



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

A place of prayer, family, and community since 1967 which follows the Eastern (Byzantine) Christian traditions of the Catholic Faith that first emerged in the lands of Rus-Ukraine through the preaching of Saint Andrew, the First-Called, and echoed onwards through the mission of the holy apostles to the Slavs, Cyril and Methodius. At Holy Cross, we are called to enter into communion with God within the community of the faithful, the Church — the Body of Christ. Here, we offer services in English and Ukrainian languages where we are united to God and one another, and, “with one heart and one voice”, form the family of God.

The Divine Liturgy is the centre of our life, and it is here where we come to know Christ in each other, in the Sacred Scriptures and through participation in the Holy Sacraments.

May your participation in today's Divine Liturgy be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

Sunday, June 23, 2019 ~ Second Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: *Romans 2: 10-16*

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Gospel: *Matthew 4: 18-23*

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral
Sunday (10 a.m.): Christopher Tennant



Eucharistic Ministers

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

Holy Cross Parish News & Activities



Join us on Sunday starting at 12 noon for our annual **“Parish Picnic & Volunteer Appreciation Day”** outside on our parish grounds and later inside in the hall. There'll be activities (a scavenger hunt) and games, lots of food and drink, and a short ceremony recognizing all our wonderful volunteers. Everyone is welcome to come out and celebrate the beginning of summer!

We will have one more **“Cabbage Roll Making Session & Sale”** on **Tuesday, June 25**. Sunday will be your last chance to sign the sheet in the narthex for orders (frozen only). Cabbage preparation will take place Monday morning (June 24) @ 11 a.m.; rolling/packaging will take place on Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m. We will need help with clean-up on Tuesday morning as well.

Please note: Starting next week, the parish bulletin will be printed every 2nd weekend (June 29/30, July 13/14, and 27/28; August 10/11 and 24/25) due to a decrease of activities, and to lessen the cost of printing, while giving some ‘vacation time’ to our editor. You can still send any announcements or items of interest to Michael Watral at mawatral@tbaytel.net, see him in church, or call/text him at 626-2182. Together, let’s keep the lines of communication wide open so that everyone at Holy Cross can remain “in the know” during the summer months.



Two reminders: 1) Please remember in your prayers those of our parish who are in the hospitals, care homes and those who are not able to join us actively. If you personally would like a hospital or home visit, please call Father Stepan (577-7721) to let him know. Don't leave it to the last minute; and 2) Continue also with your donations to our Food Hamper of non-perishable items for those less fortunate. Please do not include items past their ‘best before’ dates. Delivery is made to St. Andrew's Dew Drop Inn.

Have you been attending services at Holy Cross but are not registered as a parishioner? Registration is important for donation tracking and issuance of tax receipts. It is also important in order to receive the Holy Sacraments. To register, please call the office at 577-7720 and leave a message. Our bookkeeper can also arrange for you to receive a box of offering envelopes anytime. ☺

Liturgical Services Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 24

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of Christ, Lover of Mankind**

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul**
5:00 p.m. ~ **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

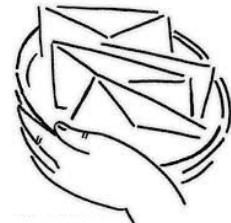
10:00 a.m. ~ **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak

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.*

JUNE 15/16

Envelopes and Loose: \$1,380.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$107.⁰⁰
Vigil Lights: \$132.⁰⁰
Special Projects: \$75.⁰⁰
Papal Charities: \$50.⁰⁰



* **Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!**

* June's Mission Collection is designated for **The Underground Gym and Youth Centre**.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

We are now on our break from regular Thursday afternoon activities until **September 5**. We wish all members a safe, healthy and pleasant summer!

Although it's still over three months away, our next pyrohy making is set for **Tuesday, October 1**. If you would like to place a 'standing order' during our summer break, please speak with Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) to avoid any disappointment in the fall.

As a number of members have expressed interest in participating in an extended bus trip (destination TBA) sometime in the future, it is still being looked into, and so, we ask you to be patient until we get more information about prices for hotels, events, venues, etc. Keep checking this bulletin regularly.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Waverley Park Concert Series - Starting **June 24**, every Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Waverley Park (Algoma St. at Red River Rd.). Two acts each evening (schedule is on the table in the narthex). Bring your lawn chairs, friends and family throughout the summer for a community get-together and some great music — and best of all, it's free and in the open air!



Canada Day on the Waterfront - Monday, July 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Thunder Bay's biggest annual one-day event. Programming runs throughout the evening, culminating in the area's biggest fireworks display. Come celebrate together!

Thunder Bay Blues Festival - July 5, 6 & 7. This musical tradition returns for its 18th year, bringing the biggest lineup in its history. 20 blues artists will offer a weekend full of great entertainment, and plenty of fun. Several vendors will be on site with tantalizing fare. Call the TBCA Box Office (684-4444) for tickets. Visit www.tbayblues.ca for more information.

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Jesus' calling of His Disciples is the beginning of the formation of the Church — the community of men, women and children "called out" to be engaged in God's mission in this lost world. So, when we make the decision to follow Jesus, we enter into a way of knowing God and God's reign that requires that we actually embody what we believe. Following Christ is not a concept — it is a way of life, and the Church — that's you and me — we are a means through which God works to fulfill His divine purposes. The fact that Peter, Andrew, James and John left behind their nets, boats and fathers is an indication that discipleship is not cheap. They left their old lives behind in order to follow in the footsteps of Christ. It is the moment when things began to change. And it's the same for us. The call to "follow Jesus" is a call "to absolute discipleship," and that only in surrendering ourselves to Jesus' command can we know our greatest joy!

~ from a sermon by Kenneth Sauer

Words of Wisdom and Faith

*"God calls us, just as He called Abraham,
away from the security we knew,
out of our old, familiar, little room,
down the ladder of faith and into His arms.
Jesus called His disciples that way."*

~ Peter Kreeft ~



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to those members who attended the Annual Dinner Meeting on June 20 — the attendance was great, and it was a nice end to another successful society year. Congratulations also to this year's Merit Award recipient **Jim Glena** — we 'salute' him for his continued devoted service. And to all members, good luck on the lake; stay safe in all your travels, and enjoy the warm summer weather. We look forward to seeing you at the first regular meeting of the new society year on **Sunday, September 29**.



Our next two scheduled bingos are: **Friday, June 28** in the afternoon, and **Friday, July 12** in the evening. Family members are invited to come out and play at those sessions as well. The next training session is **Sunday, July 21** at 4:00 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre. All members (and parishioners over the age of 18) are welcome to take the training and volunteer at bingo. ☺

The next issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** will be published the weekend of July 27/28. Look for hard copies on the narthex table at that time; electronic versions will be sent out the following week. Stay in touch during the summer!

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Sunday Smile

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock". Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden; I was afraid and hid from you because I was naked."

Readings for Third Sunday after Pentecost
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Romans 5: 1-10
Right with God

Gospel: Matthew 6: 22-33
God and Possessions





Let's Go Fishing for Men with Jesus!

Have you ever gone fishing? Some of you may have, while others may be too young to do so yet. What do you take with you when you go fishing? Well, you might take a fishing pole, worms or other bait. And if you were going camping, too, you'd take a sleeping bag and a tent.

Two children, Kelly and Kyle love fishing. When they go with their parents, they usually fish from the shore of the lake. Sometimes their grandfather takes them fishing in his boat. One Saturday, while they were fishing on the lake, their grandfather told them that the people of Jesus' day sometimes used a spear or a rod with a hook on it to catch fish — and sometimes they used large nets. They could catch only one fish at a time with a spear or rod, but when they cast out their nets, they could bring in many fish. But if their net was too full of fish, it might break. Then all the fish would escape, and the fishermen would have to mend the net before going fishing again.

At the time of our story from the Holy Bible, Jesus lived in Capernaum, a town on the northwest corner of the Lake of Galilee. One day Jesus saw two brothers, Simon

Peter and Andrew. They were fishermen with big nets. They would go out on a boat, cast their net and after several hours they would haul their catch back to shore. Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers for men." (Matthew 4:18) He also called James and John, who were mending their nets beside the sea. All four men left fishing and began to follow Jesus. They wanted to hear more of Jesus teaching.

Their grandfather told Kelly and Kyle that Jesus is still calling people to follow Him. The Holy Bible tells us that Jesus taught people to love God and to be kind to others. Jesus and His followers went to many places teaching, preaching and helping people.

Let us pray: Thank you, Jesus, for calling Peter, Andrew, James and John and the others to follow You. Thank You for calling us to follow You, too. We want to learn more about how You helped people, and about the things You taught Your followers in the Holy Bible. Amen.

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