



Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! Welcome Everyone to Our Parish! ~ A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years ~



Epistle ~ 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

Gospel ~ John 19: 6-11; 13-20; 25-28; 30-35

Please see the included insert for today's troparia and special texts

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral

Sunday (10 a.m.): Susan Soldan

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Zenya Puchalski

Sunday (10 a.m.): Christopher Tennant

This Week's Liturgical Services

Your Return Gift to God

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:00 p.m. ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Reader: Joseph Myslicki

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 a.m. ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Reader: Tanner Mills



Envelopes: \$1,413.⁰⁰

Vigil Lights: \$42.⁶⁵

Mission: \$84.⁵⁰

Eparchial Youth Fund: \$10.⁰⁰

Special Projects: \$105.⁰⁰

Donation in memory of Ann Clavet: \$50.⁰⁰



Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

September's Mission Collection is designated for **Our Kids Count**, a community development organization which builds stronger families and inclusive communities by enhancing people's lives through personal growth and development. For more information or to donate online, visit www.ourkidscount.ca.

Words of Truth and Glory

*The greatest symbol of love is not the heart,
but the Cross. Why? The heart stops beating,
but the One on the Cross does not stop loving.*

Holy Cross Parish News and Events

On Sunday, everyone is invited to attend the **Parish Praznyk**, our annual feast day, at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, followed by the traditional shared meal in the B.G. Shumay Auditorium. Extra help, especially for serving during the meal, and afterwards for clean-up, is gratefully appreciated. Let us all come together and have another wonderful 'family' celebration!



Many thanks to our custodian **Calvin Pearson**, who, with assistance from our property chairman **Maurice Zakrewski** and good friend **Dave Semeniuk** (from the Villa), did a great job repainting the lines and symbols on the parish and Villa parking lots these past few weeks, despite an uncooperative paint sprayer and the hot weather. The result: a substantial cost savings.



Important Notice: If there are any children of our parish who are of age to make their First Holy Communion this coming spring, please inform Father Stepan (577-7721) at your earliest convenience so that preparations for instruction can be arranged. Also, those who have made their First Communion and would like to become an altar server, please speak with Father anytime.

Holy Cross Golden Agers will be making pyrohy on **Tuesday, September 25**. The cut-off for orders is quickly approaching. Please speak with or phone Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) to inquire if you can still place an order. Also, any extra help from parishioners and friends on that morning will be most appreciated. *Thank you for your support!*

Please remember those of our parish who are ill, in hospital, shut-in, on home rest, and who no longer can be physically active at Holy Cross in your daily prayers. Believe in the power of prayer — if not for yourself, but for others. And if you wish a personal visit from Father Stepan, please call the rectory (577-7721) to make arrangements.



The Gospel account for today's feast is far from joyful. Nevertheless, it is one that we *need* to hear and fully understand. For if Jesus had refused to suffer the shame and reproach of the Cross, and if the Crucifixion had never taken place, then our sins could not be forgiven or remitted. As a matter of fact, there wouldn't be a Gospel, for the Gospel stands on the foundation of the Crucifixion. We can experience the resurrection power in our lives because of the crucified and risen Christ.

Today, when we exalt the cross, we're not exalting an instrument of hatred, violence and death used by the ancient Romans — indeed a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks. Rather, we're exalting how Jesus transformed that instrument into an instrument of love, goodness, victory, and life, and that's the way of the cross we must try to follow.

~ condensed and edited from a sermon by J. Allen Lucas

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Our new social year has begun. Regular activities resume on Thursdays with doors open at 12:30 p.m. New members (55+) may join at that time as well, and best of all, dues are only \$10 per year. Come join our happy gang! ☺

Please note: This month's bus to Grand Portage, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 19**, has been cancelled due to a transportation shortage — *sorry*. The next one will be on **Wednesday, October 17**. Please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to confirm your seat.

A reminder to all members: we will be making pyrohy for sale on **Tuesday, September 25** starting at 9:00 a.m. The limit for orders is very close. To guarantee product, please call Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski (their numbers are above) at your earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment. *Thank you!*



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention members (and parishioners)! The next date for training and refresher training of volunteers is **Sunday, September 23** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. Our next bingo is a matinée session on **Thursday, October 11**.

Our annual Golf Tournament is set for **Saturday, September 22** at Chapples Golf Course beginning at 4:00 p.m. (be there by 3:15 p.m.). Cost is \$10 per member plus greens fees. Please sign the list in the narthex if you wish to participate in the game and/or dinner.

Fishermen: there is still lots of time left to catch that 'big one' for the Tournament. Remember to submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to one of the Committee members Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda and Eugene Zdebiak as you go along, so the standings can be updated on a regular basis. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes.

Our first meeting of the new society year will take place on **Sunday, September 30** at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Executive will be contacted for a meeting prior by phone/email.

Love and Service to God since 1960!

Readings for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11



As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions,
"What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?"
and "What are the connections between them?"
This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

37th Annual Terry Fox Run - Sunday, September 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (around Boulevard Lake). Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius HS. Refreshments will be provided. Help raise money for cancer research, and keep Terry's memory alive. To register today, visit the website at www.terryfox.org.

Walk for ALS around Boulevard Lake - Supporting Canadians living with ALS and investing in research to make this disease treatable, not terminal, happens **Saturday, September 22**. Check-in time (at St. Ignatius HS): 9:30 a.m.; start time: 11:00 a.m. Register today at www.walkforals.ca.

King of the Lobster Supper - Saturday, September 29 at the Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St., 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$60/person. No tickets sold after Monday, September 24 at 5 p.m. Call Rosie at 623-3252 to reserve yours.



Have you considered including your parish in your will? If you believe that the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church should be conserved, protected and accessible for coming generations to enjoy, you can help secure its future by leaving a gift in your will. Legacies of all sizes are a valuable source of funds for us and there are many ways your selfless and long-lasting gift will help and support our work. Our parish of the Holy Cross continues to be a temple of prayer and have a positive impact on many lives of all ages. From the newly-baptized to our eldest parishioners, it is a place of people and community - a living, working church and social venue that serves not only our spiritual needs, but the needs of other groups in our community as well. As a supporter of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a bequest in your will ensures that our parish will continue to thrive after you are gone. And remember: donations can also be made to St. George's Scholarship Fund. *Thank you for your consideration ~ Щиро дякую за вашу увагу!*

DON'T ALLOW THE BLESSING OF DOING GOD'S WORK PASS YOU BY

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **Someone Else**.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it."

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember -- we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

~ Author unknown



Following Jesus, Whatever the Cost

How many of you would like to play the piano? Before you say "yes" to that question, let's see what it would cost to be able to play the piano and see if you are willing to pay the price.

First of all, you would have to buy a piano, if you don't have one. It would be rather silly to say that you wanted to play the piano if you weren't willing to go out and buy a piano, wouldn't it? So, the first you would need to do is look for a piano. A used one may cost \$700. Hmm....do you still want to play the piano? Next you need to find a teacher. After all, you can't teach yourself. Not if you really want to play well. It's about \$25 a week. Let's see, that's \$100 a month, do you still want to play the piano? What else do you need? Oh yes, some music! Most of the music books cost \$10-\$15 each. If you want to buy a single copy of sheet music, it usually costs around \$5.00 each. Do you still want to play the piano?

Now that you have a piano, a teacher, and some music you must be willing to practice. Most piano teachers require their students to practice at least one hour every day. That means

that there will be times when other children will be out playing while you must stay in and practice. Do you still want to play the piano? If you want to play the piano, you have to count the cost and make sure you are willing to pay the price!

Did you know that Jesus said that same thing to some people who said they wanted to be His disciples? Jesus told them that if they wanted to follow Him, they had to count the cost. He said they had to be willing to take up their cross daily and follow Him. To follow Him, they might have to be willing to give up their family and friends. Jesus also said that people might make fun of them and call them names and that some people might even want to hurt them. They had to count the cost and make sure they were willing to pay the price.

A lot of people today say that they want to follow Jesus. They join the church and for a while you will see them every week, but when they find out how much it is going to cost, they fall away. Being a true follower of Jesus is not always easy, but it is always worth it, if you are willing to pay the price.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain—
Free to all, a healing stream—
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and Mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

Frances J. Crosby, pub. 1869

