



Welcome



St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vernon, BC

2210 – 40th 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. 24th – 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 7th – 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 21st – 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 31st – 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 14th – 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 28th – 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.



Sunday of The Last Judgement (Sunday of Meat-fare)

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead,* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion (Tone 1): When You come on earth, O God, in glory,* and the universe trembles,* while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement,* and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed,* then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,* and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand,* O Judge who are most just.

Prokimenon (3): Great is our Lord and great is His strength,* and of His knowledge there is no end.

Verse: Praise the Lord for He is good. Sing to our God for He is loving; to Him our praise is due.

Epistle: (1Corinthians 8,8-13;9,1-2): Brethren: Now food will not bring us closer to God. We are no



worse off if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. But make sure that this liberty of yours in no way becomes a stumbling block to the weak. If someone sees you, with your knowledge, reclining at table in the temple of an idol, may not his conscience too, weak as it is, be “built up” to eat the meat sacrificed to idols? Thus,

through your knowledge, the weak person is brought to destruction, the brother for whom Christ died. When you sin in this way against your brothers and wound their consciences, weak as they are, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I may not cause my brother to sin. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? Although I may not be an apostle for others, certainly I am for you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia, (2): Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour (Ps 94:1).

verse: Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms (Ps 94:2).

Gospel: (Mt 25,31-46) The Lord said, When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right. ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Communion Hymn: 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 (February 2nd) - 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.**



Service of Forgiveness – will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 7th** following the Divine Liturgy. This beautiful service is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday before Lent. Our journey to the Resurrection starts with asking for forgiveness and forgiving another. At the end of this service, each person asks for forgiveness of each other by saying “Father (Brother, Sister) forgive me” and the answer is “May God forgive you! I am forgiving you.” I encourage all parishioners to participate in this service of forgiveness & love. Please also invite your family and friends!

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 everyone effort!

Bible/Liturgics Study in Grindrod parish – on Tuesday, **February 2nd** after 4:00. Please come and join us!

Services For The Great Fast – “SOROKOUSTY”

A reminder to all, that the season of The Great Fast will soon be upon us, and with it our annual remembrance of our beloved deceased, at our Sorokousty memorial services. These prayers will typically take place on the Saturdays of Lent. The first Sorokousty Service will be on Saturday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m.. Panachyda will be celebrated after the Liturgy. The names of families, requesting such, will be mentioned. If you would like to have your dear deceased family members of blessed memory included in this year's services, please take your remembrance book (you find them in the church entrance on a table) fill out if needed and submit it to priest as soon as possible.

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 24th -Vernon \$302 .75, Grindrod - \$ 240.00

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.



***In Your ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God,
make us worthy of Your voice, which we long to hear,
number us among those at Your right hand,
and have mercy on us.***

Amen.

New Westminster Eparchy: 2016 Great Fast Donation for the Church in Ukraine

Name: & Address:

Name of Organizaition or Fund	Amount enclosed
Ukrainian Catholic University	
Caritas Ukraine	
Holy Resurrection Sobor Building Fund	
Andrew's Pence	
Synod Administration Fund	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	

Please make the cheque payable to your local parish, which will issue the tax receipt.

Meetings Church Councils and Organizations:



St. Josaphat Parish Annual Meeting – will take place Today, Jan. 31st

Please plan to stay a little longer for our Annual Meeting, immediately following after Divine Liturgy. A lunch will be provided, so we'll be well looked after.


Please use this great opportunity to contribute to the life of our faith family.

Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting will take place on Tuesday, **February 9th at 7:00 pm.**
at OLOV RC church.

Next UCWLC meeting will take place on Tuesday, **February 9th** - After the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

St. Josaphat's Parish Council Meeting will take place, Feb. 21st- After the Div. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting will take place on Tuesday, **February 23rd at 7:00 pm.**
at OLOV RC church.

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Biblical Story: The commemoration for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning his Second Coming and the Last Judgment of all, both the living and the dead. In Matthew 25:31-46, Christ speaks about what will happen at this specific point in time when He will “come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him” (v. 31). At His coming, “He will sit on the throne of His glory,” and all of the nations will be gathered before Him. He will separate them “as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats” (v. 32). The sheep will be placed on His right hand, and the goats on the left. To the sheep, He will say “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (vv. 33-34) This kingdom is offered to the sheep because of their compassion and service to those in need. Jesus says, “...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” The sheep, who are the righteous chosen for the kingdom, will ask how this could be so. They will ask Jesus when was He hungry or thirsty, a stranger, naked, and in prison. He will answer them by saying, “Assuredly, I say

to you, inasmuch as you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to me" (vv. 35-40). Christ the King, seated on His throne of judgment, will then turn to the goats on His left and say, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (v. 41). He will condemn them because they did not feed Him when He was hungry, give Him drink when He was thirsty, take Him in when He was a stranger, clothe Him when He was naked, visit Him when He was sick or in prison. The goats will ask the Lord, "When did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?" Then He will answer them saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me" (vv. 42-45).

Jesus concludes His words on the Last Judgment by stating that those on the left "will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (v. 46). On the past two Sundays of this pre-Lenten period, the focus was placed on God's patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. *On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our Judge.* Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes. This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come, a theme that is also the focus of the first three days of Holy Week. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves. Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous "poor," but concrete and personal love for the human person—the *specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives*. Christian love is the "possible impossibility" to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a "good deed" or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for "humanity," yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the *recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way*. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, *each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God*, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged.

The Sunday of the Last Judgment is also known as Meatfare Sunday. This is the last day that meat can be eaten before the Lenten fast. Dairy products are allowed on each day of this week, even Wednesday and Friday. The next Sunday is the Sunday of Cheesefare, It is the last day that dairy products can be eaten prior to the commencement of Great Lent.

Today's Gospel about the last judgment shows the end result of true repentance, and also the "flip side" – the outcome for those who do not repent. *It is a frightening spectacle, and not a pleasant one to meditate upon, but absolute necessary for us to remember.* Lets us talk about how Jesus Christ came the first time, how His second coming will be, and what we must do to hear the blessed words: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world". Amen.