



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. 24<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.  
Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.  
Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – 3:00 p.m.  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 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.



34<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**Troparion, Tone 2:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\* When You raised the dead from the nether world,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

**+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever & ever. Amen.**

**Kontakion (Tone 3):** Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,\* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.\* Therefore I offer You the words of the Prodigal:\* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.\* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

**Prokimenon (2):** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

**verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. (Psalm 117:14,18)

**Epistle: (1Corinthians 6:12-20):** Brethren, 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.



Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**Alleluia, (2):** The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

**verse:** Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. (Psalm 19:2,10)

**Gospel: (Luke 15:11-32):** The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked

what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

**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.

### **Please Continue our Prayer for Ukraine:**

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers. May they seek reconciliation and dialogue and end the violent confrontation and killing. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles and religious liberty to their troubled land. God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRESENTATION** - The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, Jesus Christ at the Temple will be followed by the blessing of candles. This is one of the most ancient feasts which was adopted as a tradition on the Purification of the Virgin Mary in the fourth century.

**THEOPHANY/JORDAN Home Blessing:** It is the custom among many Ukrainian and Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified after Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). **The Purpose:** The annual blessing of homes is a custom of special beauty and significance. We again ask Christ to bless and enter into our homes and our lives. We ask Him to be with us, as we desire to be with Him. We ask that by the sprinkling of blessed water, the Holy Spirit renew us, our families and our lives in our homes. As Christ brought salvation to the house of Zacchaeus; we ask the same for all those who dwell in our homes. **If you would like your home blessed, please call Fr. Dmyterko for an appointment. House blessings can be done through February 15, 2016.**

**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: Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - Vernon \$ 567.00, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> - \$356.75; 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 ...** Ann Yaremchuk, 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.

 **EMAIL BULLETIN** - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: [o.volodymyr@yahoo.ca](mailto:o.volodymyr@yahoo.ca)

**PARISH WEBSITE** – <http://vernon.nweparchy.ca/bulletins/>

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

**St. Josaphat’s Parish AGM** will take place on Sunday, **Jan. 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** will take place on Tuesday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** - After the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**St. Josaphat’s Parish Council Meeting will take place, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**- After the Div. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.



### ***The ancient Ukrainian icon "Doors of Mercy" for the opening of the Jubilee Year.***

Pope Francis asked for the ancient Ukrainian icon "Doors of Mercy" to be brought to the Vatican for the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This icon, which combines both Western and Eastern traditions, is particularly symbolic and encourages all Christians to unity and peace for the sake of charity.

The image of the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ, which dates from the seventeenth century, comes from the cathedral of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the Polish city of Jaroslaw. The icon, which takes its name from the Byzantine Lenten liturgical text, "Open the Doors of Mercy to me, O Mother of

God." is considered miraculous and was given a crown by St. John Paul II in 1996. A copy of the icon is also found in the Argentinian church where Pope Francis' spiritual director, the late Salesian Bishop Stefan Chmil. The icon miraculously survived a fire in the church.

### ***What is a jubilee year?***

The practice of a jubilee year has ancient roots in the Jewish tradition and evidence for it can be found in the Old Testament (see Leviticus 25). The jubilee year was called every fifty years and was a time for forgiveness. It stood as a reminder of God's providence and mercy. The dedication of a year for this emphasis provided the community with a time to come back into right relationship with one another and with God. As the practice of the jubilee year was adopted into the Catholic Church, these themes of mercy, forgiveness, and solidarity continued.

### ***How is this Jubilee different from other Jubilee years?***

The Jubilee of Mercy that Pope Francis has called, from December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016, is an Extraordinary Jubilee. This designation as an "Extraordinary Jubilee" sets it apart from the ordinary cycle of jubilees, or holy years, which are called every 25 years in the Catholic Church. By calling for a holy year outside of the normal cycle, a particular event or theme is emphasized. For example, Pope Francis called this particular Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to direct our attention and actions "on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's actions in our lives . . . a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective"

### ***What is the Jubilee of Mercy?***

In the Bull of Indiction, "Misericordiae vultus. . ." Pope Francis declared that the Jubilee of Mercy will begin on December 8, 2015 (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and conclude on November 20, 2016 (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). December 8, 2015 also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, a Council that sought to bring the love of God to the modern world. Similarly, the Holy Father strongly desires this Jubilee celebration of mercy to be lived out in the daily lives of the faithful, and all who turn to God for compassionate love and mercy.

### ***Why a Jubilee of Mercy now?***

Pope Francis himself addressed this question in his homily. "Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favourable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone, everyone, the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. May the Mother of God open our eyes, so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called; and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ."





## Ukrainian Catholic Church has a new bishop.

On Thursday, January 14, 2016, Vatican officials reported that the Holy Father Francis agreed that priest Volodymyr Hrytsii, a teacher of novices in Lviv Province of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, was elected by the Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Church as auxiliary bishop of Lviv Archdiocese of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, giving him the titular seat (Diocesis Bahannensis). Born on August 19, 1976 in the city of Dobromyl in Lviv. On August 19, 1994, he entered the Redemptorist noviciate. On August 19, 1995, he took his first vows. On 19 August 2000 he took lifelong vows. On July 12, 2001 he was ordained a priest by Bishop Andriy (Sapelyak). He studied philosophy in Krakow

(Poland), theology in Tuhiv (Poland) and Innsbruck (Austria), where he received a master's degree. The theme of master's work: "Hans Urs von Balthasar's theology of the Great Sabbath and its understanding by the Ukrainian Church." After a pastoral year he was sent for continued theological studies to Innsbruck, where in 2008 he received a doctorate in dogmatic theology, in particular, the Sacraments, at a local university. Thesis: "Holy Sacrament of Penance in the light of the Resurrection of Christ." While in Austria, he worked and further chaired the Pastoral Consultation Centre, which is a joint project of religious congregations and local churches. In 2009-2013, he held the post of director of studies at the Lviv Province of Redemptorists. Today he is a master of novices.

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<b>EPISTLE READERS:</b>				
DATE	READING	ENGLISH	UKRAINIAN	CANDLE HOLDERS
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rm. 13:11-14:4 Mt. 6:14-21	Stephanie Hoffman	Olga Piano	Patti Huculak Greg Sawka
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40, 12:1-2 Jn. 1:43-51	Anne Marie Johnston	Patricia Sawadsky	Bob and Pat Holowenko
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Heb. 1:10-2:3 Mk. 2:1-12	Marry Harasymyshyn	Joe Prystupa	Victor and Vivian Belley
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Heb. 4:14-5-6 Lk. 12:16-24	Teresa Huculak	Helen Pesklewis	Ann Yaremchuk Olga Piano
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Heb. 6:13-20 Mk. 9:17-31	Joann Kosick	Olga Piano	Mary Ferguson Wanda March