



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
Also serving Sandy Lake & Mountain Road*

October 2022 Parish Bulletin

Changing Landscapes & Seasons

This past month, I had the pleasure of taking some holidays so that my family could attend the wedding of my brother-in-law in beautiful British Columbia! We took a few days to drive out of one province, through another two and into a third. As we drove further west we had such awe (especially for the kids experiencing this for the first time) in the continual changing landscape. From our valley-filled prairies in Manitoba to the flatlands of Saskatchewan to the dryer landscape of southern Alberta, and eventually to the wonderous mountains of British Columbia. Throughout it all, it was absolutely beautiful and God was present at every moment.

As our seasons change, let us be thankful for all God has given us over the past year. Let us look for God in every moment of our lives, especially throughout the beautiful nature we are so blessed to be surrounded by out here in this district. God has blessed us with so much, but when was the last time we actually thought about it all and given thanks? We should never take too much for granted because there are many that are less fortunate than ourselves and in the blink of an eye, our lives could change a whole lot.

My prayer for you this month is that we all may realise that which God has blessed us with and that we show our thanks to our Creator!



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Catechesis Corner

Our next series in Catechesis Corner will be focusing on the Divine Liturgy and what it all means through the various elements of the service. These reflections are taken from the book titled, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" by a Monk of the Eastern Church. Our hope is that we grow in our understanding and appreciation of the Divine Liturgy and that these reflections will help us to pray better.

AMEN & The GOSPEL



The priest continues the prayer before the Gospel reading with the words, "For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God." The illumination of our bodies? We can well understand that the Light of the World illumines our souls. But how and in what measure does He illumine our bodies? A few lines earlier the same prayer declared: "trampling down all carnal desires." Can the same flesh be both trampled down and illumined?

The flesh in itself is good, having been created and blessed by God. Wounded and weakened by the sin of our first parents, however, the flesh often becomes the origin of various temptations. It can become a wall of separation, an egocentric barrier, an instrument of struggle against the Spirit. Those, however, are deviations. The flesh, such as God thought and purposed it, is an instrument of our salvation. It is in this sense that God is the principle of love between man and woman, making a sacrament of their conjugal union. For this reason, too, God obliges us to preserve our body and our physical health, as well such heights that He even assumed human

flesh in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is for this reason that the liturgy, in the prayer before the reading of the Gospel, can exhort us to "trample down" all desires of the flesh (those desires that are in themselves evil insofar as they separate us from God and from our brethren) while speaking at the same time of the "illumination of our bodies" as well as of our souls. Since we are going to hear the reading of the Word of God, let us ask, together with the prologue of the Gospel of St John, that this Word "become flesh" within us, that it might dwell within us and penetrate us, to the extent that our body itself becomes its transparent covering.

"Wisdom! Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel," the deacon or priest now intones. And the Gospel of the day is read. Note that it is not simply a matter of "hearing" the Gospel. We are called to listen to it, to be attentive to the divine Word, to open to it not only our ears but also our heart.

The word "Gospel" means "Good News." The ritual phrase, "Let us listen to the Holy Gospel," therefore, means: "Let us listen to the holy, good news." For every passage of the Gospel contains good news, a joyous message, the annunciation of something of supreme importance that concerns every one of us. Perhaps as we hear the passage to be read our reaction is, "I've heard that so many times! It really doesn't say anything much at all to me." Nevertheless, every portion of the Gospel, whichever it may be and even if we have already heard it countless times, always has something to say to us.

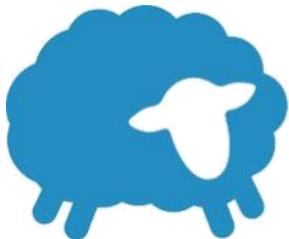
If we listen to the Gospel with humility and fervor, each and every time we will discover a sentence or a word that we have never really noticed before, one which will strike us as if we were hearing it for the very first time. Nor is this message addressed to the assembly in general. It is addressed to each hearer individually, personally. It is addressed to me. Hearing the reading of the Gospel, I should think to myself: "This is the word that our Lord has preserved for me until today. This is what He wants to say to me today. This is what He has just spoken to me. I shall guard this word with care in the depths of my heart."

Vibrant Parish

As we work towards creating truly vibrant parishes throughout the entire District, check here each month for new ways to do so!

This month, we focus on bringing back some age old traditions to our regular Divine Liturgy routine. The Divine Liturgy is prayer in motion, and movement is exactly what we want to see, as opposed to being stationary in our pews. Here are a few things we are starting and we invite all parishioners of all ages to participate.

- 1) **Kiss of Peace:** On the bottom of pg. 49, prior to the priest saying, “the doors, the doors...” all of the faithful are invited to greet one another in peace. Traditionally we’d embrace each other with three kisses on the shoulders. Handshakes will also be accepted. As we do so, say, “Christ is amongst us!” And respond with “He is and ever shall be!” This practice helps us to ‘lay aside all earthly cares’ before receiving the Eucharist.
- 2) **Singing:** The Divine Liturgy should be a prayer done by all, which means everyone as much as they can, should be singing the responses together. Everyone is invited to join in the responses, especially the easy ones like ‘Lord, have mercy’ and ‘Amen.’ Also, you’ll see the Sunday propers & readings being offered at the entrances of each parish on Sundays. Fr. Jay will help lead the propers, but everyone is invited to sing along as best as you can. Over time, the eight melodies we sing will become more and more familiar.



flocknote

Over the coming weeks, the Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District will be rolling out a new and effective way of communicating with parishioners throughout the nearly 4000km² of our district. Flocknote allows the district to directly text all parishioners or specific parishes directly with news, updates and more! This will be very effective in last minute schedule changes, cancellations or simply reminding people of upcoming services, events etc.

***You are invited to join today by texting:
ICXC to 514-900-0130.***

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<p>ROSSBURN UGCC ROSSBURN UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PASTORAL DISTRICT</p>	<p> ROSSBURNUGCC.CA</p>		<p>01 The Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Divine Liturgy 11AM - Mountain Road Praznyk 6pm - Great Vespers</p>
<p>06 WINNIPEG CLERGY RETREAT <i>Clergy of the Archeparchy!</i></p>		<p>07</p>	<p>08 10:30AM - Divine Liturgy 40 Day for +Melvin Luhowy</p> 
<p>Divine Liturgy Rossburn PCH</p>	<p>13 10AM - Divine Liturgy Health of Gale Proszak by David Sytnyk</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:30AM - Divine Liturgy 40 Day for +Melvin Woychyshyn 6pm - Great Vespers</p> 
<p>Divine Liturgy Sandy Lake & family Marie Yaskiw</p>	<p>20 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Melvin Woychyshyn by David Woychyshyn</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10:30AM - Divine Liturgy Sandy Lake</p> 
<p>Divine Liturgy Rossburn PCH</p>	<p>27 10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>28 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Jean Moroz by Roy Drynych & Evangeline LeJan Confessions in Rossburn 4-7pm</p> 	<p>29</p>

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of October

October 3 - 7

Icon of Our Lord	Health of Josie Gerelus by David Sytnyk
Icon of the Theotokos	Health of Josie Gerelus by David Sytnyk

October 10 - 14

Icon of Our Lord	For all parishioners
Icon of the Theotokos	For all parishioners

October 17 - 21

Icon of Our Lord	Health of Bill Gerelus by David Sytnyk
Icon of the Theotokos	Thanksgiving for good harvest weather by David Sytnyk

October 24 - 28

Icon of Our Lord	For +Annie Wilk by Katherine Wilk
Icon of the Theotokos	For +Annie Wilk by Katherine Wilk

CONFESSIONS will be held in **Rosburn on Friday, October 28**. Fr. Jay is also always available for confession and is just a phone call away. 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.

To book with Fr. Jay all you need to do is to give him a call, send him a text or an email and book a time. Fr. Jay will meet you at any parish for confession.



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.

Melvin Woychyshyn (Rosburn/Shoal Lake) - September 6
Penny Mychasiw (Olha) - September 21

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

Eternal Memory - Вічна Пам'ять!

Upcoming Events

Please take note of the following events happening throughout the District and be sure to attend if possible!

October 1: Mountain Road Praznyk - Make the drive to the parish in Mountain Road where we celebrate the final Praznyk of the year for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.

November 2: *The Chosen* Bible Study - Join Fr. Jay as we watch Season 1 of *The Chosen* with a guided bible study. This will run weekly on Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 2 and ending Dec. 21.

November 3: All-Parish Meeting - Join the entire Parish District as we work together to achieve new heights, and set goals for the district in a day-long event of brainstorming and growth!

November: District Sobor - Join sections of the pastoral district as we work together to achieve new heights, and set goals for the district in a few hours of brainstorming and growth!

November 6 & 13: First Communion - Join our communities in Oakburn (Nov. 6) and Russell (Nov. 13) as we celebrate our First Holy Communicants. More details to follow.



The Chosen Bible Study - Starting next month on Nov. 2nd, join Fr. Jay in a bible study like no other! We will watch all of season 1 of *The Chosen* with a guided study following each episode. Sign-up and more information coming soon! Watch social media and parishes entrances for flyers. Get used to different!

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

Rossburn PCH: Alice Hrubeniuk, Bill Kalyniak, Anne Shust

Russell PCH: Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa, Bill Kalyniak

Shoal Lake PCH: Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Tony Woychyshyn



Please, continue to donate toward aid to refugees via the charities that we have promoted since the beginning of the war. Please also take note of the various appeals for volunteers, housing and other ways of assistance, and respond as generously as possible. **MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME!**

In our own Pastoral District, the community of Russell has been organizing a lot of help for newcomers spanning north to Roblin and as far east as Shoal Lake. If you would like to help out, donate or offer your services, please contact either Leanne Bily (Chair) at 204-773-0847 or Judy Snitynsky (General Coordinator) at snityns1@mymts.net.



In the September bulletin there was an accidental omission from the thanks to those who assisted with the success of the Summer Catechism. So we'd like to offer our apologies and thanks to Cecelia Horitchie for her donations of freezies and other items. The kids sure enjoyed them!

Fr. Jay will be away on the annual Archeparchy of Winnipeg Clergy Retreat from Monday, October 3 to Friday, October 7, 2022. Should there be any emergencies requiring a priest, please contact Fr. Paul in Russell at 204-773-2924.

For all other communication, please feel free to text or email Fr. Jay. He will respond to you at his next earliest convenience. He will not be answering the parish phone during this time.



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.