



# Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. We pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching for you as well.

## April 2, 2017 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

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Today, in the Gospel account, we have been given a reminder of who is at the right hand of God and of some of the reasons for why Jesus is there. This reminder is for us, so that when we speak to our children, and when we consider what is worthwhile and what is worthy of respect, let us then, first consider Jesus and His way, and be encouraged to know that He has gone before us and leads us on the path to the side of God. Jesus has shown us that it is better to give than to receive, better to serve than to be served. This is the way to true happiness, joy and peace in our life. And, is it not those very blessings we want for ourselves and for our children?

We are also called this day to remember James and John. How should we think about these two who were so forward that they not only wanted to stand out from the crowd, they also wanted to stand ahead of the other disciples and have the highest positions of power and privilege that they believed Jesus could grant them. We should regard James and John as if they were us. They really do sound very much like us. They did listen to Jesus and continued to be counted among the chosen ones. As Jesus served, so did James and John the sons of Zebedee. Therefore, we should give close attention to what Jesus had to say to them and to the other disciples since He is also speaking to *you* and *me*.



Jesus' greatest act of service was to give His life for all of us, for you. As a result, we have a place in heaven, in God's kingdom. Whether to the right or to the left of Him, God will embrace us like a loving parent because of what Jesus did. And there's more...our true treasure of glory and honour awaits us when we continue to follow Jesus, the Servant Exemplar.

~ Martin Ellgar

## Words of Faith

*"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

~ Mark 10: 45

## This Week's Liturgical Services

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 a.m. ~ **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** followed by Panakhyda (Sorokousty) for the deceased

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

5:00 p.m. ~ **Palm Sunday** - Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem  
Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 a.m. ~ **Palm Sunday** - Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem  
Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda

## Your Return Gift to God

MARCH 25/26

Envelopes: \$1,280.<sup>00</sup>

Mission Collection: \$64.<sup>50</sup>

Special Projects: \$85.<sup>00</sup>

Memorial Donations: \$95.<sup>00</sup>

(In memory of †Frances Brescacin)



*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Щиро Вам дякуємо!*

The Mission Collection for March was \$257.<sup>80</sup> which will be donated to **Community Clothing Assistance**.

The April Mission Collection is designated for the Thunder Bay Chapter of **Children of Chernobyl**. The annual memorial service and reception will be at Holy Cross on **Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m.**

## Holy Cross Parish News & Events

A sincere thank you to all who came out to help at last week's Pyrohy Making, and in particular St. George's Ways and Means Chairman **Gord Ibey**. The updated information for 2017 is posted on the bulletin boards in the narthex and parish hall and include both parish and Golden Agers events.

The schedule for **Passion (Holy) Week** and **Easter Weekend** is included with this bulletin. Please note that there are a few changes from last year. Remember to take a copy home with you today.

Tickets for our parish's **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Testimonial Dinner** are now available in the narthex. You are encouraged to purchase them well in advance. Adults: \$25/person; children (10 years of age and under): \$15. These prices will be in effect until **July 31** after which they will increase to \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Hope to see many there!

Our annual **Easter Dinner (Свячене)** will take place **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** after the 10 a.m. St. Thomas Sunday Divine Liturgy. We will need help to make cabbage rolls the Friday afternoon (April 21) before the dinner. Volunteers will be also needed to set up the hall, prepare and serve the meal, and clean up. **Sign-up lists** are now in the narthex. Let's all work together to have a blessed and enjoyable Parish Easter Dinner!



## St. George's Society

Many thanks to those members who lent a hand at last week's Pyrohy Making Session. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him and His people on earth.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 2** at **7 p.m.** in our parish hall. Your attendance is encouraged!

The next Bingo Training session will be held at **7 p.m.** on **Tuesday, April 4** in our parish hall. Those interested in attending are to inform Gerry Bullock as soon as possible. Our next bingo at Superior Shores Gaming Centre is **Friday, April 7** in the evening. Volunteers must arrive by 5:30 p.m.

## Holy Cross Golden Agers

Regular activities take place on Thursday afternoons beginning at 1:30 p.m. [doors open at 12:30 p.m.]. New members (55+) are always welcome with open arms — it's just \$10 per year and well worth the membership fee. Check us out!

If you missed the last bus to Grand Portage, you can catch the next one. It will leave the church parking lot **Wednesday, April 19** at 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10 p.m. To book your seat, please contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805). This is a **free** service for everyone. Non-members are cordially invited for the ride as well.

## The Five-Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So, begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis (British novelist, poet and academic) once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the head of state, the military, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance and protection.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

~ Author unknown

**A note to all parishioners:** Items and articles that appear in this weekly bulletin, in addition to the many inserts, are provided for your information, interest, enlightenment, and religious instruction. They are *never* meant to be a reflection of our parish, its pastor, parishioners or local practices nor intended to point fingers or offend anyone in particular. The article on **Church Etiquette ~ Pew Blocking** in the March 19<sup>th</sup> issue was meant to be a 'whimsical' look at much larger parishes and certainly is not something that, unfortunately, Holy Cross experiences at the present time. It would be a 'welcome' surprise for many, as well as most pleasing to Our Lord and His Mother, Our Lady, to see church(es) full at each and every Divine service.

As parishioners, you are always invited to submit items for publication (with approval, if need be, from our Pastor and Council Chair) which many have done and continue to do so on a regular basis which help keep the lines of communication open. And remember the old saying: one must never assume, because...well, you know the rest.

## Community Calendar: Local Events of Interest

**High Tea and Fashion Show - Sunday, April 2** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Prince Arthur Hotel and Suites. An afternoon featuring designer fashions, high tea with fancy sandwiches and desserts, Silent Auction, \$10 Raffle: Two tickets anywhere WestJet flies, prize for the best hat/fascinator at each table, and cash bar. Proceeds to the Canadian Mental Health Association and Shelter House Thunder Bay.



**2017 Spring Home and Garden Show - April 7, 8 and 9** (hours vary) at the CLE grounds. See the latest in home and garden products, exhibitors in five venues plus expanded outdoor display areas, craft and merchandise tables, and attendance prizes. Admission is \$2. Free seminars and free parking. Country Market will be open as usual.

**An Evening of Colour and Energy!** - Tickets are now on sale for the Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group concert "Kalyna" **Saturday, April 29** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. Tickets are available in person, on line at [www.tbca.com](http://www.tbca.com), or by calling the TBCA Box Office at 684-4444.

For a complete listing of all events happening in and around Thunder Bay, visit the website [www.thunderbay.ca/Living](http://www.thunderbay.ca/Living) and check out the monthly calendars. They're filled with exciting events for the whole family.

**NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS ONLINE** - Donations can now be accepted online through the Holy Cross website ([www.holycrossbay.com/donate](http://www.holycrossbay.com/donate)). Parishioners, family and friends can now donate by setting up automatic weekly donations or by one-time donation. One-time donations can be made by any major credit card, while automatic donations require the use of a Paypal account. Donations are eligible for tax receipts. If you have any questions about online donations contact Andrea Warywoda at 629-6818. *Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish community!*



# To Be Like Jesus Means a Life of Service to Others

**HAVE YOU EVER** wished for something? Sure you have. We all have. Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true.

Have you and your parents ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining **FOREVER**? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it?



James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus replied.

"In Your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honor next to You, one at Your right and the other at Your left." You see, they thought that Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside Him on the throne. They wanted to share in His greatness.

Jesus answered them and said, "You don't know what you are asking." Then He explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give My life as a ransom for many." Jesus was right! Being a servant was not exactly what James and John were wishing for!

Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must give our lives in service to others.

Let us pray: Dear Jesus, help us to mean it when we say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Amen.

## Schedule of Services for Passion (Holy) Week & Easter for 2017

### Thursday, April 13 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

**10:00 a.m.** - Institution of the Holy Eucharist - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

**6:30 p.m.** - Matins of the Holy and Life-saving Passion of Our Lord

Twelve Gospel readings depicting the suffering and death of Christ

### Friday, April 14 ~ GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

**3:00 p.m.** - Vespers of Holy and Great Friday & Exposition of the Holy Shroud and guarding the tomb of Our Lord

### Saturday, April 15 ~ HOLY SATURDAY

**3:00 p.m.** - Easter Basket workshop for the children (hall)

**3:30 p.m.** - Prayers over the Tomb (church)

**4:00 p.m.** - Blessing of Easter Baskets (hall)

### Sunday, April 16 ~ OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION

**9:00 a.m.** - Resurrection Matins

**10:00 a.m.** - Easter Divine Liturgy

### Monday, April 17 ~ BRIGHT MONDAY

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*