# Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District

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Serving the communities of Rossburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale, Angusville, Ruthenia, Rossburn Farms, Dolyny and Seech Also serving Sandy Lake & Mountain Road

### **February 2022 Parish Bulletin**

#### A Tale of Two Feasts

We find ourselves this month in a rare extended break between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent. The Christmas season always ends on February 1, the eve of the Presentation of Our Lord. But because the date for Pascha (Easter) moves, the start of Lent can vary from early February to early March. This year, we begin Lent on February 28, thus giving us a whole month between the two periods; between the end of one great feast and the preparation time for the Feast of Feasts.

These two feasts though, Christmas & Pascha, I find to be very much related because of one common act: love. This past week, I was listening to the famous song by the singer Meat Loaf, "I would do anything for love." I couldn't help but think of that one line. Here of course, Meat Loaf is doing anything to *receive* love, but these two feasts demonstrate that Christ would do anything to *show* or *give* love. First He demonstrates His love for us by humbling Himself and becoming one of us; part of His own creation. Then at Pascha, or rather Great & Holy Friday, Jesus shows us the ultimate act of love by giving His life in order to save us. How does this humbleness or this selfless act inspire us to show love for someone else?

As we draw to a close the excitement from Christmas and start to prepare ourselves for the fasting and preparation period of Great Lent, let us take this next month to reflect on these acts of love and how we can give thanks back to our Lord and how we can express a love even remotely close to these examples to someone else.

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## Catechesis Corner

As we take a step further into the Symbol of Faith, or the Nicene Creed, we are going to go section by section to know a little it more.

#### The Nicene Creed: Part 1

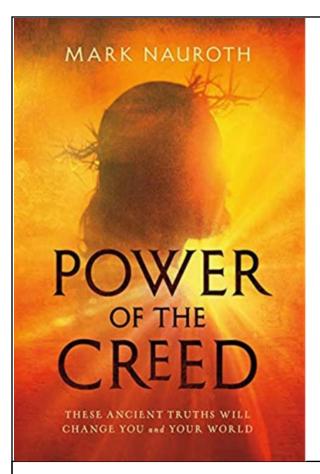
The Nicene Creed as we know it, is actually broken into four parts: our belief in God the Father, belief in God the Son, belief in God the Holy Spirit, and belief in the Holy, Catholic Apostolic Church. Even though in our liturgical books it is all one large statement, there are actual sections to it. Today we are going to delve into the very first section, our belief in God the Father.

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

The very first line affirms who are in terms of a religion. By saying we believe in one God we are acknowledging the fact that we are in fact a monotheistic faith. Translation: we are not a religion that has multiple gods like ancient Greek mythology. This part also affirms our following of the first commandment that God Himself set out for us: I am the Lord your God, and you shall have no other gods before Me.

The second line is straight forward in the fact that it identifies who exactly this first section is about: God the Father. The first three sections of the Creed outline our beliefs in the Holy Trinity: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This line says that we believe God to be the Father, one of the three persons in the Holy Trinity. It also states that is He is, well... almighty.

The last two lines give notion to the fact that He, God the Father, is in the creator of *everything!* Again, this goes back to the very beginning, like the story of creation beginning, and shows that we believe our God is the one who created everything including the heavens and the earth. He created everything that we know of, everything that we see and even all of those things that we cannot see; the things we do not even know of.



### **BOOK STUDY**

online, during Lent

As we learn a little bit more about the Nicene Creed in our Catechesis Corner each month, how about diving a bit deeper?

Throughout Lent, Fr. Jay will be leading an online book study once a week that will explore different parts of the Nicene Creed revealing the ancient truths that the creed is made up of. Hopefully by the end, we will not only have a better understanding of the creed but also a deeper faith.

If you'd like to sign-up or know more information please contact Fr. Jay at rossburn.pastor@gmail.com or 204.859.3025. Register by February 22nd.

6 weeks starting March 1 at 7:30pm on Zoom. Book available digitally for \$12. Hard copies can be made available through Fr. Jay.

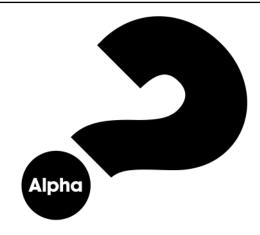


**Coming this Spring** 

**Alpha Youth** 

**April 21 - June 16** 

Watch for more info coming soon.



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11:30AM - Rossburn

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**First Day of Lent** 

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Mountain Road
Divine Liturgy date
was unconfirmed at
time of publishing.

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#### **Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of February**

#### February 1-4

Icon of Our Lord For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos For all parishioners

#### February 7-11

Icon of Our Lord For +Helen Sytnyk by David & family

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#### **February 14 - 18**

Icon of Our Lord For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos For all parishioners

#### **February 21 - 25**

Icon of Our Lord For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos For all parishioners

**CONFESSIONS** will be available in Russell this month on Friday, February 25th from 4:30pm - 7pm. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.

A reminder that Fr. Jay is available for confession any time. All you need to do is to give him a call, send him a text or an email and book a time. Fr. Jay will meet you at any parish for confession.



On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District and neighbouring Neepawa District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last month.

Lena Kalyniak (Russell) - January 9
Ted Zurbyk (Elphinstone) - January 14

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed. **BIYHAR TIAM'STL! ETERNAL MEMORY!** 



**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the province has new restrictions. At the time of publishing, our parishes will be open to the public regardless of their vaccination status at a capacity of 25 people and will continue to be livestreamed on Sundays. Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 25 people in

attendance (not including clergy, cantor & funeral staff). For further information on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and encourage everyone to register in advance for their attendance on Sundays.

#### PROPER DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE STILL MANDATORY IN ALL PARISHES.

Please be respectful of these rules that are put in place by the Province of Manitoba.

While we patiently wait for things to resume fully, please remember to stay safe, get vaccinated and pray, pray!

## Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local personal care homes:

**Rossburn PCH:** Alice Hrubeniuk, Bill Kalyniak, Melvin Luhowy, Anne Shust **Russell PCH:** Frances Snytynski, Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa

Shoal Lake PCH: Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak,

Bill Kalyniak, Penny Mychasiw, Helen Yaskiw, Tony Woychyshyn

\*Currently, the monthly services are suspended until further notice.

Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District Online - Did you know that our district has a website? You can find the monthly bulletin and calendar on our website as well as history about all the parishes. Liturgical texts are also available to assist you when you pray at home while joining us virtually through our live-streamed services. This website will continue to be built and perfected, but if you have any information regarding the history of the parishes that you wish to add, please contact Fr. Jay and share the information you have.

Don't forget you can also find us on Facebook for all our live-streaming and announcements.

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The Pastoral District is looking for volunteers to help create true vibrant parishes throughout the whole district. There are three main areas that Fr. Jay would love to have some help with. If you see an area below that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Fr. Jay at rossburn.pastor@gmail.com or by call or text at 204.859.3025 for more information.

**OUTREACH | LITURGICAL | MUSIC** 

Tensions are yet again rising in Ukraine where the war between Ukraine and Russia is ongoing. Although much of this has dropped from the headlines of most news sources, it continues



to be a problem and something that many people of Ukraine, especially those in Eastern Ukraine, worry about when it comes to their peace and safety. On Sunday, January 23rd, His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence will be leading a prayer from his cathedral in Winnipeg for peace in Ukraine. All the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church are encouraged to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Below is a prayer that we are all encouraged to pray on a regular basis.

O Lord of Heaven and Earth! You sent your Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to bring peace and harmony to your people on earth. Hear our prayer, we beseech You, for the gift of peace for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who struggle to make their voices heard for a better political, economic and social future. Help them stop the violence and blood shed as they struggle for their democratic rights in peace and Christian charity.

God of our Ancestors! Protect your Holy Church in our ancestral land. After many years of underground existence and secular control, grant that the Church leaders may continue to profess their faith publicly, standing with the people in prayer on the streets and squares of the nation. Help your Church proclaim to all that indeed: "God is with us!"

Heavenly King! Pour forth your gift of holy wisdom upon the people of Ukraine so that after many years of subjugation by outside powers, they can continue their journey down the road to self-determination, guided by honest political leaders. Together may they build the just society that our people long for.

By your grace, and through the intercession of the Holy Mother of God and all the saints of Ukraine, may the people of Ukraine find pride and joy in their nation so that they may give You unending praise: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!

#### **Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments**

Sundays: 9am, 11:30am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am - Rossburn

Confessions: Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!) Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for

emergencies at 204.859.3025.