

ВІТАЄМО ВАМ ДО НАШОЇ ПАРАФІЇ! WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR PARISH! A PLACE OF PRAYER, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS!



Epistle ~ 2 Timothy 3: 10-15

Gospel ~ Luke 18: 10-14

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Gloria Sherban
Sunday (10 a.m.): Andrika Warywoda

Eucharist Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Frances Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

When we hear today's parable, we want to put ourselves in the place of the tax collector. We think of ourselves as humble, but we know our need for God's mercy. We can tell one another and God about why we are good and everyone else is bad. Unfortunately, it's that sort of Pharisaic, prideful, judgmental thought and behaviour that is at the root of so many of the problems we see in our world today. But even as Jesus pointed out the problem during His time on earth, He gave us the solution: love your neighbor as you love yourself. For when we truly love others, we won't be judgmental, we won't scorn everything that is wrong, but celebrate everything that is right, and our deepest desire will be the good of others, even more than our own well-being. At the end of the day, the best any of us can do is to plead for God's mercy upon which we are all equally dependent.

~ condensed from a sermon by Clair Sauer



This Week's Liturgical Services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
Epistle Reader: Dr. Larry Watral

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
Epistle Reader: Larissa Warywoda



Please note: Due to unusually cold weather conditions, weekly Divine Liturgies are suspended for the time being.

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.

Collection for January 13/14

Regular envelopes: \$ 1,025.⁰⁰
Mission Fund: \$43.³⁵
* Initial Offering: \$50.⁰⁰



Words To Live By

"If we stop being judgemental to others, we could start focussing on the things that actually matter."

Щиро Вам дякуємо ~ Thank you for your generosity!

January's Mission Collection is designated for **The Catholic Family Development Centre**, a place dedicated to strengthening and empowering families and individuals through a high quality service within a respectful, caring environment.

* **Please note:** The cost for the 2018 Collection Envelopes was \$530.⁷⁶. The money collected from the Initial Offering Envelopes is used to pay for this. To date, the Initial Offering collection totals \$368.⁰⁰ — a shortfall of \$162.⁷⁶. If you are able to help make up this difference, please use your Initial Offering envelope or an unused or spare one, and write your name, number and "Initial Offering" on it. *We thank you most kindly!*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Each January, following the Feast of the Theophany and Great Water Blessing, many Eastern Rite Christian families invite the priest to bless their homes with "Jordan Water." If you would like your home blessed by Father Stepan at this time, please speak with him in church or call him at the rectory at 577-7721 to arrange a date and time.



Pancake Breakfast and Penny Auction - Sunday, January 28 following the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy with an added twist included — a 'mini' penny auction. Breakfast cost per person: \$10/adults; \$5/children (12 and under). Prizes will be needed for the auction (no used items please) and can be brought to the church between now and January 26 and given to Michael Watral. Your support is very much appreciated. We hope to see many parishioners, family and friends in attendance for the return of this delightful event and fundraiser!

Nominations to Parish Council: It is important that we, as parishioners, take turns on the Parish Council so that a wide range of ideas, experience, and insight is shared amongst each other. Serving on the Council is not a tremendous task and it can be very rewarding, so we encourage all parishioners 18 years and older to let their names stand. This is a two-year commitment, however, all council members have the option to stay on for another term if desired. Please consider sitting on the Parish Council if you are approached and help keep our parish vibrant and alive. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

Христос Раждається ~ Славíme Його! Christ Is Born ~ Glorify Him!

Readings for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

(January 28)

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



Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

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.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular afternoon activities are cancelled during January and will resume on **Thursday, February 8** at the usual time (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) when new members are welcome to join. Membership is just \$10 per year and well worth it. Come check us out next month - you'll be glad you did!

“Do not regret growing older; it's a privilege denied to many.”



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The January/February edition of *The Plentiful Harvester* will 'hit the newsstands' and appear online next weekend.

Our first gathering of the new year will be our annual 'Super Bowl' meeting on **Sunday, February 4** starting at **4:30 p.m.** with dinner and social to follow. Executive members will be contacted as to the date and venue for their meeting that will precede this monthly meeting. Stay posted!

Love and Service to God since 1960

What Constitutes the Easter Cycle?

The Easter Cycle begins with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, ten weeks before Easter, and terminates eight weeks after Easter with the Sunday of All Saints. It is divided into two distinct parts: the Pre-Paschal (i.e. the season or period before Easter), and the Easter Season.

A portion of the Pre-Paschal season is often referred to as “Pre-Lent” which consists of the four Sundays preceding the Great Fast or Lent. These are: the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Meatfare and Cheesefare Sundays. Following this, the Great Fast completes the Pre-Paschal season which extends from sunset on Cheesefare Sunday to Palm Sunday, and finally, Passion Week — which is usually included in the Great Fast. The period from Easter to Pentecost embraces fifty days and is called by the common name of Pentecost. The Sundays in this season are each named for the event recounted in the Gospel of that day (i.e. *Sunday of St. Thomas, Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, etc.*). The post-feast of the Resurrection itself lasts forty days to the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

The principal aim of the Easter Cycle, first of all, is to prepare our hearts and souls for a worthy encounter with the Risen Christ by humble prayer, fasting, penance and meditation on the passion and sufferings of Christ. This preparation culminates in Easter Confession and Holy Communion. The next aim is to have us participate in Christ's joy, victory and triumph, for just as He rose from the dead, so we too, shall rise to new life. It also teaches us the great and salutary lesson of salvation history, namely that there is no glorious resurrection without a Calvary; that, like Jesus Christ, we too, must pass through the Golgotha of our life, in order to enter into the joy of the everlasting Easter heaven.

Source: *A Byzantine Rite Liturgical Year*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



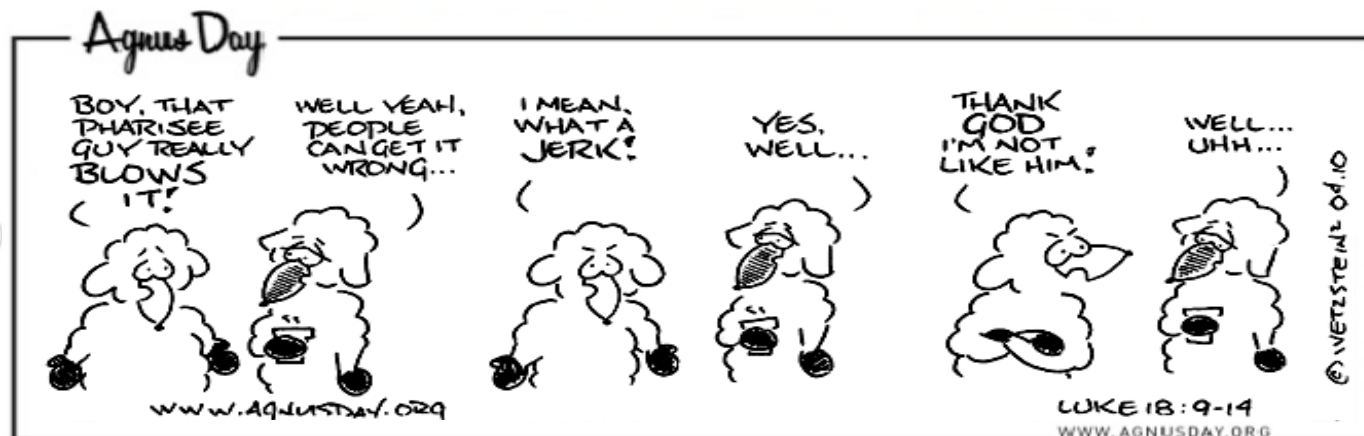
JK/SK Information Nights - Thunder Bay District Catholic Schools invites parents and guardians of future Kindergarten students to attend their JK/SK Information Nights beginning at 7:00 p.m. either at St. Martin School (W. Mary Street) on **Tuesday, January 23**, or at St. Bernard School (River Street) on **Thursday, January 25**. If you are unable to be present at either event, you may register online. Visit www.tbcschools.ca to do so.

Pickerel Dinner - Hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, January 27** at the Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St. with two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Dinner will include pickerel, home fries, coleslaw and dessert. For tickets (\$20), please visit the Columbus Centre office or call Rosie at 623-3252.



“Malanka ~ A New Year's Celebration” presented by the League of Ukrainian Canadians and Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group on **Saturday, January 27** at the Port Arthur Polish Alliance Hall, 102 S. Court St. Entertainment by Chaban Dancers and live dance music with featured band “Zirka” from Toronto. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment. Call Doug Chorkawy at 621-1593 or Hanya Cvoranjek at 344-3136. *Забавляймо разом!*

Sunday Smile





He Who Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

Most of you at some time in your lives have played with building blocks. Have you ever played the "tower game"? That's a contest between you and someone else to see who can stack up their blocks the highest without them falling over. Eventually they do and that's the same idea that Jesus was talking about in today's story.

Jesus taught His disciples that whenever people boast and brag about the great things that they do, they are headed for a fall! In today's Gospel story, He told us about two men who went to the temple. One of the men bragged about all of the great things he did and thanked God that he wasn't like those other sinners in the temple. The other man, instead of bragging about how great he was, humbly asked God to forgive him for all of the times he failed to be the kind of person that God wanted him to be.

Jesus was not the least bit impressed with all of the boasting of the first man. Most of the things he did, he did to impress other people. Jesus said that we should be humble -- like the second man. After all, when we compare our goodness to the goodness of Jesus, it just doesn't stack up, does it?



Let us pray: Heavenly Father, help us to remember that when we build our life upon our own goodness, we are headed for a fall. Instead, let us put our trust in Your righteousness, for then we will find favour in Your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:9-14 (NIV).



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JUSTIFIED	HEAVEN	PHARISEE	RIGHTEOUS	HUMBLE
BREAST	COLLECTOR	ROBBERS	THANK	EVILDOERS
MERCY	PRAY	ADULTERERS	CONFIDENT	SINNER

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 14:11

