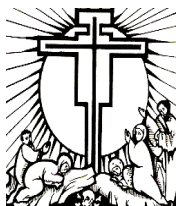


Glory be to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors.
We pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching for you as well.



March 19, 2017 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~ Veneration of the Holy Cross of Our Lord ~

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34 - 9:1
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Your Return Gift to God

MARCH 11/12

Envelopes: \$1,280.⁰⁰
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$130.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$43.⁶⁰
Special Projects: \$105.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity!
Щиро Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for March is designated for **Community Clothing Assistance**. Its objective is to assist in the relief of poverty among needy families and people in crisis with an emphasis on community supported clothing assistance programmes.



*"To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration,
and we glorify Your holy Resurrection."*

As we have "crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us on this, the Third Sunday of Great Lent, to refresh our souls and encourage those who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers "planted" on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

Source: <http://lent.goarch.org>

Liturgical Services for This Week * Parish News & Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 a.m. ~ Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. ~ **Fourth Sunday of Lent - St. John Climacus**

Epistle Reader: Gloria Opaski-Sherban

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 a.m. ~ **Fourth Sunday of Lent - St. John Climacus**

Epistle Reader: Denny Verdenik

- * Our Pyrohy Making Session takes place on **March 25-27**
- * (Sat-Sun-Mon). Help will be needed for the various tasks —
- * peeling and preparing potatoes on Saturday morning, making balls on Sunday morning, and doughmaking, pinching, boiling and packaging on Monday morning. Your assistance is appreciated even for a few hours on any of the days.
- * *Thank you for your time and support!*
- * Father Dan Lapolla of St. Dominic's Church is collecting any **size large white** lab coats or white hospital pant/top sets to send to Ukraine. If you have some that you no longer use or need, please bring them (cleaned) to the church and place them in the labelled box in the narthex. We will forward them to Father Dan promptly. *Grazie a tutti!*

The schedule of services for **Passion Week** and **Easter Weekend** will be published as an insert in two weeks (April 2). Look for it in the bulletin at that time. The deadline for submissions for *April's Calendar of Events and Hall Activities* is **Friday, March 24**.

Need a place to gather or have an event? The B.G. Shumay Auditorium (our parish hall) and kitchen facilities are available for rent by parishioners, non-parishioners and other local community user groups. We ask you to please review the **Hall Rental Policy** and appropriate application forms before contacting the Parish Office for booking. Proof of insurance is required for any hall rental, which can be purchased from Pearson Dunn or any private insurance company. All information is on our parish website. Go to www.holycrosstbaycom, and then click on the **Hall Rental & Funerals** tab near the top left. **Please note:** regular weekly rentals will **not** be displaced to accommodate a special or last-minute request without the approval of the parties involved.

We would like to welcome and thank **Direct Cabinets** (Greg Chvets) as the newest sponsor for our parish bulletin. Visit the showroom at 542 S. Syndicate Avenue (beside Chimo) or check out the new website (coming soon) at www.directcabinets.ca.



Tickets for our parish's **50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner** will be available starting **April 1** in the narthex. The price for all adults will be \$25 and \$15 for children 10 years of age and under. Tickets will be sold at these prices until August 1 after which they will increase to \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. You are encouraged to purchase your tickets well in advance so that the Committee can make the necessary arrangements and avoid any last-minute glitches.

And keep on bringing in those pictures, especially from the last ten years, for the planned video collage, so we can all share in the many memories of our special life at Holy Cross Parish! *Thank you to all!*



St. George's Society

Our next bingo at Superior Shores Gaming Centre is a matinee this **Thursday, March 23**. Those who have volunteered for that session should be at the hall no later than 12 noon.

Members are needed for help at the next **Pyrohy Making Session** on **March 25-27**. The usual schedule for the three days will be followed. Your help is certainly appreciated!

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 2** at **7 p.m.** in our parish hall. Your attendance is encouraged!

CHURCH ETIQUETTE ~ PEW BLOCKING

Never heard of pew blocking? It's that practice of sitting right next to the aisle so that no one else can get by to sit in the middle of the pew. Everyone has seen it. In fact, the best pew blockers come early so they can get their coveted aisle seats and then be sure that no one can get past them. The most effective form of pew blocking takes place when two people take their places at opposite ends of the pew, occupying both the center and aisle seats. This effectively eliminates anyone else from sitting on that row. There are two solutions to pew blocking: the first is to move towards the middle of the pew, leaving the aisle seats for those coming later. And for those of you who just can't handle sitting in the middle of the pew [or those with small children who may need to make a fast exit for, well, you know], take the outside aisle spot and graciously allow those coming after you to go past (by moving out for them so they can get by). Remember, pew blocking isn't hospitable - nor is it an efficient method of seating. So, don't be selfish. Move on over towards the middle. Don't be a pew blocker.

Holy Cross Golden Agers ~ Fun for Seniors ~

Regular activities take place on Thursday afternoons beginning at 1:30 p.m. [doors open at 12:30 p.m.]. New members (55+) are always welcome with open arms — it's just \$10 per year. Drop in for a visit at the parish hall or speak with Peter Swerdlyk for more information.

Just a reminder of our monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 30** at 1:30 p.m. All members are requested to attend. And the next bus to Grand Portage will be on **Wednesday, April 19** leaving the church parking lot at the usual time. To book your seat, please contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805).

True Words of Wisdom

*"In the Cross is salvation; in the Cross is life;
in the Cross is protection against our enemies;
in the Cross is infusion of heavenly sweetness;
in the Cross is strength of mind;
in the Cross is joy of spirit;
in the Cross is excellence of virtue;
in the Cross is perfection of holiness.
There is no salvation of soul,
nor hope of eternal life, save in the Cross."*



What's Happening In and Around Thunder Bay...

Shrimp Fest - Saturday, March 25 at the Columbus Centre. Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each and include 1 lb. of golden shrimp, fries, hot vegetable, bread, dessert, and coffee/tea. Refreshment bar is available. Call Rosie at 623-3252 to order your tickets by phone.

Primavera Tea - Sunday, March 26 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Da Vinci Centre, 340 Waterloo Street. Hosted by the Principe Di Piemonte Society Ladies Auxiliary and featuring the following: Bake Table, Penny Auction, and Food Hamper. Admission is \$5/person. Sandwiches and dainties to be served. Proceeds to the Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay.

Are you looking for that 'special treasure'? First-Wesley United Church, 130 N. Brodie St. is holding a **Garage Sale** on **Friday, March 31** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and **Saturday, April 1** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Household and yard articles, clothing, toys, books plus much more available. Free admission to all!

Learn to Make Beautiful Ukrainian Easter Eggs - The League of Ukrainian Canadians is hosting a **Pysanka Workshop** on **Saturday, April 1** from **2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at 211 Robertson Street. Registration fee is \$20.00/person. To pre-register call Hanya Cvoronjak at 344-3136 ~ limited seating. Everyone is welcome!

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS ONLINE - Donations can now be accepted online through the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosstbay.com/donate). Parishioners, family and friends can now donate by setting up automatic weekly donations or by one-time donation. One-time donations can be made by any major credit card, while automatic donations require the use of a PayPal account. Donations are eligible for tax receipts. If you have any questions about online donations contact Andrea Warywoda at 629-6818. *Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish community!*



The Game of Marbles: Playing for Keeps

Years ago, before video games and computers, children used to play with marbles, those little shiny glass or plastic balls of different sizes. (You can ask your parents and grandparents if they still have any around.) The game of marbles is basically an 'elimination game' — you try to knock the other players' marbles out of the ring. Before a game of marbles begins, one player will sometimes ask the other players, "Are we playing for fun, or are we playing for keeps?" If you just play for fun, when the game is over, the winner gives the marbles back. But if you play for keeps, the winner gets to keep all of the marbles he or she has won.

Some people live their life as if it were a game of marbles. They spend their whole life trying to be the one with the most marbles. They think that the one with the biggest house, the fanciest car, and the most money in the bank is the winner. They think they are playing "for keeps," but when they come to the end of their life, do you know how many of their marbles they get to take with them? None of them! They spend their whole life trying to win all of the marbles, but in the end, they are left with nothing!

Jesus said that if we want to be real winners we must be willing to give up everything and follow him. When we follow Jesus, we may not have a lot of the things that some people think are important. We may not live in a big house or drive a fancy car, but we will have something that is much better than that, we will have treasures laid up for us in heaven. When we get to heaven, there will be a mansion waiting for us to move in and we will walk around on streets of gold. Best of all, we will have everlasting life with Jesus. You see, when we give our lives to Jesus, HE "plays for keeps."



Some people will give anything to get more marbles, but Jesus asked "What good will it do them if they gain the whole world, but lose their soul?"

Dear Jesus, help us to realize that the only life that lasts is a life lived for you. Amen.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

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