



Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!

A place of prayer, family, and community since 1967 which follows the Eastern (Byzantine) Christian traditions of the Catholic Faith that first emerged in the lands of Rus-Ukraine through the preaching of Saint Andrew, the First-Called, and echoed onwards through the mission of the holy apostles to the Slavs, Cyril and Methodius. At Holy Cross, we are called to enter into communion with God within the community of the faithful, the Church, that is, the Body of Christ. Here, services are offered in the English and Ukrainian languages where we are united to God and one another, and, "with one heart and one voice", form the family of God. Jesus Christ is the centre of our life, and it is in the Divine Liturgy where we come to know Him in each other by means of the Sacred Scriptures, and through the receiving of the Holy Sacraments. May your participation in today's celebration be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

Sunday, December 1, 2019 ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-6*

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas
Sunday (10 a.m.): Andrika Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas
Sunday (10 a.m.): Murray Salomon

Parish News and Activities

Many thanks to those who brought donations of candy, mugs, and personal hygiene items for our **Christmas Cheer project**. The response was again overwhelming. Christmas mugs and hygiene packages will be assembled soon.

Our thanks as well to all who helped with cabbage roll making this past Monday and Tuesday. More than 150 dozen were made! Those who have yet to pick up their orders can speak with Michael Watral to do so. Unfortunately, there is no extra product at this time — our sincerest apologies.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to one of our longstanding parishioners **Mario (Mars) Brescacin** on the occasion of his **100th** birthday on November 28. May the Lord continue to bless him with good health, happiness, and many happy years ~ Многая і благая літа! *Auguri Mario!*



St. Nicholas is expected to arrive for a visit to Holy Cross on **Sunday, December 8**. All children and their families are invited to attend the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy and then proceed to the hall to receive him. Those planning to attend are asked to call or text Jaclyn Strehlow (252-1789) no later than

Wednesday, December 4 so that appropriate arrangements of food and goodies can be made.

Any parishioner (18 years and older) interested on serving on Parish Council is encouraged to submit his/her name to Father Stepan or Parish Council Chair Cheryl Bain. Serving on the Council is not a tremendous task and it can be very rewarding, and as parishioners, we are encouraged to share our ideas, experiences and insight among each other.

Comforting Words of Wisdom

He knows of our anguish, and He is there for us. Like the Good Samaritan in His parable, when He finds us wounded at the wayside, He binds up our wounds and cares for us.

~ Sheri L. Dew ~

Schedule of Liturgical Services

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of Our Holy Father Nicholas, the Wonderworker**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:00 p.m. ~ **26th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

Eucharistic Minister: Francis Puchalski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 a.m. ~ **26th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Tanner Mills

Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

St. Philip's Fast (Pylypivka) began on November 15 and will last through Christmas Eve. This past Thursday, the third candle, **gold**, was 'lit' as a symbol of our **love and caring** for one another, and to remind us that "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life.*" (John 3: 16)

Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

NOVEMBER 23/24

Envelopes and Loose: \$1,770.⁰⁰

Mission Collection: \$89.²⁰

Church in Ukraine: \$40.⁰⁰

Special Projects: \$50.⁰⁰

Flowers for Christmas: \$25.⁰⁰



Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!
Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Collection for November totalled **\$313.⁵⁰** which has been forwarded (by cheque) to **Christmas Cheer**.



December's Mission Collection has been designated for the **Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay**. Its purpose is to promote the spiritual, moral and physical well-being of seafarers and their families world-wide.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to those members who came out to help with parish cabbage roll making this past week Monday and Tuesday. Your presence made it go very well.



Our next scheduled bingo session is a matinee on **Friday, December 20**. The next training session takes place on **Saturday, December 14** from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Speak with Gerry Bullock if you are able to volunteer or wish to attend the training.

At this time of the year, we wish all members and their loved ones a very special holiday season with all the best in 2020! Our first meeting in the new year, our 60th, will be the annual 'Super Bowl' Meeting on **Sunday, February 2** beginning at 4:30 p.m. followed by a dinner and social. Hope to see many members and some new faces in attendance for this traditional gathering!

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HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular afternoon activities take place every Thursday starting at 1:00 p.m. (doors opened at 12 noon). New members are still welcome to join anytime. Membership is only \$10 per year.

Thursday, December 12 is the date for our final get-together for 2019. Regular activities happen at the usual time followed by our annual free Christmas dinner along with raffles, sing-alongs, and lots of fun! All members are requested to bring a donation for the *Thunder Bay Food Bank*.

There will be no December bus to Grand Portage. However, if there's enough interest, the first one of 2020 will depart the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 15**, and arrive back @ 10:00 p.m. Contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your **free** seat today. Bring along a friend to enjoy the evening!

*Do not regret growing older.
It's a privilege denied to many.*



Today's parable of the Good Samaritan goes beyond just answering the question of who one's neighbour is and shines out the proper understanding and application of the Law which challenges us to demonstrate God's love and mercy by showing the same to others. Jesus proved His love for the Father by dying on the cross — an act of sheer mercy and love to save humanity.

God expects us to be like Him, to follow the example of the Son whom He sent. We must move beyond the prejudices we have and show mercy. We have been graced with eternal life, but this does not necessarily mean we deserve it. Eternal life does have its proper understanding in a never-ending life with Jesus, but it is also a quality of life which we are to live and demonstrate in the here-and-now. Even though our works do not save us. We do nothing to inherit anything. BUT if we are saved by God's grace, we are transformed by that grace. "We love Him because He first loved us." (1 John 4: 19) By God's grace we are transformed to be gracious. By being loved by God wholly, we can love Him wholly in return. And the proof of this love is demonstrated to our neighbours.

~ from a sermon by Mark A. Barber

Readings for the 26th Sunday after Pentecost

(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 9-19
(Living in the Light)

Gospel: Luke 12: 16-21
(The Parable of the Rich Fool)



Sunday Smile

A MINISTER waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Preacher," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

St. Dominic's Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the church proper (130 W. Redwood Avenue). Adults: \$10; children: \$5. Refreshments and raffle draws to follow in the church hall.

The CP Holiday Train is coming! - Sunday, December 1 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. at the CP Train Depot, 440 Syndicate Avenue S., with musical guests Scott Helman and Madeline Merlo. The Holiday Train is CP's way to help in the fight against hunger by growing awareness of this issue and provide a fun and engaging way for the public to show its support.



Spirit of Christmas Concert - presented by the Lakehead Choral Group on **Wednesday, December 4** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, corner of Brown and Mary Sts. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available from Rollason Flowers, Kitchen Nook & Finnish Bookstore and any Lakehead Choral Group member (Susan Soldan) or by calling 577-1224. Come and celebrate the spirit of Christmas!

Ecumenical Prayer Service - Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel at St. Patrick Cathedral (use Donald St entrance) for those who have experienced a loss and wish to gather as a community for mutual support. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

St. Anne's Two-Bit Auction - St. Anne Church invites everyone to a two-bit auction on **Saturday, December 7** at the FWFN Community Centre, 400 Anemki Dr., Fort William First Nation. The afternoon will include raffles, a 50/50 draw, and great prizes. Admission is \$5 at the door and includes lunch!



The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to _____, when he fell into the hands of _____. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A _____ happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a _____, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a _____, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own _____, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra _____ you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a _____ to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had _____ on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do _____." (Answer key at the bottom of page.)

donkey	Jericho	likewise	neighbour	robbers
expense	Levite	mercy	priest	Samaritan



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Fill-in-the-blank answer key: Jericho; Samaritan; donkey; expense; neighbour; mercy; likewise.

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Holy Cross Parish Christmas Sing-along

Monday, December 16
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
B. G. Shumay Auditorium
(our parish hall)

Join us for some carolling, entertainment, and goodies. All we ask is that you bring a donation of a canned or dry good in support of the local Regional Food Distribution Association (RDFA). And if you choose to, you may also bring your choice of Christmas baking (cookies, [pre-cut] squares, macaroons, tarts, etc.) to share.

Everyone is invited to attend this “family-friendly” evening of song and fellowship to help usher in the spirit of Christmas at Holy Cross!

