections between them?"

This will help make them easier to follow and understand.



HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular Thursday afternoon activities start at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon), and new members are still welcome to come and join us. Membership is only \$10/year and well worth it. Check us out!

This month's bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, March 18** @ 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10:00 p.m. To book your free seat — for those 18 years and older with valid passports — sign your name on the sheet at Thursday's gathering or just call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) — it's that simple.

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

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Pysanky Workshop - Come try your hand at this 'egg-citing' workshop on **Saturday, March 14** at the 'Ukrainian Home', 211 Robertson Street. Choose one of two sessions this year: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have never tried this before, don't worry as experienced instructors will guide you through all the steps of transforming a plain egg into a beautiful work of art. The cost per person is \$30 (\$25 if you have your own stylus/kistka) which includes materials, along with snacks and refreshments. To pre-register, call or text Kyle Gilhooly at 629-3969 soon!



St. Joseph's Table - **Saturday, March 21** and **Sunday, March 22** after each Mass at St. Dominic's Parish, 130 W. Redwood Avenue. Anyone wishing to create an Easter Basket or donate items such as chocolates, toys or baskets can call Giovanna Bertolo at 577-2150. This is their annual parish project of solidarity for people in need. For more information or to donate baking, contact Melina at 577-3001.

Mother's Market at the Moose - **Saturday, March 28** from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Moose Hall, 434 Fort William Rd. Call 627-4400 to book your table today. \$25 for a Mom Table; \$30 for a Business Table. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, etc. are all welcome. Concessions available on site.



Principe de Piemonte Primavera Tea - **Sunday, March 29** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at DaVinci Centre, 340 Waterloo St. Presented by the Ladies Auxiliary. Bake Table, Penny Auction, and Food Hamper. Sandwiches and dainties served. Tickets are \$6/person. Proceeds to the Alzheimer Society. Everyone welcome!

For more listings of local events of interest, check out the calendars at www.calendar.thunderbay.ca on a regular basis.



The Season of Lent: Planting Seeds of Love

We are now in an important season in our church year - the season of Great Lent. Do you remember how long Lent lasts? That's right, Lent is the 40 days before Palm Sunday which leads right in to Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The word "Lent" comes from another word "Lente" which means springtime. That makes sense...since Lent and Easter always happen during the springtime.

Many of the things we like to do in the springtime are similar to the kinds of things you and I can and should do during Lent as we prepare for Easter. In the springtime, we like to OPEN UP. We put these screens in our windows so we can let the fresh spring air fill our homes. For Lent, a great thing to do is OPEN UP our Bibles and read them more. When we read our Bibles, God speaks a fresh word to us and fills our hearts with His presence.

In the springtime, many people like to CLEAR OUT - especially the clutter in their closets. People go through their closets and take out the things they don't really need: heavy coats, old shoes- things that will just be in the way. For Lent, it is good to CLEAR OUT the things in our lives that we don't really need — things that get in the way of following Jesus. For example, maybe you watch TV or play video

games a lot. Why not put them away for a while and use that extra time to pray.

In the springtime, we always need to SWEEP UP all the dirt in our homes that has been hiding all winter - like under rugs, dirt that no one else sees, but dirt that we know is there. For Lent, it is good to ask ourselves, "Have I made any mistakes or messes that I need to clean up? Do I need to apologize to someone for something I said or did? Do I need to ask God to forgive me?"

In the springtime, many people love to PLANT. They plant seeds in garden pots and water them as they wait and watch them grow into something beautiful. For Lent, it is good for us to PLANT - different kind of seeds. We can plant seeds of love in the hearts of others when we are kind, or helpful, or when we tell someone about Jesus. For Lent, think of something you can do that will become something beautiful for someone else, and do it in the name of Jesus, the one who did something really beautiful for you.

Dear Jesus, we love You. Help us to open up our Bibles, clear out our clutter, sweep up our messes, and plant seeds of love during the season of Lent. Amen.

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