

Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

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

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Catechesis Corner

Our next series in Catechesis Corner will be focusing on the Divine Liturgy and what it all means through the various elements of the service. These reflections are taken from the book titled, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" by a Monk of the Eastern Church. Our hope is that we grow in our understanding and appreciation of the Divine Liturgy and that these reflections will help us to pray better.

GREAT ENTRANCE & COMMUNITY OF LOVE

The Symbol of Faith is about to be sung. Just before it, however, the priest or deacon exclaims: "The doors! The doors! In Wisdom let us attend!" What is the meaning of this formula? In the early centuries of the Church, neither catechumens preparing for baptism nor repentant sinners submitted to public penance were allowed to take part in the second half of the liturgy, that is, the celebration of the eucharistic mystery as such. At this point in the service they were invited to leave, and the doors of the church were closed. The only ones to remain were the "faithful," who were individually recognized as being fully and properly members of the local community. Today we no longer physically close the doors of the building. We allow catechumens, sinners, and even nonbelievers to be present during the entire liturgy. Does that mean that the proclamation of the closing of the doors has lost all meaning for us in our day and age? Not at all. Within our hearts there are invisible "doors" which must be closed, spiritually if not physically, during the celebration of the Holy Mysteries. At this moment we must drive away from us every distraction, preoccupation, thought, or desire that is contrary to or simply foreign

to God. And conversely, there are doors that we should open in an invisible but real way within the depths of our heart. "Let us attend!" reads the text of the Holy Liturgy. Let us become open and attentive to the words and inspirations that come from God. The Lord addresses to each one of us the words he spoke over the deaf and dumb man, "Ephphatha! Be opened!"



The reader or the whole assembly of the faithful proceeds at this point to the recitation of the Symbol of Faith, also called the Nicene Creed. During this recitation, the priest waves above the bread and wine on the altar the largest of the veils which has covered the "diskos" (the paten for the bread) and the cup. This liturgical act, which at first appears rather strange, has, like several other rites, a purely practical, material origin. In warm climates of antiquity, it was necessary to keep flies away from the Holy Gifts. Later on, this gesture acquired a profound spiritual meaning. The waving of the veil above the bread and wine came to be seen as an image of the presence of the Holy Spirit, the divine breath or "wind" that filled the house at Pentecost

(Acts 2:2). The assembly is now proclaiming the words of the Confession of Faith. This can only be done in an authentic way if, at the same moment, the Holy Spirit "breathes" upon us, to fill and inspire us. If we are void of His inspiration, we can very well read the correct doctrinal formulas, but the act will be simply sterile, a dead and meaningless ritual. May the Holy Spirit come, then, to quicken and give life to the words we proclaim.

Vibrant Parish

On Tuesday, November 8th, we held our All-Parish district meeting in Rossburn. At this meeting a resolution was put forth to adopt a new liturgical schedule for a one year trial period. Effective January 1, 2023, a new schedule will be put in place for the 6 main parishes of our district. Implementing this schedule will mean that some parishes will have to make sacrifices, but it will also bring a much needed stability to the schedule. In short, we are moving from three Divine Liturgies each Sunday to two each Sunday and one every second Saturday. With this shift in scheduling, we will also be working on bringing other forms of ministry to the district throughout the year. A leadership team is being formed to help heighten our ministry outside of the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

The following schedule will take effect **January 1, 2023**

- 1st Sunday of the month:** 9am - Shoal Lake
11:30am - Rossburn
- 2nd Sunday of the month:** 9am - Oakburn
11:30am - Russell
- 3rd Sunday of the month:** 9am - Rossburn
11:30am - Shoal Lake
- 4th Sunday of the month:** 9am - Russell
11:30am - Oakburn
- 5th Sunday of the month:** will alternate between 1st & 2nd Sunday schedule.

2nd Saturday of the month: Mountain Road; **4th Saturday of the month:** Sandy Lake
Both Saturdays will be at 10:30am



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AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

We extend our congratulations and a very warm Manitoba welcome to our new auxiliary bishop, His Excellency, Bishop Andriy (Rabiy).

Bishop Andriy was previously the auxiliary bishop in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and will now assist Metropolitan Lawrence here in the Archeparchy of Winnipeg.



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04 9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Russell 2:00 PM - Oakburn	05 6PM - Great Vespers	06 St. Nicholas 10AM - Divine Liturgy Oakburn UCWLC Meeting & Panakhyda 5PM	07 10:30AM - D Rossbu The Chos
11 Sunday of the Holy Forefathers 9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Shoal Lake 2:00 PM - Rossburn	12	13 10AM - Divine Liturgy Shoal Lake PCH +Melvin Woychyshyn by Tony Woychyshyn	14 10AM - Divi Confess Ross 4-7 The Chos
18 Sunday before the Nativity of Christ 9:00AM - Oakburn 11:30AM - Rossburn 2:00 PM - Russell	19	20 10AM- Divine Liturgy Russell PCH 6PM - Parastas +Richard Korban (5 yrs)	21 The Chos
25 Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ 10AM - Divine Liturgy SHOAL LAKE	26	27 Feast of St. Stephen Contact Fr.	28 Fr. Jay

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away Dec. 26 - 31
Jay through email or text.

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of December

December 5 - 9

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

December 12 - 16

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

December 19 - 23

Icon of Our Lord

For health of Eugene & Leona Yanyk

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December 26 - 30

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

CONFESSIONS prior to Christmas will be held in **Rosburn at Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, December 14 & Russell at St. Mary Parish on Friday, December 16th.** Fr. Paul & Fr. Jay will both be available at these locations from 4-5:30pm and then 6:30pm-7pm.

To book with Fr. Jay 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 Rosburn 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.

Kay Tokaryk (Olha/Brandon) - October 22

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mitrat Michael Buyachok (Winnipeg) - October 22

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

Eternal Memory - Вічна Пам'ять!

Upcoming Events

Please take note of the following events happening throughout the District and be sure to attend if possible!

Pilipivka & Christmas 2022: The Nativity Fast is on going! Are you preparing your hearts?

December 18 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary) Parish in Russell is hosting their annual pre-Christmas gathering on Sunday, Dec. 18 following their Divine Liturgy. It will be a pot-luck supper. All are invited to attend. We will also welcome the new Ukrainian families in the area.

Christmas Schedule - Christmas this year falls on a Sunday. The normal Christmas schedule will be followed, and *not* the regular Sunday schedule. Please do your best to attend in one of the many locations we are offering this year.

Christmas Eve

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Mountain Road)

4:00 PM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Russell)

8:00 PM - Great Compline (Rossburn)

8:30 PM - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Rossburn)

Christmas Day

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Shoal Lake)



The Chosen Bible Study - The bible study where we watch the first season of the Chosen is on-going. We are only a few episode's in but everyone is welcome to come and join us whenever. We can also find a way to catch all of you up on what you've missed. Any questions? Contact Fr. Jay today!

You can also catch up by watching Season 1 of The Chosen which is now on Netflix!

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

Rossburn PCH: Bill Kalyniak, Anne Shust

Russell PCH: Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa, Bill Kalyniak

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



Over the last number of months communities within our Pastoral District have been welcoming families from Ukraine as they flee from the country for their safety. There have been numerous evacuation flights as well as individuals who find their own means to get to Canada. Since all of this began, nearby areas have welcomed approximately 12 families.

In our own Pastoral District, the community of Russell has been organizing a lot of help for newcomers spanning north to Roblin and as far east as Shoal Lake. If you would like to help out, donate or offer your services, please contact either Leanne Bily (Chair) at 204-773-0847 or Judy Snitynsky (General Coordinator) at snityns1@mymts.net.

On Sunday, December 18th, our parish in Russell will be hosting a pre-Christmas pot-luck event including a Nativity play and a visit from St. Nicholas. Everyone is invited to come and attend. All the new Ukrainian families have been invited to attend and we are also taking a monetary collection for gifts to be given to the children of these families from St. Nick! If you'd like to make a donation, please write a cheque or donate cash to St. Mary Parish and pass it along to Fr. Jay or Len & Margie Derkach as soon as possible. We also invite anyone with gently used winter gear (including snowsuits, toques, mitts, skates etc.) especially for kids, but for all ages, who would like to donate these items to these families, to please either pass onto Fr. Jay or bring direct to the event on Dec. 18th.



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.