



Welcome



## St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vernon, BC

2210 – 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 8Z9

**Liturgies:** Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Days - 10:00 a.m.



Sundays – 9:30 a.m. – Rosary  
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

## Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Grindrod, BC



Carlín Street and 3rd Avenue,  
Grindrod, BC

**Sundays Divine Liturgy:**

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2:00 p.m.  
Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.  
Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.  
Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – 3:00 p.m.

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*“The Vibrant Parish – a place  
to encounter the living Christ”*

*Patriarch Sviatoslav*

### **Welcome! BimaeMo!**

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, your families and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee is served! We invite everyone to join us.

#### **PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:**

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Sundays and Holy Days: 30 min before Divine Liturgy and other days, by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

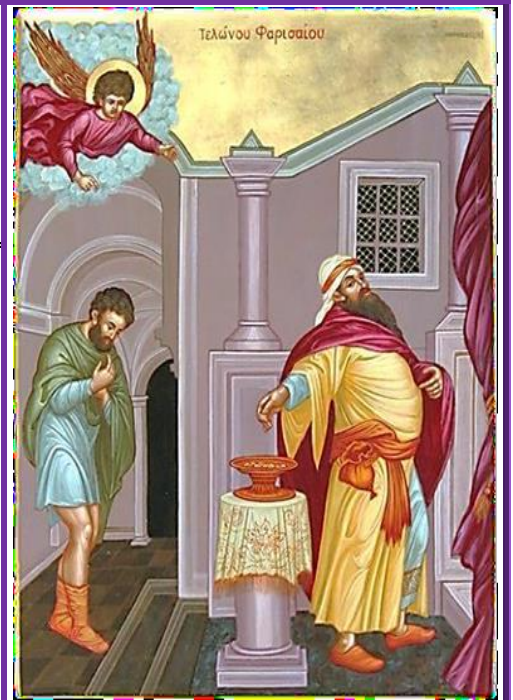
BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 month in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, any time

**Please note:** parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (such as: Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.), please see Fr. Volodymyr to arrange for it.



Our parish community extends a welcome to visitors who wish to pray and worship with us and who would like to participate in the life of our parish in all aspects. We assure you that visitors to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vernon meet with the warmest hospitality. Although we are a small community, we pride ourselves in being a family which centers itself on faith, prayer and a shared love of our Traditions. Although we are proud to belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a number of ethnic backgrounds are represented in our parish community.

Divine Services are celebrated according to the Byzantine Catholic Rite of Ukrainian usage. Whether you are familiar with our Liturgy and Traditions from your own faith formation or would like to learn more about them, we extend a heartfelt welcome to you to join us for Divine Liturgy. Whether you are Roman Catholic or a member of another Church or Religious Tradition, you are most welcome to join us for worship. The Liturgy is celebrated using a mix of English and Ukrainian. The readings from the Holy Gospel and Epistles, as well as homilies are in English.



## 33rd Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Our Venerable and God-Bearing Father Anthony the Great

**Troparion (1):** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,\* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,\* and gave life to the world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to Your kingdom!\* Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only Lover of mankind.

**Troparion (4)** By your life you imitated the zealous Elias\* and by following straight paths you emulated the Baptist, John.\* O Father Anthony,\* you peopled the desert and strengthened the world by your prayers;\* intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

*+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,*

**Kontakion (2):** You rejected earthly worries\* and finished your life in silence imitating the Baptist in every way\* and so with him we honour you,\* O Anthony, most venerable, first of the Fathers.

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Kontakion (Tone 3):** Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican\* and approach the Master as sinners,\* for He desires salvation for everyone.\* He grants forgiveness to all who repent.\* For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

**Prokimenon (Tone 8):** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

*verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (Psalm 32:22,1)

**Prokeimenon, (7):** Precious in the sight of the Lord\* is the death of His venerable ones. (Ps 155:6)

**Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15:** Timothy, my son, Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



**Alleluia (Tone 1):** God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

*verse:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

**Gospel: Luke 18:10-14:** The Lord said his parable, "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* (Ps 148:1) Alleluia (3x).

### **Prayer for a Vibrant Parish Prayer**

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

**SPECIAL PETITION DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY:** — We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A PARISH THANK YOU:** As we welcome the New Year, I extend my sincere gratitude to all of our VOLUNTEERS, who gave their time to our parish church, to all of our benefactors for their continued financial support and to our guests for being apart of our church community in 2015.

May the love of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you always! Fr. Volodymyr.

**PARISH CALENDAR THANK YOU:** We express our gratitude to Vernon Funeral Home for their donation of the 2016 church calendars.

**THEOPHANY/JORDAN Home Blessing:** Fr. Volodymyr will be continuing blessing homes this week. Please, use the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church so that Fr. Volodymyr can coordinate our annual Home Blessing visits.

**COFFEE HOUR:** A gentle reminder concerning Coffee Hour after each Sunday Divine Liturgy: UCWLC members and Individuals who would like to cover the weekly Coffee Hour please contact Joanne Kosick or you may write your commitment on the list located downstairs in the church hall. Please take note that every parishioner appreciates this weekly social gathering. Remember all proceeds are given to our church. A Hearty Thank You in Advance for everyones effort!

**2015 Nominating Committee** – we are now beginning our preparation for the election of the new Parish Council for the year 2016. The following parishioners will be part of the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Ruth Cushing, Mrs. Wanda March, Mrs. Cecile Thompson, Mrs. Pat Holowenko and Fr. Volodymyr.



**Please remember to pay UCWLC membership \$ 20.00**

**“Save-on- Foods” gift cards** – are available for sale. Anyone wishing to buy the cards, please contact Miss. Teresa Huculak or Fr. Volodymyr.

**Sunday collection: January 10<sup>th</sup> - Vernon \$ ; Grindrod - \$ 185.00**

**Grace.** If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

**Parishioner's news section:** As a Parish, it would be wonderful if we could share in our fellow brothers and sisters journey- their joys and sorrows. If you have an upcoming event (birth announcement, big anniversary, graduation, etc) or updates such as medical news, prayer requests, etc., please send us an email or tell to the priest, so it can be included in the newsletter. As well, if you wish to celebrate a special occasion with us, you are more than welcome to bring a contribution to add to the coffee social.



**Happy Birthday** – May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life to those who celebrated their birthday in month of January: Mrs. Marion McAreavy (Jan. 2); Mr. Douglas Samec (Jan. 9); Mrs. Rose Scherba (Jan. 17); Mr. Anthony Mulik (Jan. 19); Mrs. Valli Pasemko (Jan. 30); Mrs. Lidia Melesko (Jan. 31) **Many happy healthy years! Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

**Please Pray for health of** ... Tatianna O'Donnell, Rose Shawchuk, Anthony Mulik, John Maiwka, Yanko Anna, Szadiak Victor and Gloria, Sophie Caskey, Walter Kociuba, Nick Roman, Kalyna Kociuba, Terry Konopada, Jesse Kosick, Marion McAreavy, Mary Ferguson, Nicholas Adam Laniel Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich, Beverly Brodoway and her husband Harry and all other parishioners and family members who need our support and God's healing at the present time. Let us also remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine in our prayers!

Please let Fr. Volodymyr know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



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### **Meetings Church Councils and Organizations:**

**St. Josaphat's Parish Council Meeting will take place, today** - After the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**St. Josaphat's Parish AGM will take place, January 31<sup>st</sup>** - After the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, **January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**  
**at OLOV RC church.**

**Next UCWLC meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup>** - After the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

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### **Pope's Morning Homily: The Lord Is Waiting for Us to Open Our Hearts**

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During Mass at Casa Santa Marta, Francis Reflects on What 'Love' Means Even if we can't count our sins, God is waiting for us to open the doors of our hearts to Him. Even if we don't feel we deserve it yet, He wishes to embrace us as we are.

Pope Francis stressed this during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, as he drew inspiration from John's Gospel reading and reflected on various meanings of the word 'love,' reported Vatican Radio.

"This word 'love' is a word that is used so many times and when we use it we don't know exactly what it means. What is love? Sometimes we can think of the love in the soap operas, but that doesn't appear to be love. Or else love can seem like having a crush on a person, but then it fades away. Where does true love come from? Whoever loves has been created by God because God is love. Don't say: 'Every love is God,' No, God is love." The Apostle John, the Pope stressed, underscores how God loves us first, without limits, and there are many examples of this in the Gospel, including the parable of the prodigal son and the multiplication of the loaves of bread by Jesus. Not all love, Francis warned, comes from God, but He is the true love. He also directed those gathered to remember the two most important commandments for a Christian, namely loving God and our neighbor. "When we have something on our mind and we want to ask God to forgive us, it's He who is waiting for us – to forgive us," Francis said.

The Pontiff also asserted that this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to some extent, is also about us realizing that the Lord is waiting for us, each one of us.

"Why?" he asked, "To embrace us. Nothing more. To say to us: son, daughter, I love you. I let my Son be crucified for you: this is the price of my love, this is the gift of my love."

Francis continued, stressing, "The Lord is waiting for me, the Lord wants me to open the door of my heart" and that we are to realize God waits for us as we are now, not just as we are to be.

"We must go to the Lord and say: 'You know Lord how much I love you.' Or, if you don't feel able to say it in that way: 'You know Lord that I would like to love you but I am such a bad sinner,' Francis said. Pope Francis concluded, stressing that God then will do the same for his people as the father in the prodigal son: "He won't let you finish your speech and with an embrace will silence you. The embrace of God's love.