



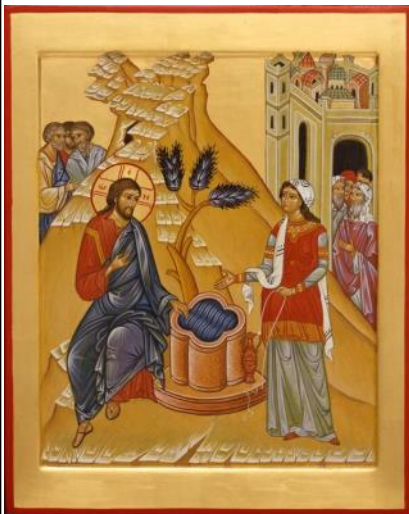
November 2023 Parish Bulletin

Do You Know Who Jesus Is?

Do you? Do you really know who Jesus is? How many of us would be able to sit down and talk with someone for 30 minutes about Jesus, as if we were best friends? Would we be able to share things about our relationship and how great it is? We are called to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, to be not just sons and daughters of God, but we are called to be friends with Jesus.

In a book I am reading right now, it talks about how terms like *evangelization* and *personal relationship with Jesus* are often seen as not really 'Catholic' terms. These terms started to really arise post-Second Vatican Council especially after the election of Pope John Paul II. JP II really starts to work on the idea of the New Evangelization. JP II really turns evangelization into having more to do with proclamation that leads to encounter. Pope Benedict XVI would pick where JP II left off and really start using terms like *personal encounter* and *personal relationship with Jesus*. If one has these personal moments with Jesus, would you not want to share it with others?

A couple weeks ago, I used the example of sharing the joy of a wedding engagement. When this happens in one's life, they are often very excited and cannot wait to tell others about it. Parents are often the first to hear followed by many calls and texts to other family and friends, often culminating in an engagement party. In the world of social media we are almost guaranteed to see at least one picture of the couple with a close-up of the ring. But the best part, is getting to tell the story of how it all happened, over and over again! Some people hear it so many times, it feels as if they were there to witness it themselves!



In a Vatican document from 2011 it says, "being Christian and 'being Church' means being missionary; one is or is not. Loving one's faith implies bearing witness to it, bringing it to others and allowing others to participate in it." Imagine that we have just 'engaged' with Jesus, like the Samaritan woman at the well. She encounters Jesus in a way, that much like a newly engaged couple, she cannot wait to go and tell others about it, about that encounter. This is what each and every one of us should be experiencing in our personal relationship and encounter with Jesus. In the same document, it also says that "people are able to evangelize only when they have been evangelized and allow themselves to be evangelized, that is renewed spiritually through a personal encounter and lived communion with Jesus Christ."

So I encourage everyone as we start this time of fasting (Nov. 15) in preparation for the coming of our Lord in the flesh, let us pray and be open to being evangelized ourselves. Let us prepare ourselves to be engaged with Jesus in a way that leads us to go bear witness to our faith in Him. St. Photini (the woman at the well) is sometimes known as the first active apostle of Jesus. Through her intercession may we all become apostles of Jesus and go and spread the Word of God to our family and friends!

Fr. Jay

Catechesis Corner

The Lord's Supper (pt. 2)

Like the Lamb of God and with the Lamb of God, I must myself be "broken" and "ever eaten," offering myself to others, sacrificing myself to others, becoming "the man for others." Lord Jesus, I surrender myself into Thy hands, to become by Thy hands, broken, shared, and distributed.

The priest now pours a little hot water into the chalice, thereby signifying "the warmth of faith, full of the Holy Spirit." Once again Pentecost is associated with Pascha. Then the priest takes communion for himself and invites the people to come and receive the Holy Gifts. Over the centuries, diverse pious prayers were little by little inserted at this point in the liturgy. To become fully conscious, however, of the action which is being accomplished, it suffices to be attentive to the words which the priest speaks to each communicant: "The servant of God N. partakes of the precious and holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and unto life everlasting."

This formula contains five fundamental affirmations. The person who receives is a servant of God, called by his or her own name. Am I really such a servant? Do I really hear this call by my own name, this intensely personal invitation? I am going to "receive" the Holy Gifts. These Gifts are manifestations of pure grace which I in no way deserve, but which the God of awe offers me through His inexhaustible generosity. What is given to me is the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. Beneath the physical signs there is the ultimate reality of the presence of my Savior and His redemptive activity on my behalf, I am participating in the offering and the sacrifice of Golgotha. The Holy Gifts that I receive are the expression of the forgiveness of my sins, which the sacrificed Lamb has lifted from me and taken upon Himself. I am purified by His Blood, plunged into and washed by His Blood, like the particles of bread which the priest pours into the chalice. This Gift is for me, a foretaste of eternal life, for the sacrificed Lamb in whom I participate is also the Lamb who rose from the dead on the third day.

Pascha includes the Resurrection every bit as much as does the Crucifixion of our Savior. I receive communion in that Resurrection.

Let us not delay
the Sacrament
of Confession
because every
time we confess
our sins, we
defeat sin and
evil in our hearts
and become
carriers of
Christ's victory
around us

*Patriarch
Sviatoslav*





DISTRICT WIDE
50/50
RAFFLE

**HELP SUPPORT THE CONTINUED
MINISTRIES IN THE DISTRICT!**

DRAW TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2023 LICENSE #: LGCA 8631-RF-40973

MANY THANKS to our generous supporters of this 50/50 raffle! Because of their generosity, the district was able to benefit fully from this fundraiser!

- **Braendle-Bruce Funeral Service** for the generous donation of our 2nd & 3rd prizes!
- **Chipelski Transport Ltd.** for covering the printing costs!

ST. PHILIP'S FAST STARTS NOV. 14TH!
LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD!



Living Word Library

What if reading could bring you closer to Christ?

NOVEMBER

1. **WORD OF GOD** - LUKE 3 & 4
2. **PRAYER** - A LITTLE GOD TIME FOR WOMEN
DEVOTIONAL
3. **SPIRITUAL LIFE** - THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM
TRANSLATED BY HELEN BACOVGIN
4. **SERVICE** - THE CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL GIFTS
INVENTORY BY SHERRY WEDDELL
5. **LEADERSHIP** - THE GODBEARING LIFE BY KENDA
CREASY DEAN AND RON FOSTER
6. **MISSIONARY SPIRIT** - BE NOT AFRAID: AN
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BLESSED VASYL
VELYCHKOVSKY, CSSR
7. **FAMILY FEATURE** - MARRIED FOR LIFE BY RUSS L.
POTTER AND BILL MORELAN
8. **YOUTH CATECHISM** - PAGES 16 - 33
9. **KIDS' CORNER** - GOOD GOOD FATHER BY CHRIS
TOMLIN AND PAT BARRETT
10. **LEAP OF FAITH** - UNWARP IT AT HOME!



Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of November

November 6 - 10

Icon of Our Lord	God's blessings on Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski
Icon of the Theotokos	God's blessings on Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski

November 13 - 17

Icon of Our Lord	For a holy St. Philip's Fast
Icon of the Theotokos	For a holy St. Philip's Fast

November 20 - 24

Icon of Our Lord	God's blessings on Danika & Maksym in their marriage
Icon of the Theotokos	God's blessings on the Semchyshyn & Rewko families

November 27 - 30

Icon of Our Lord	For all parishioners
Icon of the Theotokos	For all parishioners



On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral 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.

Joseph Reybachuk (Brandon/Erickson) - January 7

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

Eternal Memory - Вічна Пам'ять!

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

Rossburn PCH: Bill Kalyniak, Kay Luba, Helen Sidoryk

Russell PCH: Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa

Shoal Lake PCH: Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Tony Woychyshyn, Sylvia Yarish, Matt Kowalchuk, Anne Kowal

Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

1st Sunday: Shoal Lake at 9am & Rossburn at 11:30am; **2nd Sunday:** Oakburn at 9am & Russell at 11:30am.

3rd Sunday: Rossburn at 9am & Shoal Lake at 11:30am; **4th Sunday:** Russell at 9am & Oakburn at 11:30am.

2nd Saturday: Mountain Road @ 10:30am; **4th Saturday:** Sandy Lake @ 10:30am

Tuesday - Fridays: 10am - Rossburn

Confessions: Last Friday of the month (check calendar) 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 for emergencies.

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November 2023

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Sat

MAJOR FEASTS THIS MONTH:

November 8: Archangel Michael

November 12: St. Josaphat

November 21: Entrance of the Theotokos (attendance encouraged)

November 30: Apostle Andrew

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	10:00am Divine Liturgy +Leona Twardowski by Edward Twardowski	10:00am Divine Liturgy +Steve & +Elsie, & Elmer & +Gemma Trakalo All-Parish Meeting & 50/50 Draw 7:00pm Sacred Heart Parish	10:00am Sandy Lake PCH	
5 23rd Sun. after Pentecost 9:00am - Shoal Lake 11:30am - Rossburn 2:00pm Angusville with AGM	6	7	8	9
	Episcopal Nomination of Very Rev. Micheal Kwiatkowski Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral 6pm	Ordination of Very Rev. Micheal Kwiatkowski to the Holy Episcopate Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral 6pm	10	11 10:30am - Mountain Road
12 St. Josaphat 9:00am - Oakburn 11:30am - Russell	13	14	15	16
	Apostle Philip 10:00am Divine Liturgy +Anastasia Magnowski by Minnie Magnowski	Beginning of St. Philip's Fast 10:00am Rossburn PCH	Apostle Matthew 10:00am Shoal Lake PCH	17 10:00am Divine Liturgy Birthday blessings for Benjamin & Kassia
19 25th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00am - Rossburn 11:30am - Olha with AGM	20 Blessed Josaphata	21 Entrance of the Theotokos 10:00am Divine Liturgy	22 10:00am Russell PCH	23 10:00am Divine Liturgy +Leona Twardowski by Nellie Nychuk
26 26th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00am - Russell 11:30am - Oakburn	27	28	29	30
	10:00am Divine Liturgy +Melvin Woychysyn by Rose Sheeshka	10:00am Divine Liturgy +Gerald McVay by Korban family	10:00am Divine Liturgy	St. Andrew
FASTING DAYS THIS MONTH: Fridays (3, 10, 17, 24): day of fasting (meat) Wednesdays of the Fast (15, 22, 29): day of fasting (meat)				