



Rossburn
Ukrainian Catholic
Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rossburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale,
Angusville, Ruthenia, Rossburn Farms, Dolyny and Seech Lake*

August 2021 Parish Bulletin

Our doors are open...to everyone!

For the first time in a long time, our province has progressed in a positive direction allowing for churches in Manitoba to reopen their door to greater capacities twice in a month! We are excited that our doors are open again and that we can pray physically together and not simply through a screen. I want to take a moment to share two important things in regards to this recent re-opening of our parishes.

First of all, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO EACH PARISH! Are you a parishioner in Oakburn, but don't have a service one week? No worries! Come to Rossburn or Russell or wherever! Are you from Sandy Lake or maybe even Neepawa? No worries. Phone in and sign-up! While it may not seem fair to some, the current situation does not allow favouritism. First come, first serve.

Secondly, I encourage everyone to make an effort to return to church! During the pandemic, we have been blessed with the ability to pray virtually all of our services. But we must remember that this was only a temporary substitute because we could not be there in person. Praying via live-streamed services is not and will never be a substitute for the real deal! If you are physically able to be present in a parish for Sunday, please make every effort to be there! God bless everyone and I look forward to seeing more and more of you!



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NOTE THE NEW
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August Feasts Days

In August, we have a number of special days that we celebrate in our Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church. There are two major feasts this month: the Transfiguration of Our Lord and the Dormition of the Mother of God. We also celebrate the beheading of John the Baptist and the placing of the sash of the Mother of God.

Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6)



The Transfiguration of Christ is one of the Great Feasts of our Church, celebrated on August 6. Jesus had gone with his disciples Peter, James, and John to Mount Tabor. Christ's appearance was changed while they watched into a glorious radiant figure. There appeared Elijah and Moses, speaking with Jesus. The disciples were amazed and terribly afraid. This event shows forth the divinity of Christ, so that the disciples would understand after his Ascension that He was truly the radiant splendor of the Father, and that his Passion was voluntary (Mark 9:2-9). It also shows the possibility of our own theosis.

Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God (August 15)

The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on August 15. The Feast of the Dormition, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.



Beheading of John the Baptist (August 29)

The Beheading of St. John the Forerunner is the commemoration of the martyrdom of John the Forerunner. It is a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. It is commemorated by the Church on August 29. Although the Forerunner was beheaded in the Spring, around the time of the Passover, this feast was fixed for August, when a church was dedicated in its honor.



Placing of the Sash of the Mother of God (August 31)

During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911) in Constantinople, his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her. The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established.



A Return to Active Parish Life

As all things pandemic related start to make a turn in the right direction, the restrictions in our province of Manitoba have also started to turn in a positive direction. This means a great deal for all churches in the province. We have great hope that come the fall, we can not only start a new liturgical year, but also have a bit of return to normal parish life. So what does this mean and what can we look forward to? Below is a list of things to look forward to.

- First Communion celebrations will be scheduled for September.
- Fr. Jay has been approved for 1-on-1 visits to parishioners in the various PCHs.
- Parish meetings can be held in person once again.
- Parishes are open at higher capacities allowing for all of our liturgical celebrations

Throughout the pandemic, a few things did not change and remain an option such as coming for the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). Fr. Jay is always available for confession. While time may be limited prior to the Sunday liturgy due to travel between towns, appointments can always be made with Fr. Jay. Starting in September, look forward to a designated day each month for confessions.

Please pray for our clergy in the Archeparchy of Winnipeg

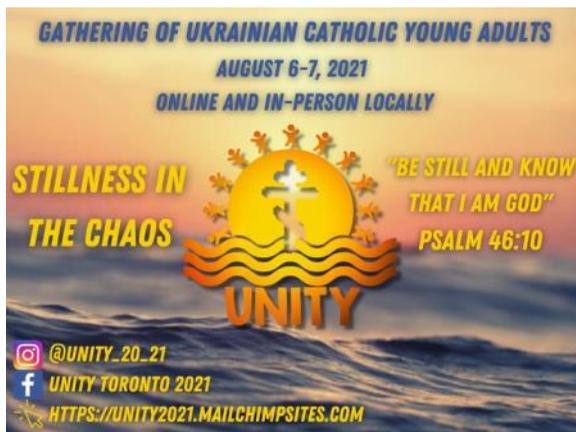
August 1st marks the start of new parish ministry for many of our clergy throughout the Archeparchy as new pastoral assignments take effect on this day. Please pray for all those who are starting in a new parish this month, as well pray for an increase in vocations. This year two active clergy passed away and a number of others retired this month. Our archeparchy are in need of good, strong vocations and with the help of your prayers, this can happen! **Due to the current shortage, Fr. Jay has been assigned to cover funerals and memorials in the Neepawa district until further notice.**

UNITY 2021—Stillness in the Chaos

Attention all young adults ages 18-35! Last year Unity was postponed due to Covid-19. It has been rescheduled for this year and will be available in an online format for those outside of the GTA. There is **no cost** to register and attend this event this year! Please consider signing up.

Our very own, Sophia Korban will be presenting one of the sessions for this weekend. The topic of her discussion is Mind-Body-Spirit Connection. If you have any questions about registration, feel free to contact Fr. Jay at the parish office.

*Winnipeg hosted the very first
Unity in 1996 and then again in 2012.*



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<p>01</p> <p>9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Oakburn 2:00 PM - Rossburn</p>	<p>02</p>	<p>03</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy Health of Helen Byskal by Walter & Adele Mychasiw</p>	<p>04</p> <p>10AM - Div Birthday B Fr. Bohda</p>
<p>08</p> <p>9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Russell 2:00 PM - Shoal Lake</p>	<p>09</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy +David Melnyk by Babick Family</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10AM - Div +A.J. by Ver</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Dormition of the Mother of God 9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Russell Praznyk & Cemetery</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>----- F</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00AM - Shoal Lake 11:30AM - Rossburn 2:00 PM - Russell</p> <p>Fr. Jay on holidays</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy +Helen Sytnyk by Oakburn UCWLC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10AM - Div For good Olga Wo</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Oakburn 2:00 PM - Rossburn</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Fr. Ihor Shved</p>	

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 Divine Liturgy Blessings for An Borowec	05 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Matt Antoniow by Marion & family	06 Transfiguration of Our Lord 10AM - Divine Liturgy	 07
 Divine Liturgy Juba na Juba	12 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Stefania Nahachewsky by Ken & Joanne	13 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Peter Mychasiw by Walter & Adele Mychasiw	 14
r. Jay Aug. 16 - 23rd	19	20	 21
Divine Liturgy weather by ychyshyn	26 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Helen Sytnyk by Leganchuk Family	27 10AM - Divine Liturgy Metropolitan Lawrence on occasion of 44 years of priestly anniversary (Aug. 28)	 28 Seech Lake Praznyk & Cemetery 10:30AM - Divine Liturgy
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Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of August

August 2 - 6

Icon of Our Lord	All clergy of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg
Icon of the Theotokos	For all parishioners

August 9 - 13

Icon of Our Lord	+Peter Mychasiw by Helen Byskal
Icon of the Theotokos	Birthday blessings for Seminarian Alex Pankiw

August 16 - 20

Icon of Our Lord	Anthony Kobyletskyy on the occasion of his baptism
Icon of the Theotokos	Birthday Blessings for Bishop Bryan

August 23 - 27

Icon of Our Lord	Priestly anniversary blessing for Metropolitan Lawrence
Icon of the Theotokos	For all parishioners



On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our district and the Neepawa district over the last three months.

Peter Wonsel (Sandy Lake) - May 3
Cecil Kristalowich (Sandy Lake) - June 11
Jean Zenchyshyn (Shoal Lake) - June 11
Nydia Kostuik (Angusville) - July 10
Marian Memryk (Sandy Lake) - July 12
Tom Buternowsky (Seech Lake) - July 16
Mary Luba (Russell) - July 18

Losing a loved one is never easy, especially during a pandemic. We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! ETERNAL MEMORY!



COVID-19 UPDATE: Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the province has new restrictions. At the time of publishing, our parishes will reopen to the public at a capacity of 20% or 150 people and will continue to be live-streamed on Sundays. Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 25 people in attendance (not including clergy, cantor & funeral staff). For further information on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay. We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

PROPER DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE STILL MANDATORY IN ALL PARISHES. Please be respectful of these rules that are put in place by the Province of Manitoba.

While we patiently wait for things to resume fully, please remember to stay safe, get vaccinated and pray, pray, pray!

Pray with us online! Did you know that you can access all of

our liturgical services that happen in Rossburn online? Every Sunday and weekday services, as well as other services such as vespers that happen at Sacred Heart Parish in Rossburn are streamed live not only on our Facebook page, but as well on our YouTube channel, allowing those without



a Facebook account to be able to still access the services. For Facebook, search @[Rossburn.UGCC](#) and on YouTube search: [Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District](#). Now also available on our new website at [rossburnugcc.ca](#)



Help Buy Wheelchairs for Children & Adults in Ukraine!

Fr. Ivan has now biked over 1500kms and is almost done is trip at time of publishing. After a few detours due to forest fires in northern Saskatchewan, the trip was moved over to Alberta/B.C. away from any forest fires in the provinces.

There is still time to donate and help support Fr. Ivan, the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation & the Knights of Columbus, in reaching the fundraising goal of \$250,000!

Visit [padrebikes.ca](#) for information or to donate online. Cheques may also made to: Sask K of C Charitable Foundation Memo: Padre Bikes and mailed to P.O. Box 61, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 4N7. We encourage all individuals and organizations to consider making a donation if possible.

Good luck Fr. Ivan & God's blessings!

Our prayers are with you as you complete your journey!



Q & A with Fr. Jay!

Submit your questions to Fr. Jay however you want. Email, text, phone or write to Fr. Jay asking him any of those questions you've been wanting to ask about our faith. Why do we abstain from meat on Fridays? How is incense made? What does a bishop do? What does our Church teach about MAiD?



The identity of those asking questions will be kept confidential at all times. Each week a couple of questions will be answered, and some will even be featured in future bulletins. So please submit questions whenever you'd like! By asking questions, we can grow in our faith together!

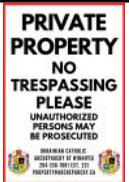
Question: I noticed at some of our parishes, there is the Orthodox cross on top. Why is that?

Answer: This cross is *not* an Orthodox specific cross. The three-barred cross is very common in Eastern Churches, specifically those of the Byzantine Rite. The short top bar represents the inscription over Jesus' head, and the lowest (usually slanting) short bar, placed near the foot, represents his footrest. This cross existed in a slightly different form (with the bottom crossbeam pointing upwards) in Byzantium, and it was changed and adopted by and popularized in the East Slavic countries.



HOLIDAY NOTICE: Fr. Jay will be on holidays from Aug. 16 - 23. During this time Fr. Jay can be reached by email. For emergencies requiring a priest, please contact Fr. Paul in Russell at 204-773-2924.

Reminder that the Private Property signs on our properties are for insurance purpose and at the request of our insurance provider. These are **NOT** meant to keep parishioners and family/friends away from cemeteries. You are all more than welcome to go and visit your loved ones at the cemeteries.



Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am - Rossburn

Confessions: Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!)

Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for emergencies at 204.773.6594.