

Rosburn
Ukrainian Catholic
Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

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

November 2021 Parish Bulletin

A Time to Prepare

Every November, we begin the time of preparation for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Christmas is less than two months away, and this is the feast in which God becomes incarnate. God becomes one of us. It is such a feast to celebrate and yet how do we prepare for it? Commonly in our society today, Christmas is already on the shelves in many stores. Thanksgiving has barely past, Halloween and Remembrance Day are still on the horizon, but yet Christmas is already in our minds as gift guides and decoration ads are already filling our commercials on TV and in our social media feeds. It is almost as if the celebration is already here.

However as Catholics, we know that the real celebration doesn't start until Christmas Eve, when we gather in our churches and sing out, God is with us! And from that point on, we continue to celebrate Christmas for the following 40 days! So before we all get ahead of ourselves, let us take this opportunity to try and slow down. Try and truly prepare for Christmas not by being distracted by all the ads and celebrating that happens before, but rather by looking at our hearts to see if we are truly prepared for Christ to enter into our lives. Are we prepared for our God to be dwelling among us or rather, within us?

This is truly a holy feast to celebrate. Let us prepare for it in a manner that lets us celebrate it the way it should be celebrated.



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Catechesis Corner

The Bible: The Word of God

Now that we are into our third month of Catechesis Corner, let us recap a little bit. First we talked about the importance of prayer in our lives. St. Paul calls us to perpetually have prayer on our lips. Of course this is something that seems only monks can achieve at times, but we should do our best to pray as much as we can. Prayer books were supplied at the parishes to help us grow in this. Then in October we learned out to establish a place of prayer in our own homes, our domestic churches. Pulling out those icons, lighting a candle and creating a space to come and encounter God is very important. Next, we add one more element to that icon corner, the Bible.

Back in the day, it was very common for people to possibly own a Bible, but barely even open it. This was common because people thought they were not worthy to read the Word of God other than a priest or deacon at the Divine Liturgy. Well, we have come very far in the fact that probably most biblical scholars are not ordained people at all! The Bible is there for *everyone* to read and know and understand. In the Christian East, we hold the Bible in high regard, especially the four gospels as we see how much we venerate it by adorning it in gold and jewels and processing with it during the Divine Liturgy. But just like our Protestant brothers and sisters who can often quote passages from the Bible already in their teens, we too should know the Word of God seemingly inside and out. Even if we do not fully understand everything, we should always be reading the Word of God.

This month, the challenge is to start reading the Bible in some manner. If you have a Bible, it is time to dust it off and crack that spine. If you don't have one, there are plenty of ways to get one. A great online resource is BibleGateway.com which has many translations to choose from. This site also



has a mobile app for your phone/tablet. There are also many Bible apps out there, including the [Orthodox Study Bible](#) app which Fr. Jay uses almost daily. Don't have one? Sign up for one! Once we have a bible, let's start reading it! There are many ways to do this, so pick one that is right for you. You can do the classic way and go cover to cover, starting in Genesis. You could start with the Gospels, the Epistles, or certain parts of the Old Testament such as the Pentateuch (first 5 books; also the Torah). There are also many other ways to read the bible over time, just search for a method online. One easy option is to read the daily readings according to our calendar. Check the yearly calendars you received in January or visit lit.royaldoors.net.

Lastly, choosing the right translation is very important. You want to get the right message and still understand it. A good version is the New Revised Standard Version - Catholic Edition or the New King James Version.



1st Communion Class - 2022 If there are any families with students in the district who are in Grade 2 this year (2021-22) and would like to receive either their First Holy or Solemn Communion, please contact Fr. Jay and let him know. We hope to offer classes throughout the year again, however we do have the opportunity this time around to do them together, in person as opposed to our Zoom format from last year.

If there is also interest in having a catechism class for other students of other ages, please contact Fr. Jay as well and we will set things up.

Active Parish Participation! In October, we started in all the parishes having a little more active participation from the faithful which was wonderful to see! We started small with having volunteers come and read the Epistle reading. Fr. Jay is going to continue asking for volunteers each week to read until people step forward without being asked. Guaranteed, the more this happens, the more natural this will become for everyone. If you are nervous, wait a couple weeks and then volunteer. We look forward to creating a culture of full parish participation in the years to come.

We called all singers, and they came!

The first month of singing practices was a success and I sure hope the rest of you in the pews noticed a bit of a difference. We will continue to work on this more and more. Practices will continue to happen each week. If you are interested in joining, please contact Fr. Jay to find out when the next practice will happen. Even if your singing level is beginner, please come. We are all learning together so that we can pray and offer praise back to our Lord in a beautiful and fitting manner!

****Attendance is open to anyone in the district.****



ALL-PARISH DISTRICT MEETING!

It has been a long time since we have been able to have an All-Parish meeting, but we are planning to have one on November 7th *in person* in Rossburn. Please mark your calendars. We will begin in the church at 6:30pm with a Moleben to Blessed Budka and the meeting will start at 7pm in the parish basement. We ask that **at most**, each parish have two (2) members in attendance due to the MB. Public Health Orders. The district executive will be in contact to confirm attendance. All others are invited to join virtually through Zoom. Please watch for the meeting link to be shared the week of the meeting.

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07 9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Russell 2:00 PM - Shoal Lake	08 St. Michael the Archangel 10AM - Divine Liturgy	09 No Divine Liturgy	10 No Divin
14 9:00AM - Oakburn 11:30AM - Rossburn 2:00 PM - Angusville with AGM to follow	15 First of St. Philip's Fast Oakburn UCWLC meeting and Panakhyda 5PM	16 10AM - Divine Liturgy Shoal Lake PCH	17 No Divin 2pm - B
21 Feast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos 9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Shoal Lake 2:00 PM - Rossburn	22	23 No Divine Liturgy	24 10AM - Div Russe
28 9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Russell 2:00 PM - Olha with AGM to follow	29	30 10AM - Divine Liturgy Anniversary blessings for Roman & Katie by Korban family	PLI MI

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<p>Divine Liturgy Rossburn PCH</p>	<p>04 6:30PM - Moleben 7PM All-Parish Meeting in Rossburn</p>	<p>05 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Mary Burtnick</p> 	<p>06 10AM - Baptism & Divine Liturgy Sandy Lake</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>11 REMEMBRANCE DAY Divine Liturgy with Panakhyda 10AM - Rossburn</p>	<p>12 Feast of St. Josaphat Divine Liturgy 10AM - Rossburn</p> 	<p>13 10AM - Divine Liturgy 40 Days for +Peter Kostuik</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy Rossburn PCH</p> 	<p>18 No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>19 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Mary Burtnick</p> 	<p>20 Feast of Blessed Josaphata Divine Liturgy 10AM - Rossburn God's blessings for Walter & Adele on their 50th Anniversary by Helen Byskal</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy Rossburn PCH</p> 	<p>25 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Peter Kostuik by Anne Penonzek</p>	<p>26 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Ann Ternowski by Rose & family Confessions 4-7pm Oakburn</p> 	<p>27 Holodomor Remembrance Day Divine Liturgy with Panakhyda 10AM - Rossburn</p> 
<p>PLEASE NOTE THAT NOVEMBER CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS DUE TO THE IMPENDING ARRIVAL OF BABY KORBAN #3</p>			

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of October

November 1 - 5

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

November 8 - 12

Icon of Our Lord

God's blessings for souls of Bonchak,
Stanchuk & Pushka Families

Icon of the Theotokos

For a Sophia Korban

November 15 - 19

Icon of Our Lord

Birthday blessings for Benjamin from Mama & Tato

Icon of the Theotokos

50th Anniversary Blessings for Walter & Adele
from niece & nephews

November 22 - 26

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

CONFESSIONS will be available in Oakburn this month on Friday, November 26th from 4pm - 7pm. No, Christmas and Easter are not early this year. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.



On behalf of the entire Rosburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District and neighbouring Neepawa District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last month.

Helen Kowaluk (Shoal Lake) - September 29

Peter Kostuik Jr. (Angusville) - September 30

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

ВІЧНАЯ 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 33% 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 Rosscburn online? Every Sunday and weekday services, as well as other services such as vespers that happen at Sacred Heart Parish in Rosscburn are streamed live not only on our Facebook page, but as well on our YouTube channel, allowing those without



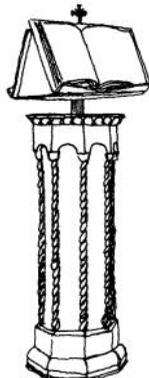
a Facebook account to be able to still access the services. For Facebook, search @[Rosscburn.UGCC](#) and on YouTube search: [Rosscburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District](#). Now also available on our new website at [rosccburnugcc.ca](#)



Want to get involved more?

As we begin a new liturgical year, there is no better time to get more involved in our parishes! There are many jobs that everyone can help with. Below is a list of jobs that are available in every parish. See something you like or are interested in? Let Fr. Jay know next time you see him or contact him any time!

- Altar servers
- Children of Mary
- Singing
- Reading
- Rosary / Jesus Prayer leading



A Prayer for Remembrance



Lest We Forget

*Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

St. Philip's Fast - Pylypivka starts on Monday, November 15th. With this, the countdown to Christmas can officially begin! What do we do differently during this time of year though? Like most major fasts in our Church, there is actually fasting that is involved. The minimum that the Ukrainian-Greco Catholic Church asks of us is that we abstain from meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays during this time. Of course if you are pregnant, nursing, under the age of 12 or above the age of 65, you are excused from following these rules strictly, but are still encouraged to do what you can.



Another good thing to be mindful of during this time is to carry out acts of charity whether it be through monetary donations, donations of items to charities, or volunteering our time to places that could use our help. In many of our major communities in the district there are community hampers that are always a good option. Watch for a parish district project coming later this month in regards to opportunities to support places together as a parish district.

Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local personal care homes:

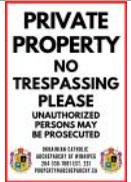
Rossburn PCH: Alice Hrubeniuk, Lorne Mushumanski, Bill Kalyniak, Melvin Lohowy, Anne Shust

Russell PCH: Frances Snytynski, Anne Snytynski, Shirley, Helen Olynick

Shoal Lake PCH: Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Bill & Lena Kalyniak, Penny Mychasiw, Helen Yaskiw, Tony Woychyshyn

**Fr. Jay has monthly services in each of these care homes.*

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. Please do not remove!



Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11:30am & 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 204.859.3025.