



Dormition & District Ukrainian Catholic Parishes

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Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God – **Saskatoon**

Sacred Heart – **Hawruliuke** Sacred Heart – **Vonda** St. John the Baptist – **Smuts** St. John the Evangelist – **Prud'homme**
St. Volodymyr the Great – **Laniwci** Ss. Peter & Paul – **Bodnari** Ss. Peter & Paul – **Borschiw**

September 13, 2020

NOTE: Previous weekly bulletins and correspondence can be found at <https://dormitionsaskatoon.ca/2020-bulletins/#>

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Our Gospel for today from St. John should get us thinking about the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which will be celebrated this Monday, September 14 (Divine Liturgy is at 6:30PM). It's an important feast in our liturgical year, so much so that there is both a Sunday before the Exaltation and a Sunday after the Exaltation. To "exalt" someone or something, means to raise them up, to lift our heads and look upwards at it. For us Christians, that's what happens when we look at the Cross. Each time we look at the Cross of Jesus we are reminded of his love for us, how he loved us to the very end. It is the cross to which we look for healing and for hope.

Speaking of hope, statistics are showing the COVID-19 pandemic is resulting in a spike in cases of depression and suicide. A recent [article](#) in Psychology Today suggests that there is potential for a post-pandemic suicide epidemic. If you find yourself losing hope, overwhelmed, depressed or suicidal, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ME. Remember that you are never alone!

On a different level, please consider registering for the **Dying Healed Seminar**, which is being hosted by our parish on Monday September 21st and 28th, 6:30pm to 9:30pm each day. This workshop will provide you with a deep understanding of death and dying as it impacts our lives, relationships with others and God, and how it impacts our whole society. The presenters are Deborah Larmour (Eparchial Family and Life Office) and Jackie Saretsky (Pastoral Services Director for the Diocese of Saskatoon). **Registration is required** by going [online](#), calling the parish office (306-652-4837), or emailing Jana Lalach at jmlalach@sasktel.net.

Peace be with you,
Fr. André

Quick Links:

- [Sunday Divine Liturgy Registration \(9:30AM or 5:00PM\)](#)
- [Livestreamed Liturgy on YouTube](#)
- [Livestreamed Liturgy on Facebook](#)
- Support your parish using [Pre-Authorized Debit \(PAD\)](#)
- Support your parish via [E-Transfer](#)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: Sept 13-20, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 13 Sept Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross	9:30AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy
Mon, 14 Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross	6:30PM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Feast Day Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
Tues, 15 Sept	6:30PM	Dormition-Church	Bible Study: The Book of Isaiah * Online Registration Required*
Wed, 16 Sept	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Jody Yakubowski (Morris & Ina)
Sat, 19 Sept Saturday after the Exaltation	9:00AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: Health – Myron Sirman (Marcie & Julius)
	10:00AM	Dormition-Church	Confessions
Sun, 20 Sept Sunday after the Exaltation	9:30AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy [1 st Communion: Skylar F.]

Divine Liturgy Intentions - The practice of requesting a Divine Liturgy intention for loved ones - living or deceased - is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Please contact Fr. Andre (306-280-2941 or admin.ducc@sasktel.net) if you would like to request an intention. Cards are also available to notify the family and friends of the intention. A suggested \$20 stipend should accompany each intention request. Requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible.

Bible Study - Weekly sessions with Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw ASTH begin Tuesday, Sept 15th, meeting weekly from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. This fall, Fr. Gregory will lead a study on the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah**. Attendance is limited due to COVID-19. If you wish to attend in-person, [online advance registration is required](#). Alternatively, sessions will be available virtually via WebEx – email rel.ed@sasktel.net to receive a link.

First Solemn Holy Communion Preparation for children in our pastoral district who are in grade 2 this year is right around the corner! Parents or grandparents of such children should contact Fr. Andre at admin.ducc@sasktel.net or 306-652-4837 for further details, or to register for the program. Preparation sessions will begin in October.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Are you or someone you know interested in being baptized? Were you baptized in another Christian denomination but would like to become a Ukrainian Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process which will enable you to become a Catholic! Sessions will begin this October – please contact Fr. Andre for further details.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross: A Family Tradition worth Revisiting...

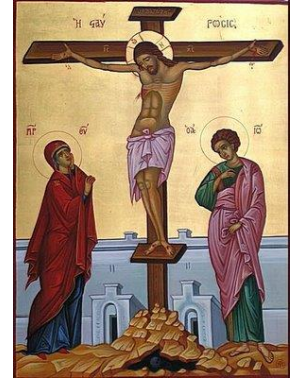


In a world where no one understands suffering, the incredible beauty and victory of the Life-Giving Cross makes no sense whatsoever. As Christians, we know that the meaning of the Cross is that through it Christ defeated death, so it is the symbol of our salvation. However, the fact that the Cross of Christ has a profound impact on our daily life is often missed. All humanity is subject to suffering. But in Christ that pain is given meaning and hope. Scripture often talks about the paradox of our faith wherein joy can be borne from sorrow. As St. John Paul II reminds us, in his *Apostolic Letter on Human Suffering*, “In Christ’s

cross it is not only that the redemption is completed through the passion; but human suffering is itself redeemed.” Christ suffered for us out of Love, in this great love our suffering is linked to love, and in love, life and hope abound.

So proudly display the crucifix of Christ in your home and icon corners! Decorate it and venerate it on this feast (September 14). Everyone suffers, but because of our faith we are not alone. Christ is with us in all our suffering, He endures it with us and in the Cross of Christ the ultimate victory is found. Remind your children that all our suffering can have meaning as we can, in love, unite our sufferings with Christ’s.

“To your Cross, O Master, we bow in Veneration, and we Glorify Your Holy Resurrection!”



What’s Alpha? Watch this [video](#).

Online Wednesdays @ 7:00PM, September 23rd – December 2nd
Call 306-652-4837 or admin.ducc@sasktel.net to register!

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.

Season of Creation 2020 - From Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, Christians all over the world celebrate the Season of Creation. The suggested theme for 2020 is “Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope.” This particular year, the need for just and sustainable systems has been revealed by the far-reaching effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and updates on Season of Creation 2020 please check the Human & Environmental Development Program page on our Eparchial website: <https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/about-us/human-environmental-development-program/>

SASKATCHEWAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE?

Are you a Catholic who:

- Believes in the value of Catholic Education?
- Is committed to Christ-centred academic excellence?
- Is willing to share the work and rewards of strengthening Catholic Education?

Catholic Education needs you! For more information – Talk to a local Trustee (Contact information on your Catholic School Division’s website – Check out “Elections” on Saskatchewan School Boards Association website at: www.saskschoolboards.ca, and on Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association website at: www.scsba.ca.

Saskatoon CWL Clothing Depot Update: The CWL Clothing Depot is open to receive donations of good used clothing and household items on Thursdays from 10 am to 2p.m. Please bring your donations to the back door of the Clothing Depot, which is located at 619-20th Street, Saskatoon. At this time there will NOT be weekly pick-up by the Clothing Depot driver. Watch for further information as we work towards opening the CWL Clothing Depot in a safe and timely manner.

The 40 Hours for Life campaign will be conducted Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, **starting Wednesday, Sept. 23 and running until Oct. 30** with prayer and witness offered along Queen Street in front of Saskatoon City Hospital. Signs are provided. Volunteers are needed to take one-hour shifts to pray for an end to abortion and to offer women a better choice. There are three one-hour time slots each day (Monday to Friday): 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and 11 a.m. to noon. To commit for any of these time slots, daily or weekly, e-mail campaignlifesk@gmail.com or call (306) 249-2764.

Sanctum is a hospice and transitional care home in Saskatoon that provides around-the-clock transitional care for HIV positive persons who have social and high-risk behaviors and conditions, including homelessness, that prevent them from properly caring for themselves. **Sanctum 1.5** is an HIV pre-natal care home that supports high risk, HIV-positive pregnant women. The goal is to prevent the transmission of HIV to the unborn baby throughout pregnancy and at birth and to provide support in planning for the unborn baby through an integrated model of care. Since opening Sanctum 1.5 on Oct 2, 2018:

- 37 mothers have received care,
- 6 mothers are currently in the Sanctum 1.5 program,
- 21 children are with their mothers in the community,
- 9 children are with their kin,
- 24 additional children of mothers who have graduated the program have been returned to their mother's care. Since this year’s “Sanctum Survivor” major fund-raising event was cancelled because of COVID-19, extra support is needed to continue these much-needed services. For more information about how to help please see:

<https://sanctumcaregroup.com>.