

Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rossburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Sandy Lake,
Mountain Road, Olha, Dolyny, Angusville, Lakedale,
Ruthenia, Rossburn Farms, Seech & Birtle*

February 2023 Parish Bulletin

Great Lent Starts This Month!

Great Lent starts this month on Monday, February 20th. How fast is 2023 already progressing? It seems as if January has gone by in a flash and now we are already embarking on Great Lent, the time of preparation leading us to the glorious death and resurrection of our Lord!

This year I want to personally encourage everyone to work on their fasting and prayer life. The first day of Lent is a strict day of fasting, followed by a week of fasting. Then we move to the Monday-Wednesday-Friday rule of fasting. I encourage us all to find a way within our limits. If you are young and healthy, try your best to abstain from meat on these days. If you are over the age of 65 or you have health issues, find some food or snack that is 'guilty pleasure' and try to give it up. Remember, we fast so that we can concentrate on our spiritual lives and find satisfaction in God!

As for our prayer, I encourage all to find some sort of lenten reflection to embark on personally. I also invite everyone to attend as many of our various liturgical services throughout lent that are being offered as possible.

Through these practices may we have a blessed & holy Great Lent!



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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.

Thanksgiving: Part I

We enter now into the central prayer of the liturgy, into the great act of gratitude and offering of which the consecration of bread and wine constitutes the essential element. This is properly termed the "Eucharist," for eucharist means "thanksgiving."

"It is meet and right to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to praise Thee..." He who sings, blesses and praises with a sincere heart assumes an inner attitude of thanksgiving. He is in a spiritual state that can be spoken of as "eucharistic." He progresses in his life, singing with joy and confidence. He has abandoned himself to a happiness that envelops and surpasses him.

For what do we express our gratitude to God in the great prayer of thanksgiving? We thank Him "for all things." We remember before Him everything He has done on our behalf. "From non-being Thou hast called us into being." He has raised us up after the Fall. He bears us tirelessly into His coming Kingdom. We give thanks "for all the good things which we know and which we know not," and for the abundant goodness which He pours out upon us each day in an infinite variety of ways.

But our thanksgiving becomes still more precise, immediate, and concrete: "We thank Thee also for this liturgy which Thou hast deigned to accept at our hands, Thou who art surrounded by thousands of Archangels..." Worship more worthy than ours could be offered to God by the celestial powers alone. But God accepts what we offer to Him with our sinful hands. The Angels at this moment unite themselves to us, to sing the triumphal hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord," the Lord of the angelic host (which is the meaning of Sabaoth).

"Hosannah! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"He who comes in the name of the Lord..." This is He who draws near to us in this solemn moment, He who is the supreme Gift which the Father offers to mankind.

"Thou hast so loved the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life..." The key word of the liturgy and of the whole of God's relation to mankind is spoken here: "Thou hast so loved the world..." The whole existence of God, like the whole of human existence, is a mystery of love. At this very moment we are standing before that self-giving Love.



Vibrant Parish



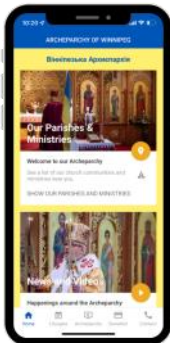
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Parish Mission 2023

We welcome our new auxiliary bishop, His Excellency, Bishop Andriy to our pastoral district for this year's parish mission for Great Lent.

This year's mission will be presented in 5 of our parishes. Please make every effort to attend your parish to not only hear what Bishop Andriy has to say, but to welcome him to our area as well!

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| THURSDAY Mar. 9 7PM SANDY LAKE | FRIDAY Mar. 10 6PM ROSSBURN | SATURDAY Mar. 11 10:30AM MTN. ROAD |
| SUNDAY Mar. 12 11:30AM RUSSELL | MONDAY Mar. 13 6PM SHOAL LAKE | |



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WANTED: We are looking for individuals willing to lead Stations of the Cross in our main parishes on the Wednesdays of Great Lent.

Fr. Jay wants to have Stations led by the faithful every week in each of the 6 main parishes. Each week, Fr. Jay will attend one of them and hear confessions during them. Contact Fr. Jay if you are interested in volunteering.






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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed |
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| | | | 1 Rosburn 10:30 Great Vespers 6pm |
| 5 <i>Prodigal Son</i> 9:00am - Shoal Lake 11:30am - Rosburn with fellowship | 6 | 7 | 8 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +40 Day for by Vince |
| 12 <i>Meatfare Sunday</i> 9:00am - Oakburn 11:30am - Russell with fellowship | 13 | 14 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Jean Moroz by Patti Ewashko & family | 15 Russell 10:00am |
| 19 <i>Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday</i> 9:00am - Rosburn 11:30am - Shoal Lake with fellowship 6pm - Forgiveness Vespers | 20  <i>First Day of Lent</i> Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew 6:00pm | 21  Lenten Matins 10:00am | 22  Great Compline Canon of St. Andrew 6:00pm |
| 26 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i> 9:00am - Russell 11:30am - Oakburn with fellowship | 27 | 28 Lenten Matins 10:00am | M Febr February 14: |

February 2023

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| <p>1 9am PCH 10am Vespers 7pm</p> | <p>2 <i>Encounter of our Lord</i> Festal Divine Liturgy 10:00am</p> | <p>3 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Melvin Woychyshyn by Evelyn Drozda & family</p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p>8 Liturgy 10am Fr. Michael & Kaskiw</p> | <p>9 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Anne Shust by Sacred Heart Choir</p> | <p>10  Divine Liturgy 2:00pm +Matt Antoniow (2yr) by Antoniow Family</p> | <p>11 <i>All-Souls Saturday</i> 10:30am - Mountain Road & Panakhyda for all deceased in the district. <i>Trivia Night 7:00PM</i></p> |
| <p>15 9am PCH 10am</p> | <p>16 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Melvin Woychyshyn by Brook family</p> | <p>17  Divine Liturgy 10:00am +David Melnyk (2yr)</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>22  Discipline with St. Andrew (Russell)</p> | <p>23  Lenten Matins 10:00am</p> | <p>24  FASTING FOR UKRAINE Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 6:00pm - Shoal Lake</p> | <p>25</p> |

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| <p>MAJOR FEASTS THIS MONTH: February 2: Feast of Encounter of our Lord (holy day of obligation) Repose of Venerable Cyril, Teachers of the Slavs</p> | <p>FASTING DAYS THIS MONTH: February 10, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24: regular day of fasting (meat) February 20: strict day of fasting (meat & dairy) February 24: Special day of fasting for peace in Ukraine</p> |
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Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of February

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3

Icon of Our Lord

God's blessings on Verna Juba & family from Sytnyk family

Icon of the Theotokos

Health of Lionel Ditz from Sytnyk family

February 6 - 10

Icon of Our Lord

Health of Josie Geralus from Sytnyk family

Icon of the Theotokos

+Melvin Woychyshyn from Oakburn KofC

February 13 - 17

Icon of Our Lord

Birthday blessings for Fr. Jay from Oakburn KofC

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

February 20 - 24

Icon of Our Lord

For a holy Great Lent for all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For a holy Great Lent for all parishioners

Theophany on Sandy Lake

On Saturday, January 21 the pastoral district celebrated the blessing of waters on Sandy Lake. It was a most beautiful winter day and over 60 faithful showed up from across the district, including both Catholic and Orthodox. A huge thank you goes out to Chad Davies, Mark Sichevski & Dave Rystephanuk for preparing everything for this glorious celebration. And special thanks to Fr. Gregory Scratch (OCA) who invited Fr. Jay and the community to take the lead on this annual tradition this year. We look forward to celebrating again next year!



Upcoming Events

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

February 11 - Trivia Night! Open to everyone! Create a team of up to 6 participants or come and join a team the night of. Come and test your knowledge on a variety of topics from movies, sports, celebrities, general knowledge etc. Sure to be a fun night for everyone! Food and drink will be sold as well. Registration for a team is \$50 or individuals is \$10. To register your team email Fr. Jay (pastor@rossburnugcc.ca) or text/call (204.859.3025). Money raised goes to support Fr. Jay's World Youth Day pilgrimage this summer.

February 19 - Forgiveness Vespers Everyone is encouraged to attend this beautiful service that begins our journey through Great Lent. This year we will pray this service at Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Russell.

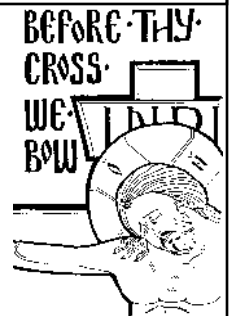
February 20/22 - Canon of St. Andrew Join us on Monday and Wednesday of the first week of Great Lent for the praying of the Great Compline service with the Canon of St. Andrew. This service helps us to really kick-start our lenten journey focusing on the change we need to make in our lives starting with repentance.

March 9-13 - Parish Mission This year we welcome Bishop Andriy as our mission presenter. The mission will be preached in 5 of our main parishes. Everyone is encouraged to attend your own respective parishes. Let's fill our parishes for the mission this year!

Confessions & Divine Liturgy Intentions will be on hold until after the celebration of Pascha.

Monthly confessions in the parishes will be on hold for the month of February, March & April. During this time confessions will be made available on Wednesday evenings during Stations of the Cross. Confessions will also be made available prior to Holy Week.

Divine Liturgy intentions will resume after Pascha as we do not celebrate weekly divine liturgies throughout Lent. If there are any urgent intentions, please contact Fr. Jay.



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

Rossburn PCH: Bill Kalyniak

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, Mrs. Peech



On **February 24, 2023** a year will have passed since the beginning of the full-scale war that Russia unleashed against Ukraine. The bishops of the UGCC have asked that the whole Church will spend this day in **fasting, prayer and doing works of mercy**.

"Let this day be an opportunity for us to do good to someone: comfort the sad, clothe the naked, warm the frozen, feed the hungry," explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav, speaking about the need not only to fast and pray, but also to do charity.

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 11
7:00PM**

**SACRED HEART
PARISH HALL
107 VICTORIA AVE. E.**

**\$10 INDIVIDUAL
\$50 PER TEAM OF 6
CASH BAR
& SNACKS**

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT/TEAM OR FOR MORE INFO:
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Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

1st Sunday: Shoal Lake at 9am & Rossburn at 11:30am; 2nd Sunday: Oakburn at 9am & Russell at 11:30am.

3rd Sunday: Rossburn at 9am & Shoal Lake at 11:30am; 4th Sunday: Russell at 9am & Oakburn at 11:30am.

2nd Saturday: Mountain Road @ 10:30am; 4th Saturday: Sandy Lake @ 10:30am

Tuesday - Fridays: 10am - Rossburn

Confessions: Last Friday of the month (check calendar) 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