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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 9 to Noon & 1 to 5:00

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!
Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be forever!

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests
who have come to join us to offer praise to God.

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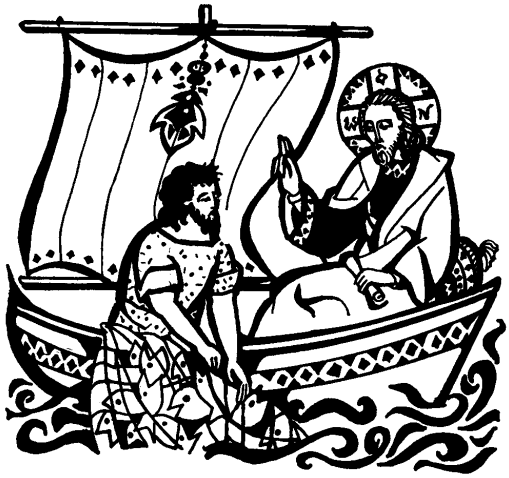
18th Sunday After Pentecost



2 Corinthians (9:6-11)

Luke 5:1-11

CHURCH SERVICES

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES:
7:00 am – Mon. – Fri. (CHURCH)
9:00 am – Fri. (Chapel)
SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
7:00 am – bilingual (Church)
6:30 pm – rosary
7:00 pm – bilingual (Church)
SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
Rosary said half hour before each liturgy
9:00 am – Ukrainian (livestreamed)
11:00 am – English (livestreamed)
7:00 pm – bilingual

LITURGY LIVESTREAMING:
https://tinyurl.com/stbasilchannel

BASILIAN FATHERS SERVING THE PARISH:
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM
Superior & Pastor
Fr. Thomas Kobak, OSBM
Assistant Pastor
Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM
Assistant Pastor
Fr. Ireneus Prystajecky, OSBM
Assistant Pastor

CONFESSIONS:
Available at a weekend Divine Liturgy or by appointment during the week

MARRIAGES:
By appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

BAPTISMS & FUNERALS:
Please contact the parish office to make arrangements with a priest

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Sr. Myroslava Yakhymets, SSMI

"CELO VESNIVKA"
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CHURCH SERVICES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

09:00 am – https://www.youtube.com/live/4Q-GZlCTUqQ?si=_2SvFD_MZj9_Xvyt
11:00 am – https://www.youtube.com/live/OJw-b-gS-yg?si=7b_NWxuSyKWuD0B_

Sunday, Oct. 12	**18th Sunday after Pentecost**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) 8:00 am – Matins 11:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Eng.) 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)		
Monday, Oct. 13:	**Thanksgiving**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 10:00 am – Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm – Rosary		
Tuesday, Oct. 14:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 6:30 pm – Rosary 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (followed by UCWLC Meeting)		
Wednesday, Oct. 15:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 6:30 pm – Rosary		
Thursday, Oct. 16:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 6:30 pm – Rosary		
Friday, Oct. 17:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm – Rosary		
Saturday, Oct. 18:	**St. Luke the Evangelist**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm – Vespers 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)		
Sunday, Oct. 19:	**19th Sunday after Pentecost**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) 8:00 am – Matins 11:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Eng.) 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)		

Chapel is open for adoration Mon.–Fri. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Please have announcements for the bulletin submitted by noon on Wednesday.

🍂 Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy 🍂

On Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM here at St. Basil's Church.

For those who may not be able to attend the celebration at Camp St. Basil, we warmly invite you to join us in church to give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings He continues to pour upon us.

Let us come together as one parish family to offer our gratitude and praise to God, the Giver of every good gift!

Papal Prayer Intention for October –
For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Pro-life Prayer Intention for October 12, 2025

We pray that we may always thank God for the gift of our life and the lives of our children, and work to defend the lives of those in danger.

Medjugorje Message, April 25, 1988

"Dear children! God wants to make you holy. Therefore, through me He is inviting you to complete surrender. Let holy mass be your life. Understand that the church is God's palace, the place in which I gather you and want to show you the way to God. Come and pray. Neither look at others nor slander them, but rather, let your life be a testimony on the way of holiness. Churches deserve respect and are set apart as holy because God, who became man, dwells in them day and night. Therefore, little children, believe and pray that the Father increase your faith, and then ask for whatever you need. I am with you and I am rejoicing because of you conversion and I am protecting you with my motherly mantle. Thank you for having responded to my call. "

Remembering our Sick:

We ask that you continue to keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parish of St. Basil the Great, especially for:

Nikulus Kokotilo; Saul Sych; Joseph Bayduza; Olga Prosky; Ray Holyk; Eleanor Holowaychuk; Carol Draganiuk; Adeline Ostry; Rose Sawchyn; Gus Fagnan; Hope Martynuik; Chris Fernandez; Kay Sawka; Mykhailo Starynski; Carol Maksymec; Olga Farion; Olga Solar, Marie B.; Joe Kurylo; Rochelle Ponich; Norman Lux; Will Klien-Gebbinck; Josephine Dawson; Eugene & Sylvia Lozinsky; Bohdan; Donna Yarmuch; Larry Zacharko; Pauline Skubleny; Pam Cholak; Mike Melnyk; Peter & Lee Miskey; Audrey Howorko; Mary Ann Sekora; Maria B; and those confined to their hospital beds or their homes.

If you know someone from the parish who is sick, please let us know, or contact the office so that we can all pray for him/her. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: ***If you need the names of the sick to be reinstated in the bulletin for November 2025, you will have to either call the office or email us your request.***

Baptisms

We welcome into our parish the following children who received the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation recently:

Anastasia Amelia Gudziuk
David Alex Gudziuk
Damian Zhmak
Ariela Maria Luna

We extend our prayers of thanksgiving to their families.

Deaths

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **†William (Bill) Holowaychuk** who passed away recently. We pray for God's grace and peace during the days and weeks ahead.

May God grant him Eternal Memory! Вічная Пам'ять!

E-Transfer Donation Option Available –

Options are available for donating by E-Transfer. The email for E-Transfers is donationstbasilchurch@gmail.com. If you have any questions or problems, please call the office at 780-434-8010.

Stewardship

The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.

Saint Pope John Paul II

Sunday Donations for October 5, 2025

Sunday Offerings	$4,710.00
E-Transfers –	$4,950.00
POP (Preauthorised Offering Withdrawal)	$6,565.00
Church Reno Donations	$125.00

Thanks for your giving of time, talent and treasure.

The Cultural Centre Upcoming Workshops

Perogy Workshop – Thursday, October 16 at 8:00 AM

Do you have some spare time? Would you like to meet new friends and learn the art of making perogies and cabbage rolls? Join us for fun and rewarding workshops, with hands-on learning from experienced cooks in a casual and welcoming atmosphere.

No experience is necessary — just bring your enthusiasm (and maybe a friend!). Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please call Irene Fedan at 780-231-6543.

🌹 St. Basil's Kids' Catechism 🌹

📅 When: Friday, October 17

📍 Where: St. Basil's Cultural Center

👧👦 Who: Children ages 5–12

🙏 Together we will learn how to pray the Rosary, 💙 discover what the Rosary means, and hear about the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary 🌟.

🎨 Kids will also enjoy fun crafts and activities, making faith come alive in a joyful way! ✂️🖍️

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Parents and grandparents — please bring your children and grandchildren! It is our responsibility and our joy to pass the faith to the next generation ✝️.

SAVE THE DATE

🌟 2026 First Solemn Communion 🌟

📚 **Classes Begin:**

- Lesson 1 – Jan 18
- Lesson 2 – Feb 8
- Lesson 3 – Feb 22
- Lesson 4 – Mar 08
- Lesson 5 – Mar 22
- Lesson 6 – Apr 12
- Lesson 7 – Apr 26
- Lesson 8 – May 10
- Lesson 9 – May 02
- Lesson 10 – May 31

🙏 Important Dates:

✦ **First Confession** – Sat, June 6

✦ **First Solemn Communion** – Sun, June 7

✨ Parents, let us walk with our children on this beautiful journey of faith as they prepare to meet Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. ✝️🍞🍷

Attention! Attention! Attention!

From Grief to Grace:

Using Our God-Given Loveliness to Heal

Join us for a monthly faith-based grief support seminar, September-December, at St. Basil's Cultural Centre at 7:00 pm. Each session will explore how the gifts, virtues and love God has placed in us can bring healing and hope. Sessions include prayer, teaching, group sharing, and a monthly spiritual practice.

All are welcome.

Dates: Monday, October 27,
Monday, November 24
Monday, December 15

St Basil Bible Study

"The New Testament is concealed in the old, and
The Old Testament is revealed in the new"
St. Augustine

Our next session is on Nov. 6, 2025

To register for each session, please email Abram Hartrick at abramhartrick@gmail.com

ST. BASIL'S PARISH ANNUAL BAZAAR

"An Evening for the Whole Family"

🗒️ **November 7 & 8, 2025**

📍 *St. Basil's Cultural Centre, 10819 – 71 Ave.*

Our **Annual Parish Bazaar** is just around the corner — and everyone is invited! This special two-day event is more than just a fundraiser; it is a joyful celebration of our **parish family life, community spirit, and Christian hospitality**. The Bazaar is a chance for us to gather as one parish family — to share food, laughter, and friendship while supporting the mission of our parish. Each year, this event reminds us that the heart of St. Basil's beats strongest when we come together in faith and fellowship.

Parish life is built not only around the altar, but also around the table of fellowship. Events like the Bazaar help us grow in communion — to know one another, to support one another, and to rejoice in the blessings God has given us. When we volunteer, cook, bake, donate, or simply come to share a meal, we become active builders of our parish community. These moments of togetherness strengthen our bonds, renew our sense of belonging, and remind us that we are part of something greater — a living family of faith.

So mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbours, and come be part of this beautiful celebration! Let's fill our Cultural Centre with joy, generosity, and gratitude. Together, let us continue **building up the life of our St. Basil's family — united in faith, rooted in love, and shining with the joy of the Gospel.**

Come, enjoy, and support our parish! Let's build up the life of our St. Basil's family — together!

ST. BASIL'S PARISH
ANNUAL BAZAAR
"An Evening for the Whole Family"
November 7 and 8, 2025
Admission to Centre free
St. Basil's Cultural Centre
10819 - 71 Ave.
Phone: 780-434-4288
Supper - Buffet Style
Friday, and Saturday from 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Buffet Admission
Adult - $25; Youth (7 to 12 yrs) - $10
Child (6 & under) - no charge
Handicrafts, Home Baking,
Silent Auction
Sales Start: Friday - 5:00 PM to closing,
Saturday - 5:00 PM to closing
Other Activities
Games for children

Saturday Nov. 8, 2025
- *Ladies' League Raffle draw at 8:45 PM*
- *Parish draw 9 PM, for $1,500, & $1,000*

Information: Gerald (780-433-6678)
Phyllis (780-476-8265)

UCWLC Silent Auction

We are appealing to our fellow members and parishioners for donations to our **Silent Auction** taking place at our annual **Parish Bazaar** (Nov. 7th & 8th). We will be accepting **New Items ONLY** as well as any **Gift Certificates** one could accommodate us with. We will be accepting these items on the following dates between 6 - 8 PM in the foyer at **St. Basil's Cultural Centre** on:

Tuesday, October 28 Tuesday, November 4 Wednesday, November 5

For further information, please contact Roma at 780-467-8461.
All donations are much appreciated.

Praying the Holy Rosary with Deeper Devotion

The month of **October** is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary** — a powerful prayer of love, peace, and trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Josemaria Escriva often reminded the faithful to turn to Our Lady throughout the day with faith and perseverance. He called the Rosary *"a powerful weapon"* in our interior struggles and a way to *"spread peace and happiness throughout the world."*

To help us grow in this devotion, here are **five simple tips for praying the Rosary more deeply**:

1️⃣ **Begin with the presence of God.** Before starting, pause in silence and invite Our Lady to take your hand and guide you into each mystery with faith and simplicity.

2️⃣ **Pray earlier in the day.** Don't wait until bedtime—try a Rosary at noon or during a walk. It keeps your heart close to Jesus and Mary throughout the day.

3️⃣ **Use a devotional aid.** A small booklet, audio recording, or app can help you meditate on each mystery more attentively.

4️⃣ **Look at Jesus and Mary.** Keep an image of Our Lady or a crucifix nearby. Visual prayer helps the mysteries come alive—especially for children.

5️⃣ **Make a local pilgrimage.** Visit a nearby church or shrine, praying the Rosary along the way, and entrust your intentions to Mary.

We warmly invite everyone to make a spiritual pilgrimage right here in our parish! Come and join us in praying the **Holy Rosary every evening at 6:30 PM** at the Marian Altar. Together with Holy Father we pray for **peace in the world, for Ukraine, for our parish community, and for our families and youth.**

As we pray the Rosary, we join Our Lady in contemplating the face of Christ and interceding for the world. Let us renew our love for this beautiful prayer and open our hearts to the peace that Mary, **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary**, desires to bring to each of us.

The Family That Prays Together

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary — a prayer that has shaped the lives of countless Christians and remains one of the simplest yet most powerful ways to grow in faith. This devotion, championed by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., reminds us that holiness begins at home. Fr. Peyton, affectionately known as the *"Rosary Priest,"* devoted his life to teaching families that *"the family that prays together stays together."*

Born into a poor Irish family, Patrick learned early the value of prayer. Each evening, his family knelt together to pray the Rosary. When he later fell gravely ill as a seminarian, he credited his miraculous healing to the intercession of the Blessed Mother and promised to dedicate his life to spreading devotion to her through the Rosary.

Without any background in media, Fr. Peyton boldly ventured into radio and film, convinced that the Gospel could reach homes through modern technology. In 1947, with the help of Hollywood friends, he founded Family Theater Productions, which featured stars like Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, and Frank Sinatra — all united to promote faith and family prayer. Even a young George Lucas (of *Star Wars* fame) received his first film experience through Fr. Peyton's mission!

As the years went on, Fr. Peyton led massive Rosary Rallies across the world, drawing millions of people to pray together for peace. His message was simple and universal: prayer is the foundation of strong families and a peaceful world.

Today, his cause for canonization is well underway. The Church recognizes his heroic virtue, and he is now declared Venerable Servant of God Patrick Peyton. Two possible miracles through his intercession are already under study.

In this month of the Rosary, let us take Fr. Peyton's words to heart and renew the practice of praying together as a family — for peace in our homes, our parish, and the world.

🕯️ "The family that prays together stays together."
– Venerable Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Renewing Our Thanksgiving Tradition at Camp St. Basil's

For many years, our parish family gathered at **Camp St. Basil's** to celebrate Thanksgiving with a beautiful tradition: the Divine Liturgy followed by a potluck meal. It was always a joyful and meaningful time of prayer, fellowship, and gratitude.

This year, we are happy to renew this tradition on **Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 13**. We will begin with **Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM**, followed by a parish potluck. We hope many families will join us, and we warmly welcome everyone to bring a dish to share.

📞 For more information, please call **Nicole Hayduk at +1 (780) 721-8122**. (If she misses your call while at school, she will gladly return it as soon as possible.)

Let us come together in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate this special day as one parish family!

🌟 Volunteer Appreciation & Thanksgiving Evening 🌟

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, our Parish Council and Cultural Centre Board of Management wish to express heartfelt gratitude to all who have given their time, talents, and hearts in service to our parish community.

If you have volunteered in any way — in the Parish or Cultural Centre — over the past two years, you are warmly invited to a special Volunteer Appreciation Evening on Friday, October 24.

🕯️ Rosary and Moleben – 6:30 PM

🍷 Bar Opens – 7:00 PM

🍽️ Dinner – 7:30 PM

🎁 Door Prizes and Fellowship to follow

This evening is a small token of our deep appreciation for all that you do to make our parish a place of faith, warmth, and community. Let us come together in gratitude to celebrate the spirit of service that keeps our parish family strong and united.

Let Thanksgiving Be a Lifestyle

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember that gratitude is more than a once-a-year occasion — it is a way of life. Saint Paul reminds us, *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). True thankfulness begins when we turn our hearts toward Christ, finding joy not in our circumstances, but in His constant presence and love that never fails.

A thankful heart is also a prayerful heart. To "pray without ceasing" means to walk through each day aware of God's nearness — speaking to Him in moments of joy and struggle alike. Gratitude deepens when we see every moment, even challenges, as an opportunity to recognize God's goodness and guiding hand. For even in trials, we can say, "God is good," for His mercy endures forever.

Finally, a spirit of thanksgiving flows from hope. We give thanks not only for what we have, but for what God is still doing in us — transforming our hearts, drawing us closer to His image, and preparing us for eternal joy with Him. May this Thanksgiving fill your homes with peace, your hearts with joy, and your lives with gratitude.

🍂 **Wishing all our parishioners and visitors a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!** 🍁

18-та Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа
Проповідь — «Відпливи на глибину»

Дорогі брати і сестри у Христі,

У сьогоднішньому Євангелії ми бачимо сильний і зворушливий образ Божої благодаті, що входить у людське життя. Ісус заходить до човна Петра — без запрошення — і бере кермо у свої руки. Це не випадковий жест, а глибокий символ. Човен — це центр життя Петра, його праця, його буденність, його безпека. Коли Ісус стає в цей човен, він показує, що хоче бути Господом усього нашого життя — не лише недільної молитви, але й наших думок, рішень, страхів і надій. Це тихе, але незаперечне вторгнення благодаті, яка не руйнує, а перемінює.

Щоб пояснити це, дозвольте коротку історію. Один чоловік щодня виходив на озеро ловити рибу, але того літа риба майже

не клювала. Він почав нарікати на все: на погоду, на вудку, навіть на сусідів, яким, здавалося, щастило більше. Одного ранку старенький священник, проходячи повз, сказав йому: «Може, тобі треба не змінити місце ловлі, а змінити серце? Почни день не зі скарг, а з подяки Богові». Наступного ранку рибалка вперше щиро подякував за новий день, за сім'ю, за силу працювати — і, як не дивно, його сіті наповнилися рибою. Він зрозумів, що диво сталося не тому, що він змінив місце, а тому, що дозволив Богові увійти у свій човен.

Так і Петро, почувши слова Ісуса «Відпливи на глибину», зробив крок віри — і побачив диво. Благодать Божа діє саме тоді, коли ми перестаємо покладатися лише на себе й дозволяємо Христові керувати. Коли Христос у човні, навіть найзвичніші води стають місцем Його чудес.

Тож дозвольмо сьогодні Господеві ступити у човен нашого життя. Дозвольмо йому кермувати, навіть коли дорога здається незрозумілою чи важкою. Бо коли ми, як Петро, слухаємо Його голос і відпливаємо на глибину, наші сіті наповнюються не лише дарами, а й миром, вірою, вдячністю та любов'ю.

Нехай Господь, який входить у човен нашого життя, провадить нас до глибшої віри й щоденної подяки. І тоді кожен день стане для нас маленьким «Днем Подяки» — не тільки святом, а способом жити. Амінь.

🕊️✨St. Teresa of Ávila — Doctor of Prayer✨

St. Teresa of Ávila was born in Spain in 1515 and entered the Carmelite convent at the age of 18. Through a deep life of prayer and reform, she renewed the Carmelite Order and became one of the greatest teachers of the spiritual life in the history of the Church. Alongside her friend and spiritual companion, St. John of the Cross, she helped restore the contemplative spirit of religious life, leading others to seek a more intimate union with God.

Her writings — especially *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection* — teach us that prayer is not merely saying words, but allowing Christ to dwell and act within our souls. Her famous poem *"Nada te turbe"* ("Let nothing disturb you") reminds us that peace of heart comes when we place all our trust in God:

"Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things pass away;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices."

St. Teresa was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1970 — the first woman ever to receive this title — for her profound teaching on prayer and spiritual life.

We are blessed to announce that the relics of St. Teresa of Ávila will be present in our church for veneration. Let us pray that through her intercession we may grow in our own life of prayer, learn to rest in God's presence, and let Christ transform our hearts — for she truly is the *Doctor of Prayer* for the Church and for all who seek holiness.

The Mystery of Christ's Resurrection

"And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures". The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the crowning truth of our faith. It is not merely a beautiful story or an inspiring legend—it is a real historical event, witnessed by those who saw, heard, and touched the risen Lord. From the very beginning, the Christian community proclaimed the Resurrection as the central truth of our faith, handed down through Scripture and Tradition. As St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Christ died for our sins... was buried, and was raised on the third day" (1 Cor. 15:3–4). The Resurrection is the foundation upon which the Church stands; without it, our faith would be empty.

The Gospel accounts show that the disciples were not easily convinced. The shock of Jesus' Passion had left them fearful and disheartened. Even when the women brought news of the empty tomb, the apostles regarded their words as an "idle tale." Yet, when the risen Christ appeared to them—showing His wounds, eating with them, and speaking to them—their hearts were transformed. Their faith did not *produce* the Resurrection; rather, it was born *from* the Resurrection, under the power of divine grace. This living encounter with Christ gave them courage to preach and even to die for what they knew to be true.

Christ's Resurrection is not a return to earthly life like the raising of Lazarus. He rose with a new and glorified body—no longer bound by time or space, yet truly human. The risen Lord could appear and disappear, yet He could be touched and could eat with His friends. This new life is a promise to us: we, too, shall rise with glorified bodies, free from suffering and death. As Jesus conquered death, He has opened the way to eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Finally, the Resurrection is the definitive sign of Christ's divinity and the source of our hope. Only God can conquer death, and through His victory, sin and despair are overcome. The Paschal Mystery—Christ's suffering, death, and Resurrection—reveals that by His death, He frees us from sin, and by His Resurrection, He opens for us the path to new life. Our faith in the risen Christ gives meaning to every suffering, strength in every trial, and the joyful assurance that "if we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him" (2 Tim. 2:11).

✝ Pope Leo XIV: Love for the Poor Is at the Heart of the Gospel

On October 9, 2025, Pope Leo XIV released his first apostolic exhortation, Dilexi Te ("I Have Loved You"), written in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. In this powerful document, the Holy Father reminds us that love for the poor is not optional for Christians — it lies at the very heart of our faith. "The poor," he writes, "are not a sociological category, but the very flesh of Christ." The Holy Father warns against indifference and reminds the faithful that every act of compassion toward those in need is a true encounter with Christ Himself.

Pope Leo continues the legacy of Pope Francis, calling attention to what both described as a “dictatorship of an economy that kills,” in which the rich grow richer while the poor are forgotten. He urges all Christians — clergy and laity alike — to raise their voices for justice and to help dismantle structures that perpetuate poverty and inequality. The dignity of every person, he writes, must be respected “today, not tomorrow,” for to ignore the suffering of others is to weaken the moral soul of society.

The Holy Father traces how love for the poor has shaped the Church from the time of the apostles, through the lives of saints like Francis of Assisi, the great religious orders, and modern witnesses such as St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Óscar Romero. He calls on the Church today to continue this mission with renewed zeal — not as a matter of social duty, but as an expression of divine love. “In the poor,” Pope Leo writes, “Christ continues to speak to us.” His message is clear: to follow Christ is to love and serve the poor, for in them, we find the living heart of the Gospel.

Dear Parishioners:

We invite you to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a particular intention.

The lamp can be sponsored for a minimum donation of $20 (call the parish office). The sponsor for the week will be published in our parish bulletin.

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