



Sunday of the Man Born Blind  
17 May 2020 A.D.

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## Holy Eucharist Parish Парафія Пресвятої Євхаристії

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### COVID-19 PROVISIONARY PARISH WEEKLY UPDATE - NO. 7

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...

It has now been two months since we started to really see the effects of the Coronavirus on our parish. Our Metropolitan-Archbishop issued his first directives back then asking for everyone to take special precautions at all times for any parish event. Actually not a few of our parishioners already started staying away because of many government advisories and warnings about the uncertainties of the virus and that is could be more dangerous that we would want to imagine. We have learned a lot over the last weeks about the virus and how it spreads. However, it has also become obvious that there is so much to learn and there are many uncertainties. However, thank God, it seems that the move in the direction or normalizing life, commerce and activity has begun - ALBEIT WITH A LOT OF CAUTION. Here at Holy Eucharist we have been "in the catacombs" for a long time now and we too want to start to come out of the lockdown. We want to do this, however, according to protocols - especially those directives issued by our bishop. Therefore, please read in this bulletin about the steps that we are ready to take for some return to a more active parish life.

We have lost some members of the parish over the last while and are unable to give these individuals a typical funeral service. I have in mind **Mary Monastersky** (from Zhoda), **Gloria Kroeker**, **Jeanette Berezuk**, **Bruce Smallwood** and, most recently, **Nick Smerechynski**. Some individuals from the **Kildonan Horizons**, although not our parishioners *per se*, but with whom we also share a sense of kinship, have also passed away over this time period—including the father of our Building Manager there **JoJoe Junio**. Lord, take them all to yourself.

God bless you for saying in touch with you parish. Some have sent emails, others called, some came by, some wrote letters and sent them or dropped them off at the office. One thing, it seems that everyone did was - continue to support your parish materially. God bless you for that! God willing, we are moving in the direction of parish life like we knew—and God willing (again) it will be even better than before! Metropolitan Lawrence will soon issue new Directives and and we will see the change! Let's keep each other in our daily prayer and well meet soon! - Fr Michael

**Calling all volunteers...**Thursday May 21, 2020 at 10 am we will be meeting in the Parish Centre Parking



lot (safe distance protocol in place). To do spring cleaning of all the Parish properties...anyone who can spare a hour or 2 we ask you come on down. During this time of Covid-19 we do not have caretakers on staff so it is up to the Parishioners to help out...**a little!!** If you can spare some time please call the office. We will supply everything... all we need is you!!!

# You gotta read this! Here ↓ or at [www.archeparchy.ca](http://www.archeparchy.ca)

Dear Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

I pray that you have been filled with the joy of the Easter season, despite the trials we are all living through during this time of pandemic.

## The Fundamental Importance of Sacramental Life for Christians

In 1998, in his great apostolic letter, *Dies Domini*, on the importance of Sunday, Saint John Paul II described the sacrifices the Christians of the Roman Empire made to participate in the Sunday Eucharist:

"When, during the persecution of Diocletian, their assemblies were banned with the greatest severity, many were courageous enough to defy the imperial decree and accepted death rather than miss the Sunday Eucharist.

This was the case of the martyrs of Abitina, in Proconsular Africa, who replied to their accusers, **'Without fear of any kind we have celebrated the Lord's Supper, because it cannot be missed; that is our law;'** **'We cannot live without the Lord's Supper.'** (*Dies Domini*, 46)

That is the authentic voice of Christian faith: we should think of it both when we consider the number of Catholics with easy access to the Sunday Eucharist who have not bothered to attend, and also the number of Catholics who are barred from the Eucharist in our own days because of persecution, which is more common now than in the time of Diocletian.

## The Restriction of Sacramental Life

Throughout history governments, like that of Diocletian, have restricted the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, or have attempted to interfere with the sacraments (as in current attacks on the Seal of Confession). It is our clear duty to resist such unjust government action.

It is also true, however, that in extreme medical emergencies, such as a pandemic, government officials - specifically health officials - legitimately fulfil their duty of responsibility for the common good by issuing reasonable instructions to the whole populace, based upon well-founded medical principles regarding the best way to combat pestilence. One immensely painful spiritual side-effect of such instructions is that Christians are temporarily not able to come together to receive the sacraments. With the virus rampaging through the community, the most fundamental instruction from the health authorities is: *Stay at home*. That is why our churches are temporarily closed.

Because most people are following these restrictions, despite the great sacrifice which they entail - including for Catholics the **enormous sacrifice of being deprived of access to the celebration of the Eucharist** - it appears that Ontario is making progress in reducing the number of new cases. But we are by no means clear of this plague; in particular, we still see a large number of cases in long-term care facilities, an especially painful reality since it prevents loved ones from being physically present to parents, grandparents or relatives, even in their final hours.

## Temporary Restriction of Sacramental Life in the Light of the Gospel

While it makes sense for all citizens to follow the reasonable restrictions that have been imposed to contain the virus, for Christians doing so is also a matter of faith, charity and justice. After all, these are some of the stars we steer by:

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Yes, we are responsible for others. In justice, as well as charity, we have no right recklessly to endanger others, or to cause their death. [...]

Of course, the Mass itself **is not cancelled**. Every day I celebrate Mass for the people, as do all the priests throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Several bishops and priests are also **livestreaming** the Mass which they celebrate. In a certain sense, this is a modern effort to do what Saint Charles Borromeo did in the 16th century when he invited people to look from their windows at the Mass being celebrated in the street below. Livestreaming is a kind of technological window into the Church, although it obviously is no substitute for actually participating personally in the Mass. It does, however, do spiritual good, as we eagerly await the resumption of the public celebration of the Eucharist.

## Towards A Resumption of Our Full Sacramental Life

We expect that there will continue to be restrictions on large gatherings in the days ahead, until it is safe to resume them. There will likely be a "phased" approach, a gradual return to public celebration of the sacraments. Even then, our new reality in church may be different from what we were accustomed to in the past, with some continuing precautions, since we want to resume public gatherings **in a way that does not lead to a re-igniting of the pandemic**. [...]

Cardinal Thomas Collins Archbishop of Toronto

[read the rest at [http://archeparchy.ca/news\\_details.php?news\\_id=925](http://archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=925) ]

## Schedule of Liturgies - Розпорядок Богослужінь

**May 17 - May 23, 2020**



**Participate ONLINE - Live-streamed via: [www.HolyEucharist.ca](http://www.HolyEucharist.ca)**

<p><b>May 17, 2020</b>  <b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</b>                      Acts 16 :16-34;                      John 9: 1-38                      Martyrdom of <b>Blessed John Ziatyk, CSsR (1952)</b>                      (All services live-streamed on YouTube)</p>	8:00 am	Служба Божя	- For All Parishioners
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Eng)	- For the <b>protection and renewal of the Church in the post-Covid society</b>
	11:00 am - 12:20 pm	Individual church visits & opportunity for Holy Communion	
	7:00 pm	May Devotions	
<p><b>Monday, May 18, 2020</b>                      Martyr Theodotus;                      Acts 17: 1-15; John 11: 47-57</p>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy	+Bruce Smallwood, by wife Eleanor & Family
	7:00 PM	May Devotions	
<p><b>Tuesday, May 19, 2020</b>                      Priest Martyr Patritius;                      Acts 17:19-28;                      John 12: 19-36</p>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy	<b>For +Jojoe Junio (father of our KH Building Manager who passed away Good Friday) - 40 Days</b>
	7:00 pm	May Devotions	
<p><b>Wednesday, May 20, 2020</b>                      Martyr Thalaleus;                      Acts 18:23-28; John 12: 36-47</p>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy	<b>For +Gloria Kroeker (day of interment - All Saints)</b>
	7:00 pm	May Devotions	
<p><b>Thursday, May 21, 2020</b>                      Ascension of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ;                      Acts 1: 1-12; Luke 24:36-53</p>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy	- For All Parishioners
	7:00 pm	May Devotions	<b>MISSION DAYS 2020</b>
<p><b>Friday, May 22, 2020</b>                      Martyr Basilicus;                      Acts 19: 1-8; John 14: 1-11</p>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy	+Herman Laskowich, by family & friends Panakhyda
	7:00 pm	May Devotions	<b>MISSION DAYS 2020 - 1</b>
<p><b>Saturday, May 23, 2020</b>                      Confessor Michael;                      Acts. 20:7-12; John 14: 10-21</p>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy	<b>Vicky Horbas Birthday Blessings, by Prayer Partner</b>
	7:00 pm	May Devotions	<b>MISSION DAYS 2020 - 2</b>
<p><b>May 24, 2020</b>  <b>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</b>                      Acts 20 :16-18, 28-36;                      John 17: 1-13</p>	8:00 am	Служба Божя	- Selina & James Hoffman (2nd Ann.), by Parents
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy	- For All Parishioners
	11:00 am	Individual church visits	
	7:00 pm	May Devotions	<b>MISSION DAYS 2020 - 3</b>


Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Parish  
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We are live on **YouTube** - **Daily** Services as well as 8:00 am & 10:00 am **Sunday** Divine Liturgies. So tune in through our **website** and take part or just “visit” your church)

"For the Week of May 10, 2020"	
<b>1</b>	<b>Envelopes \$4180.00</b>
2	Easter Sunday \$25.00
3	Good Friday \$25.00
4	Vigil Lamp \$30.00
5	Youth Ministry \$20.00
6	Holy Eucharist Charity Fund \$70.00
7	Easter Flowers \$10.00
<b>Total this week \$4360.00</b>	

**BLUE LAMP**  
(*MARIAN Side Altar*)  
*(May 17 – May 23, 2020)*  
**Mary watch over all those still taking care of things around the parish**

**RED LAMP**  
(*SAVIOUR Side Altar*)  
*(May 17– May 23, 2020)*  
**Lord bless little Rylyn and her family, By Busy Fingers Knitting Club**

 **Condolences to Malloy, Courtney and the whole family on the passing of +Nick Smerechynski**  
**Funeral\* Friday May 29th at 5:30 PM**  
**(\*via livestreaming)**  
**Вічна йому пам'ять! Eternal Memory!**

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**Donations:** Many Parishioners have asked how they can keep donating to the church during these unusual times. **God bless you for thinking about your parish!** We are looking into any government or church assistance plans, but unless (and until) that comes through, we need **your help** to keep going!  
We offer **Direct Deposit**, if this is something you want to try - call the office for further assistance.  
If you would like to **drop off** - use the mailbox located in front of the Parish Centre during office hours ↑

**PLEASE DO THIS! Please CALL** - especially in this time of the **Pandemic**. *Visiting, praying for and reaching out to the Sick and lonely is one of the works of mercy taught by Christ'*  
**At Home or in Hospital:** Mary Schurko, Ollie Kowalski, Ollie Kostiuk, Mary Kozubniak, Julian Cherniak, Tony Hendricks, Eliabeth Rewniak **St. Joseph's Residence:** Mary Ruta  
**River East Personal Care Home:** Liz Simcoe, Alex Lasota **Seven Oaks Hospital:** Bruce Smallwood  
**Holy Family:** Mary Horbal, Irene Omeniuk, Bill Simcoe, Helen Babiniec, Jennie Huchko, Anne Wach, Fr. V. Yakowchuk, Milly Manitowich, Elizabeth Boychuk **Middle Church:** Olga Hnatiuk, Margaret Sawchuk  
**Maples Personal Care Home:** Joe Ewanochko  
**Ask for Fr Michael (204-996-1310) he will make Pastoral/Sacramental visits if asked and permitted (sometimes it may have to be done by phone/skype)**

**HOLY HOURS & CHURCH VISITS**

As we begin the slow, cautious crawl “out the catacombs”, we want to do so first of all with our Lord and under His guidance. Therefore, we want to begin in the very heart of our Parish - at our Church! Starting this week we will begin to have our Church open for “individual visits” where we will maintain the provincial regulation of **not more than 10 people at a time**. The use of **hand sanitizer** and **disinfectant** and **masks** will be the rule and, especially “**social distancing**” of 2 metres (six feet) at any given time. The church will be marked with **directional arrows** - please follow them **in and out** of the Church and **when moving within** the Church. The Church will be **marked** as where visitors may **sit/kneel** to pray. Those of one household that come together may sit together, but only if their group does not cross into the social distancing parameters of other visitors. If so, then single-household groups must separate to different markers so that distance is maintained.

- Sundays** - from 11:00 AM to 12:20 PM - with the opportunity for Holy Communion / and Confession
- Wednesdays** - from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - with the opportunity for Confession
- Fridays** - from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - with the opportunity for Confession