

## UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: March 22-29, 2020

| Date  | Time   | Location         | Event  |
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| Sun, 22 Mar<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | 9:30AM | Dormition-Church | Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners ( <b>closed to the public</b> ) |
| Wed, 25 Mar<br>Annunciation                   | 6:30PM | Dormition-Church | Feast Day Divine Liturgy ( <b>closed to the public</b> )             |
| Sat, 28 Mar<br>All Souls Saturday             | 9:00AM | Dormition-Church | Divine Liturgy: For All Souls ( <b>closed to the public</b> )        |
|   | 4:00PM | Dormition-Church | Confessions (outside the church only)                                |
| Sun, 29 Mar<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | 9:30AM | Dormition-Church | Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners ( <b>closed to the public</b> ) |

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| <b>Snow Shoveling</b> | Mar 22-28 Rick Hryniuk | Mar29-April 4 Steven Bomok | April 5-11 Kevin Ross |
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### Start & End Your Day During Lent with The Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life,  
Keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement,  
Lust of power and idle chatter. (*Prostration*)

Instead, grant to me Your servant,  
The spirit of wholeness of being, humble mindedness,  
patience and love. (*Prostration*)

O Lord and King,  
Grant me the grace to be aware of my sins, and not to judge my neighbour,  
For you are Blessed, now and forever (*Prostration*)

### **PARISH & PASTORAL DISTRICT NEWS**

**1. PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER!** Remember especially those who are sick, suffering or house-bound: Alex Skakun, Hailey Woytowich, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Rose Chrusch, Tina Wesolowski, Nikolas Stefanyshyn, Albert/Genevieve Zaiachkowski, Delvine Zaparaniuk, Olga Kondra, Shelley Perepeluk, Bill Muzyka.

**2. UCWL News** - We have passed the halfway mark of our Lenten Journey; we have completed our bread making. Now WHAT? Was that our focus? Of course not! This week with all the unrest in the world, I gazed upon my cross, knowing that what Jesus did for me he did you as well. I remember once when we were selling our house the agent told us to take down all our religious pictures. NOT! Hold on to that Cross! Thank you, Ladies for your goodness and your hard work, but now we will take a break so that we can ponder on the Cross as we move forward to the Resurrection. Stay well!  
Peace and Prayers – Marcie

**3. Share Lent: Week 4: March 22 - *The seringueiros: protectors in peril***



On reserves created by the Brazilian state, the *seringueiros* tap rubber trees and gather nuts and fruits for subsistence. But their lands are now coveted by powerful loggers, hunters, ranchers, soybean farmers, etc. They are facing increasing threats, intimidation and persecution. Despite these hardships, the *seringueiros* prefer remaining in place to tend their beloved forest.

Development and Peace’s partner, the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), supports the *seringueiros* by documenting violations of their rights and by helping them legally contest the seizure of their lands.

“Those who want to help us should immediately come to see what is happening here so that we may keep the forest standing.” – Ederson Chaves Dias, *seringueiro*, Angelim Reserve, Machadinho d’Oeste

Watch the *seringueiros*’ testimony at [devp.org/campaign/seringueiros](http://devp.org/campaign/seringueiros)

## **DORMITION UCWL ONLINE EASTER TEA & BAKE SALE**

As you all know, the danger of exposure via human contact is our number one priority these days, so we want to prevent people from coming in and out of our church building in groups, limiting risk to our parishioners as much as possible. At the same time, people in our parish and the wider community are still interested in supporting our League and celebrating Easter with these traditional foods.

**Easter breads and foods are now available to order ([CLICK HERE](#)). Online orders will be accepted March 19th - March 27th or while items are available.** Patrons can pick up their orders at the church on SATURDAY, APRIL 4th or make arrangements for delivery if you reside in Saskatoon (payment will only be accepted at the time of pick up or delivery).

*Items for sale include: babkas, Paskas, cabbage rolls, perogies, butter lambs, and beet horseradish. We will NOT be selling baking; PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF BAKING at the church. The raffles and draws will be held at a later date.*

### **\* 2020 Holy Week & Easter Liturgies in our Pastoral District \* TENTATIVE – SUBJECT TO COVID-19 CANCELLATION**

#### **April 5 - Palm Sunday**

9:30AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

11:30AM @ Vonda Divine Liturgy

5:00PM Sunday Divine Liturgy

#### **April 6 – Holy Monday**

6:30PM Presanctified Liturgy (Confessions @ 6PM)

#### **April 7 – Holy Tuesday**

6:30PM Presanctified Liturgy (Confessions @ 6PM)

#### **April 8 – Holy Wednesday**

6:30PM Presanctified Liturgy & Anointing of the Sick

#### **April 9 – Holy Thursday**

6:30PM Divine Liturgy & Washing of Feet

#### **April 10 - Good Friday**

11:00AM @Prud'homme Holy Shroud Service

3:00PM Holy Shroud Service, followed by All-Night Vigil

6:30PM Jerusalem Matins (featuring the Jerusalem Chorus)

#### **April 11 – Holy Saturday**

10AM-Noon Confessions

5:00PM Easter Vigil Liturgy followed by Basket Blessing

8:30PM @ Prud'homme: Resurrection Matins, Easter Liturgy & Basket Blessing

#### **April 12 - EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00AM Resurrection Matins, Easter Liturgy & Basket Blessing



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March 20, 2020

### **To the Reverend Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon:**

*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.*

*(Matthew 18:20)*

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Church is not a place, but a community. We are the Church! We are the Body of Christ! In these days when we are not able to gather for Eucharistic celebrations, the Body of Christ still gathers in our homes since He is present in us and in our families. During this difficult time, let us nurture the Body of Christ as Domestic Churches, in our own hearts and in our families, so that the true presence of the Lord, the Physician of our souls and bodies, is celebrated in each and every home. Let us read Scripture together, for the Lord makes Himself present to us in his Word. Let us use the technological means available to us to connect with one another and with the clergy of our Eparchy as they continue to pray and celebrate the Eucharist on your behalf. In longing to receive Him in the Precious Mysteries, we spiritually unite our hearts to Him through desire. Although physical communion is reserved to the main celebrant, spiritual communion is available to all!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God and all the saints, may our homes be our churches, and may we grow in faith and strength, trusting that soon we will be able to celebrate again His presence among us together in our parish churches.

Since issuing the first directives for the Eparchy regarding the Coronavirus pandemic on 13 March 2020, the situation continues to worsen, forcing us to take drastic measures. In consultation with other Church officials, particularly with the Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Canada, the President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and the College of Consultors, I am issuing the following directives, effective immediately.

#### **1) GENERAL NORMS**

- a) Everyone is to follow the regulations and directives of Canadian Federal and Provincial civic authorities, public health authorities and other medical sources given for the common good of society. Our directives are issued especially with due concern for the health and well-being of our clergy and faithful.
- b) Particular care is to be given in keeping all spaces and objects clean and sanitized.
- c) Special attention is to be placed on avoiding physical contact with other persons, keeping advised distances (so called physical distancing of at least two meters) from other persons, avoiding coughing,

sneezing, speaking close to, and breathing upon other persons. These precautions are to be maintained in preparation for and during liturgical services.

- d) Obey and comply with current civil directives for all gatherings' restrictions. These restrictions apply to all gatherings in our churches and on church property.

## 2) LITURGICAL SERVICES

- a) **The faithful are dispensed from the canonical obligation to attend Sunday and Feast Day Liturgies until further notice. Following the civic restriction concerning the gatherings of persons, all Sunday and Feast Day and weekday Divine Liturgies as well as Lenten services are hereby closed to the public, until further notice. However, the faithful should be assured that prayers continue inside of the Church Temple for their intentions by the clergy. This includes Lenten missions/sermons which are only allowed by electronic means such as livestreaming or video. Although physical communion (receiving Eucharist) is reserved to the main celebrant, spiritual communion is available to all!**
- b) **Clergy are to celebrate these liturgies** with limited assistants, such as cantors and a deacon, for the given intentions; for Domestic Churches; for Parishes; for the sick and medical personnel; for the deceased etc. Although physical communion is reserved to the main celebrant, spiritual communion is available to all! Faithful are encouraged to make all efforts to unite in prayer with other Domestic Churches, during the time of Divine Worship being enacted in the Church Temple.
- c) **Special Instructions** will follow for services that are still a few weeks off such as Holy Week and Easter. Projections are that the status of the pandemic will intensify. Stay tuned for a more comprehensive explanation of "blessing".
- d) **Electronic means to transmit liturgical services** for the sake of spiritual unity, include "live streaming", and other uses of the internet to strengthen a focus on the Domestic Church. Pre-recorded services, homilies, catechesis and other similar presentations can be made available via "You Tube" or other social media platforms. Domestic Churches are encouraged to access available programming via the internet and other means, especially from within the Eparchy as well as those transmitted from Ukraine. Share what your Domestic Church is doing electronically so that others are encouraged. Further, updates as to available online resources will be given by separate communication from your parish priest and other online links. Finding resources online as a family is a great activity.
- e) **Funerals** may continue to be conducted in churches and funeral homes according to local regulations. Gathering restrictions must be followed, in consultation with relatives of the deceased. Persons who are at risk should not attend. Families may request immediate burial with a *Panakhyda* and interment rites at the gravesite. At this time the funeral service should consist of the *Parastas* and/or *Panakhyda*. A memorial Divine Liturgy can be planned for a later date. Receptions following a funeral are not to take place publicly, especially on church property.
- f) **Marriages/ Crowning** are permitted with a priest, the groom and bride as well as two official witnesses complying with canon law and guidelines /directives from civic authorities. Other aspects of the wedding must be postponed to a later date or until civic directives change.
- g) **Baptism and Chrismation / Rites of Initiation** must be postponed to a later date, except in danger of death.
- h) **Sacrament of Reconciliation /Confession** will continue to be made available to the faithful only on an emergency basis and with the cleric taking all necessary precautions. Governed by a separate Decree that



is forth coming, an option of General Absolution is available for clergy to administer, that is, one person at a time and not in groups, so that personal exposure to a priest and penitent is kept to a minimum. A regular confession of some length is acceptable in a large room or outside.

- i) **Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins** may continue but complying with the health directives of hospitals, health care facilities and private homes. While providing spiritual support to those in need, clergy are to avoid situations where they, too, can become carriers of the virus and thus endanger others. Precautions are to be taken with Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

### 3) SANITARY NORMS

- a) **Clergy should conduct themselves as if they are carriers that are infected but perhaps not showing symptoms.** Clergy and others assisting around the altar must wash their hands thoroughly before and after every liturgical service. Health directives of hospitals, health care facilities and private homes must be adhered to if assisting a priest, such as vesting. Only the main celebrant may receive Eucharist.
- b) Clergy and laity must refrain from shaking hands and any other forms of body contact within the church. Again, keeping a distance between persons is also important.
- c) On the first sign of illness or feeling unwell, clergy are to self-isolate until such time as symptoms are not present or seek immediate medical attention and refrain from any pastoral duties including serving non-public Divine Services. This may be done with an *Antimension* at home if he is self-isolating or has difficulty traveling to a church.
- d) **Since public events are not allowed** it follows that when people visit a church privately:
  - i) Kissing or touching of icons, the gospel book, crosses and crucifixes or reliquaries are to be avoided.
  - ii) Sanitization of door handles, bannisters, pew tops, counters and other areas should be done frequently. Washrooms especially are to be kept sanitized.
  - iii) Chalices, other sacred vessels, hand crosses, gospel books and similar items are to be washed with sanitizers or warm soapy water. Purificators, towels and other linen are to be replaced with fresh ones after each liturgy.

We must remember that Christ was obedient to the Father's will. Obedience to the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit is guiding us at this time is a way to unite ourselves to Christ.

"God is with us, understand this all you nations. And be humbled, for God is with us!"

In Christ,

+ Bryan Bayda, C.S.R.

Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, C.S.R.  
Eparch of Saskatoon



The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon **Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol** is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. If you have a concern please contact Fr. Andre, Parish Coordinator of Care **Jon Abrametz** at (306-652-8833 ext.1) or Deb Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228.

# Eparchy of Saskatoon Family and Life Office Bulletin:

March 2020



## “The future of the world passes through the family”

St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 79

**Family PEACE in a time of crisis:** In our last insert we reflected on peace. Who knew that we would be facing this incredible challenge causing such anxiety at this time? Of course, parents and grandparents are worried both for themselves and their families. Health and economic concerns regarding the effects of COVID-19 are indeed great. But imagine how our children and grandchildren are feeling. Their world also has been turned upside down. This is indeed a great opportunity for us to both grow in our faith, and to model an unshakable hope to our children and youth. It is also an opportunity to grow closer in our relationships by listening and being mindfully present to our kids. Some things to try:

1. **PRAY:** If ever there was a time to bring our worries and fears to God, with faith and hope in His love and mercy, it is now. Also taking refuge under the protection of our Lady’s mantle by praying a family rosary, or at least a “daily decade” is a fantastic idea. Do this deliberately, go to your family icon corner, and light a candle. This is a reminder to all of us that our home is a ‘domestic church’.
2. **GIVE THANKS:** Remember that all we have, including each other--no matter how difficult all this imposed family time might be-- it is all gift. Remember to say grace before meals and thank God for all of His provision. *Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:6-8 RSVCE)*
3. **SHARE:** Try and reach out to neighbors, fellow parishioners and family who may be alone and feeling isolated. What needs might they have that you and your family could help with? This is an opportunity to model how we can reach out in love to others.
4. **LEARN:** Discover the wonders of continuing schooling efforts at home. There is no reason not to— especially with all the resources available online. Don’t forget religious education and formation. Take time to read Scripture, or *Christ our Pascha* (the Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church) or other spiritual reading appropriate to their age. A certain amount of screen time is probably inevitable but try and watch some shows that have Catholic/Christian content with your kids. Things like ‘Veggie tales’ and ‘Cat chat’ give us excellent downloadable content so that secular media is not their only go to. Also take time to teach your kids homemaking skills such as cleaning, cooking, sewing and other practical things that you might not otherwise have time to teach.
5. **PLAY:** What a great opportunity to play together! Go outside, take walks in nature, look at the stars, watch for signs of spring, play games, make crafts and do puzzles. Some space and alone time are also good and will help us all get through all this ‘togetherness’.

**PEACE in our hearts and family is possible even in a time of crisis! God is with us!**

### Development and Peace Share Lent Collection – an update on the situation

During these uncertain times because of the COVID-19 crisis, Development and Peace has made the decision to cancel or postpone all of its in-person meetings and events across Canada. Lent is a vital time of year for the organization, and so we invite you to participate in our virtual Share Lent campaign and act in solidarity with our partners in the Global South and the most vulnerable populations that will be all the more affected by this pandemic. This Lent give from the heart. Donate to Development and Peace today by making a DIRECT donation:

1. **Online:** [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)

2. **By phone:** 1-888 664-3387

3. **By mail:** 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd W, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7

4. **or Give in your ordinary way** – using an envelope, possibly in your box of envelopes, and drop it off at your parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

# LifeLines

## **Euthanasia?... Should I?**

The Word of God, the Holy Father,  
and Our Bishops Speak.

### **The Pope Took Her in His Arms**

Consuelo Cordoba was determined to die. Her face was disfigured after a vicious attack; she had undergone surgery a hundred times. Yet for over 16 years she had great courage and helped other victims of violence.

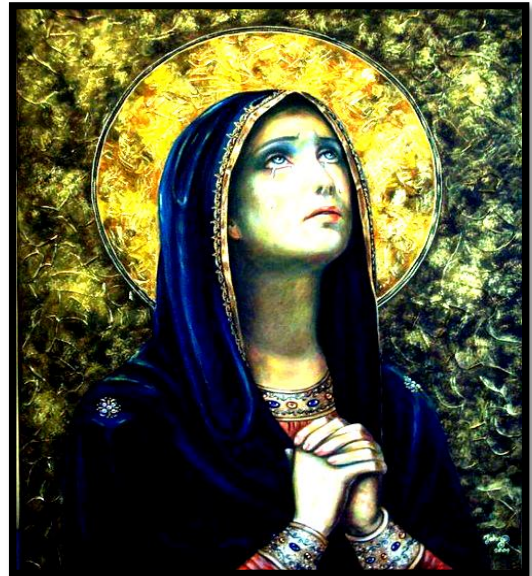
Then a brain ailment led her to wish to die “to put an end to suffering.” Euthanasia was scheduled for Sept. 29, 2017. Nevertheless, she wanted to receive the Pope’s blessing first to “be able to rest in peace.” She was able to contact Pope Francis during his visit to Columbia

**“And then he saw me and made a sign to me, like this,” she said, her left arm reaching forward.**

“I said to myself: ‘Thank you God, because he is coming for me.’” The Pope took her in his arms and blessed her, putting his right hand on her head and convinced her to continue to live.

**“There won’t be euthanasia,” affirmed Consuelo in front of the television cameras.**

It was difficult for her to speak, her head covered with a mask, her left eye bandaged. But her right eye was beaming bright with new hope and determination to live for God, until he called her home by a natural death.



### **Word of God: Wisdom Speaks**

Whoever finds me finds life,  
and wins favor from the Lord.

But whoever fails to find me harms himself.

All who hate me seek death.

Proverbs 8: 35-6

### **Christ our Pascha:**

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sometimes because of prolonged and unbearable pain, people may ask for death for themselves or for another. However, such pleas for death are not always a manifestation of a true desire for assisted suicide or euthanasia. In reality the gravely ill person needs love, attention, prayer and spiritual support. Those who are close to the infirm—parents, children, family members, friends and also doctors, nurses, clergy and other members of the church community are called to surround the infirm with such care.

*“Remaining True to Christ, Now and at the Hour of Our Death”*





## **UPDATE FOR SOBOR 2020** **APRIL 4, 2020 GATHERING in SASKATOON**

**Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sobor 2020 “In-Person” Gathering that was to take place on Saturday, April 4, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

An alternate process for discernment of the information gathered from the parishes/pastoral districts has been implemented for the documentation of the results gathered. For further information/update, please contact your parish priest.

Although this method is not ideal, it is the best we can do under the circumstances.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

*Yours in Christ -- Bohdan Popowych, Eparchial Pastoral Council President*

## **Unity 2020 – Ukrainian Catholic Young Adults Conference** **Toronto – July 31 – August 3, 2020**



Unity is a national gathering of Ukrainian Catholic young adults (18 to 35 years old) to further understand, embrace and celebrate the Ukrainian Catholic faith through prayer, education and fellowship. Unity promotes and strengthens Christian religious life and social outreach through faith-based activities and workshops.

This meaningful weekend offers spiritual guidance, community service and opportunities to deepen one's faith through catechetical enrichment.

The Unity 2020 Committee through the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada will be hosting Unity 2020 from Friday, July 31 to Monday, August 3, 2020 in Toronto, Ontario at Victoria University in the University of Toronto.

The cost of Unity 2020 is \$400.00.

The cost includes all Unity programming, accommodations, food and beverages, transportation during Unity, and a banquet.

To register for Unity 2020, register at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/unity-2020-stillness-in-chaos->

The Unity 2020 Committee can be contacted by email at <mailto:unitytoronto2020@gmail.com>

In addition, checkout our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/>

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