



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:**

March 6<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.

March 13<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.

March 26<sup>th</sup> Sat. – 5:00 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.

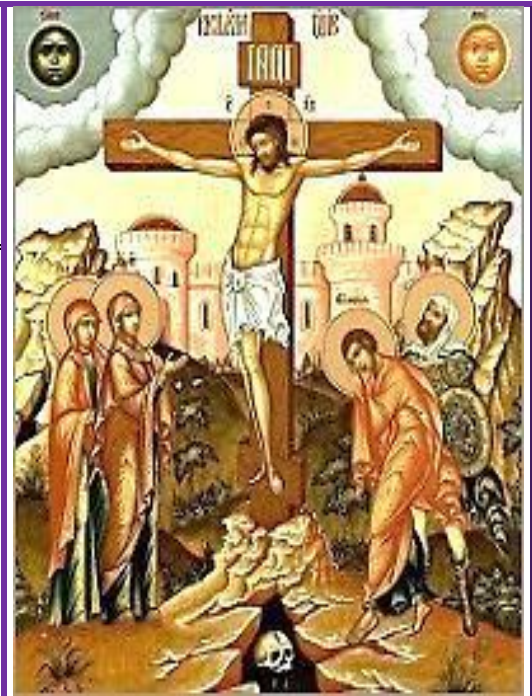
BAPTISMS - by appointment.

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.



## Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross

**TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS AND WE SING**

***"To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration***

***And we glorify your Holy Resurrection"***

Out of love for us using the Cross as a pen, You signed our decree of pardon with the Royal Crimson of Your Precious Blood. For, through the Cross, You have already granted us the joy of the Kingdom; Because through the Cross, we have passed to unending joy and are raised from earth to heaven, since the armies of hell are shattered and the curse of old are utterly destroyed. So, let all the trees of the forest dance and sing as they look upon their brother tree - The Cross of Christ!

**Troparion** (Tone 7): By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

**Troparion**, (Tone 1): Save your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\* and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

**Kontakion** (4) No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;\* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.\* The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished,\* and You, O my Saviour, came and called to those in Hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

**Instead of "Holy God": To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.**

**Prokimenon** (6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

**verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest Your turn from me in silence.



**Epistle** (Hebrews 4:14-5:6): Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: "You are my son; this day I have begotten you"; just as he says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

**Alleluia** (6): Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

**verse:** But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

**Gospel:** (Mark 8:34-9,1): At that time, He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in

exchange for his life? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this faithless and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." He also said to them, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come in power."

**Instead of "It is truly...":** In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before the ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

**Communion Verse:** Let the light of Your countenance O Lord, shine upon us. Alleluia (x3)

### **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:**

**EASTER DUTY**—The Church requires that every Catholic receive the Mysteries of Repentance and Eucharist at least once a year, during the Lenten/Easter season.

**2016 Parish Mission and Confessions**—is scheduled for Saturday, **March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Vernon and Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in Grindrod.** The mission will be given by **Rev. Bohadan Lukie** pastor of St. Mary's church in Yorkton, SK. Mark your calendar and make it your priority to attend.

**Special Lenten Collection for Ukraine** – our Eparchial Collection in favour of the needs of our Church in Ukraine will take place today, **Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please use the special envelopes which are provided at the front entrance and make cheques payable to your parish. Thank you for your generosity.

**Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty** for the deceased of Individual Family members will be celebrated every Saturday during Great Lent at 9:00am beginning on February 13, 2016. Arrange to have the deceased members of your family remembered during these Services. Please hand your Memorial service book filled with the names of our deceased loved ones over to Father Volodymyr for the prayers.

**Sunday collection February 21<sup>th</sup> - Vernon \$ ; Grindrod \$ 240.00**

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

**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 February: Mrs. Gloria Szadiak (Feb. 3); Mrs. Patricia Sawadsky (Feb. 16); Mrs. Eva Gosselin (Feb. 28) **Many happy healthy years! Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

**Please Pray for health of ...** I. Roy, Les Blain, D. Chura, A. Yaremchuk, T. 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.


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

**St. Josaphat’s Parish Council Meeting will take place, March 13<sup>th</sup> -** After the Div. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, **March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** at OLOV RC church.

**UCWLC meeting** will take place on Tuesday, **March 8<sup>th</sup> -** After the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.** at OLOV RC church.

 **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/>



Chancery Office  
Eparchy of New Westminster

To the Clergy & Lay-Faithful of the  
Eparchy of New Westminster

26 February 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week we have heard the news regarding the Special Joint Committee of the Government of Canada, entitled *Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach*

I want to reassure you that the teaching of the Catholic Church is very clear, namely that suicide is not part of health care. I want to urge each of you to contact your local Member of Parliament and let them know that you do not support what is being called as Doctor Assisted Dying. Please sign the petition at the entrance of the Church. It will be sent to Federal MP, the Hon. Mark Warawa who will present our petitions to the Members of Parliament and to urge Federal Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould to reject this report.

This is not the time for us to be on the sideline and assume someone else will speak out against this issue. Medical staff (doctors and nurses) may be placed in positions where they will have no choice but to provide doctor assisted killing. If implemented, these recommendations of the Special Joint Committee, would fail to protect some of the most vulnerable people among us, children, the mentally ill, the disadvantaged and force physicians to be involved in a practice in which most of them have said they do not wish to participate.

While we certainly welcome the report's recommendations for enhanced palliative care services across the country, we have to be very clear that palliative care must exclude assisted suicide and euthanasia. To hasten death as a treatment option or as a form of health care is morally unacceptable.

With prayerful best wishes, and assurance of my Episcopal blessings, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Ken

Preaching the Mission will be **Fr. Bohadan Lukie**

**Mission** is a special moment in the life of a parish community when once again, we are gathered to listen to a Proclamation of God Our Father's saving love for us in Jesus Christ.

This "**hearing and proclaiming**" is a vital part of the Mission of the Churches. As St. Paul wrote: *"How can they call on Him if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can the message be preached, if the messengers are not sent out? As the Scripture says, 'How wonderful is the coming of those who bring the Good News.'" So then, faith comes from hearing the message and the message comes through preaching Christ" ( Rom 10: 14 -17).*



We ask you to pray that many Christians will take advantage of this important event. Make it a priority for yourself and your family. Mark the dates on your calendar

PARISH MISSION PRAYER

God, Our Father, we offer You praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts You have given us through Jesus, Your Son.

We thank You especially for the gift of our **Parish Mission.**

Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts,

that we may be open to the gift of Your truth.

Grant that our Mission may be:

a time of preparation, a time of grace for all,

a time of growth for the young,

a time of renewal for the old,

a time of union for families,

a time of healing for the broken,

a time of joy for the sorrowing,  
a time of challenge for the complacent,  
a time of forgiveness for the sinner,  
a time of strength for the holy,  
a time of homecoming for those who have been away.

Grant, most loving God, that our Mission May bring down Your richest blessings on each and every member of our parish community.

We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother,

in the name of Jesus Christ who lives with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

*Liturgical celebrations during week:*

<b>Tue.</b> Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Div. Lit. For Lonnie Comin. Requested by Mrs. Katherine Blain
<b>Wed.</b> Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>
<b>Thu.</b> Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Div. Lit. For Les Blain. Requested by Mrs. Katherine Blain
<b>Fri.</b> Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Div. Lit. For Benedict Tuoan. Requested by Mrs. Katherine Blain
	4:00 p.m.	<b>Station of the cross</b> – Make it a priority this Lent.
<b>Sat.</b> Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Lenten Mission( Vernon)</b>
<b>Sun.</b> Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	<b>Rosary (Vernon)</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>God's blessings for all parishioners of St. Josaphat Church (Eng./Ukr.)</b>
	1:45 p.m.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Hour Service (Grindrod)</b>
	2:00 p.m.	<b>God's blessings for all parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Church (Eng.)</b>

**In Your Prayers:** Please remember to pray for the sick and the infirm of our Parish.

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