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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Commemoration of St. John Climacus)

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Hebrews 6: 13-20* *Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31*

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Mary Ann Lysak
Sunday (10 a.m.): Susan Soldan



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Mary Ann Lysak
Sunday (10 a.m.): Christopher Tennant

LITURGICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

for the week of April 1 - 7, 2019

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:00 p.m. ~ **Fifth Sunday of Lent** ~ St. Mary of Egypt
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 a.m. ~ **Fifth Sunday of Lent** ~ St. Mary of Egypt
Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

Your Return Gift to God

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



MARCH 23/24

Envelopes: \$1,140.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$63.⁸⁵
Special Projects: \$105.⁰⁰
Flowers for the Tomb/Easter: \$45.⁰⁰

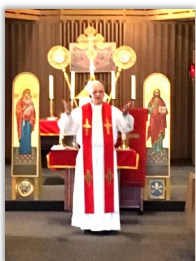
Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for March is designated for the **Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital**. For more information, visit www.sjcg.net/services/spiritual-care.

Parish News & Activities



Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to **Gladys Lasuita** on the occasion of her **90th** birthday on **March 29**. May the Lord continue to bless her and grant her many more happy years ~ Многая літа!



On behalf of Msgr. Pat Stilla, sincere appreciation is extended to all who took part in the **Lenten Mission**. It was a pleasure to have Fr. Pat with us again and to listen to his inspirational words. We would also like to thank Christopher Tennant (with help from John Kozyra) for acquiring a screen, as well Cheryl Bain, Pat Hrychuk and Zenya Puchalski for arranging the coffee/tea and delicious goodies for the reception that followed each evening. Thanks also to Alice Watral for making the yummy cannoli for Thursday evening. May God bless all of us!

We welcome **Tyson Michael Rayosi** into our Christian family, who received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism in the Byzantine Rite on Saturday, March 30. May the light of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, shine over Tyson all the days of his life, and grant him and his family many happy and blessed years. Многая і благая літа!

The most valuable commodity in this world is faith. Faith that God is love. Faith that God loves us. Faith that God is a merciful God. Faith that He is bigger than our circumstance; bigger than our need. Faith that believes regardless of what happens to us, God is in control, and He will work all things together for His glory and our good.



There is so much in our lives God wants to do but He has chosen many times to limit Himself based on our faith. He's waiting for us to call out to Him; to cry out to Him. What is going on in your life that you need to exercise faith? What is it in your life that you need to call out to Him for? He's bigger than your loneliness. He's bigger than your fears. He's bigger than your addiction. He's bigger than your disease. He's bigger than your wounds. He's bigger than your troubled marriage. God wants to deliver today. God wants to heal today. This is what we need to believe with all our being.

~ from a sermon by Russell Barksdale

Time to make pyrohy again! Potato peeling & preparations take place on **Saturday, April 6** at 8 a.m.; ball making on **Sunday, April 7** at 9 a.m.; doughmaking, pinching, boiling, packaging, etc. on **Monday, April 8** at 8 a.m.

We still have some frozen cabbage rolls for sale: \$10/dozen ~ first come, first served. Please speak with Michael Watral.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)



Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14
(Earthly and Heavenly Worship)

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45
(Jesus Speaks A Third Time about His 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.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Our monthly meeting will be take place on **Sunday evening** (March 31) at **7 p.m.** Your presence is encouraged as it has been nearly two months since we gathered together.

Our next bingo is an evening session on **Tuesday, April 9.** Those who have agreed to volunteer on that date should be at the hall no later than 5:45 p.m. in proper attire.

The next two training dates and times are as follows:



Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.
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.

Smile Legends

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And then finally, he concluded, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!"

As he sat down, the choir leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

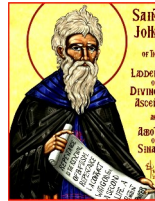
HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular afternoon activities meeting take place on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. with doors opened at 12 noon.

Our sincerest thanks to **Rev. Frank Moore** for his time spent as Treasurer, who recently stepped down from this position, and to **Oksana (Sandy) DiFelice** who accepted the role at last week's monthly meeting. God bless you both!

The next bus to Grand Portage in April will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, April 10 @ 3:45 p.m.** and return @ 10 p.m. To book your free seat, sign the list at the meeting or call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006).

OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS



At the request of the abbot of the Raithu monastery, St. John Climacus wrote *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, a book of instruction for monks who wished to attain spiritual perfection. Such a book would be "a ladder fixed on the earth" (Gen. 28:12), leading people to the gates of heaven.

Although the book was written for monks many years ago, any Christian living in the world will find it an unerring guide for ascending to God, and a support in the spiritual life. Saint Theodore the Studite (November 11) and others relied on it as an important guide to salvation.

In *The Ladder*, Saint John describes the ascent toward spiritual perfection, which is essential for anyone who wishes to save his or her soul. It is a written account of his thoughts, based on the collected wisdom of many wise ascetics, and on his own spiritual experience. The book is a great help on the path to truth and virtue.

Words of Inspiration and Healing

Talk with Jesus about any inner pain or hurt you carry within you. Do this with the intention of receiving God's healing touch.

From **Forty Ways to Pray Lent** by Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM

What's Happening In and Around Our Community



Two-Bit Auction - Sunday, April 7 at the Slovak Legion Branch 129 Hall, 801 Atlantic Avenue, sponsored by the RCL Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open @ **12 noon**; activities start at **1:00 p.m.** Great baskets, food and refreshments, and a lot of fun! Tickets: \$5.⁰⁰ each. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 to arrange for yours. *Everyone is invited!*



Sprinkle of Spring Tea - sponsored by St. Dominic CWL, **Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in St. Dominic Parish Hall, 130 W. Redwood Avenue. Draws, Bake Table, Penny Auction, Sewing Table, sandwiches & dainties. Ticket prices: Adults: \$6.⁰⁰/person; children (5-12): \$4.⁰⁰; (4 and under): free. *Tutti sono benvenuti! Everyone is welcome!*

Conductor's Playlist - Join the Lakehead Choral Group members on **Wednesday, April 24** for their annual concert as they celebrate their conductor Susan Korstanje's 25th year at the podium. It all begins at **7:30 p.m.** at **St. Agnes Church** (corner of Brown and Mary Sts.). Adults: \$20; Students: \$10. Speak with LCG member Susan Soldan to get your tickets for this special show!

Support Ukrainian Culture - Chaban Ukrainian Dancers present "**Vasyl and the Varenyky Factory**" ~ their annual concert at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. An evening of colour, energy and traditional music! To get your tickets, visit the Box Office, call (807) 684-4444, or order online at www.tbca.com. *This fun, family-friendly evening will have something for everyone! Don't miss it!*



For a listing of other events and activities around our city, check out the city website at <https://www.calendar.thunderbay.ca>.



If You Can Believe, All Things Are Possible

If you were sick, what would your parents do? If you just had a minor rash or a little cold they might give you some medicine from the pharmacy and hope it makes you feel better. But what if you were sicker than ever and your parents had no idea of what to do? They would most definitely make you a doctor's appointment straightaway! They would follow the doctor's orders completely and do everything they could to see you doing well again.

Today our Bible story comes out of the book of Mark (9:14-27) where we read about a father's desperate desire for his son to be healed. This man's son was most likely not a little kid any longer but had been very sick from childhood. In fact, this sickness was so bad that it had almost taken the boy's life many times before. When the father saw Jesus, he explained his son's situation to Him and asked Jesus to help them. Jesus then said to the father, "if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father cried out and said, "Lord I believe; but help my unbelief!" [He wanted Jesus to help him to only believe and not doubt]. Shortly after this we read that Jesus healed the man's son.

What Can we learn from this story? In this story we see a father who loved his son and wanted nothing more than to have him healed of his sickness. Due to his son being sick for so long, the father had trouble with truly believing that he would ever be better. It's likely that throughout the years this man had tried plenty of things in order to stop his son's suffering, but nothing worked until he met up with Jesus. This man was very much like your parents are today. Parents know when the Aspirin, Tylenol and chicken noodle soup don't work and you're still sick...it's time to get you to the doctor! Jesus was the doctor in this story. Everything God says is the TRUTH and it's very important that we believe Him. No matter what life throws at you; find out what God said about it and choose only to believe Him. Keep in mind that in this story the father's unbelief was dealt with first and the son's healing came next. Therefore, unbelief or not trusting God could cause God's blessings to be put "on hold" not only in your life but in the lives of others as well. From now on, you can face all your problems and troubles with confidence in what God said. Remember..."If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

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