

# Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Dormition of the Mother of God Українська Католицька Церква Успення Пресвятої Богородиці

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**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 A.D.**

***The Transfer of the Precious Relics (438 A.D.)***

***of Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom.***

*'Caring for our little ones and for our elders is a choice for civilization. And also, for the future, because the little ones, the children, the young people will carry society forward by their strength, their youth, and the elderly people will carry it forward by their wisdom, their memory, which they must give to us all.'*

– teaches today Pope Francis I

**THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST:** Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit – *Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk*

**'All the challenging circumstances of our life on earth – these are for us an invitation to active love, which is an expression of living faith!'** – *Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk "The Vibrant Parish"*

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**'Всі ці прикрі явища нашого земного життя – це для нас запрошення до чинної любові, яка є виявом живої віри.'**

– *Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука "Жива Парафія"*

**Christmas Season (from Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> until Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>) Christian Greetings:**

*Christ Is Born! – Let us glorify Him!*

*Chrystos Rozhdaiet'sia! – Slavimo Yoho! Христос Рождається! - Славимо Його!*  
*Christ is among us! – He is and will be!*

## **Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during this week:**

Tue., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Peaceful repose of the souls of Emmett, Margaret, Angus & Mary Brady  
– 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Wed., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> (*Three Hierarchs Feastday*) – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners.

Thurs., Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy      Fri., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and at 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Saturday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> (*ENCOUNTER IXP*) – 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Service in Kelowna, BC)  
– 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (Studies and Service in Penticton, BC)  
– 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners

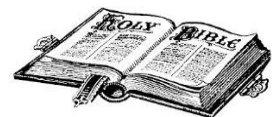
Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. – 8:15 a.m. Rosary:  
– 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (*in English language*)  
– 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (*in Ukrainian language*)

### **Liturgical Propers in English language:**

Tone 3, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 93-95

Epistle: **A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy:** (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

*Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*



**Gospel:** (Luke 18:35-43)

*At that time, as Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.*

**Our Eparch, Bishop Ken** is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. **For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Літургійні частини Українською мовою:**

**Глас 3**, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; ст. 92-94

**Апостол: До Тимотея перше послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:** (1 Тм. 1,15-17)

Сину Тимотею, вірне це слово й повного довір'я гідне, що Христос Ісус прийшов у світ, щоб спасти грішних, з яких я – перший. Але я був на те помилуваний, щоб Ісус Христос на мені першим показав усю свою довготерпеливість, на приклад тим, що мають увірувати в нього на вічне життя. Цареві ж віків, нетлінному, невидимому, єдиному Богу честь і слава на віки вічні! Амінь.



**Євангеліє:** (Лк. 18,35-43)

У той час, як Ісус наближався до Єрихону, один сліпий сидів край дороги й просив милостині. Почувши, що народ іде мимо, він спитався, що б воно могло бути. Йому сказали, що це Ісус Назарянин проходить. І він почав голосно кричати: "Ісусе, Сину Давидів, змилуйся надо мною!" Ті, що йшли попереду, сварилися на нього, щоб замовчав, та він кричав ще дужче: "Сину Давидів, змилуйся надо мною!" Ісус зупинився і звелів привести його до себе. І коли той наблизився до нього, спитав: "Що хочеш, щоб я зробив тобі?" "Господи", – сказав той, – "щоб я прозрів!" Ісус сказав до нього: "Прозри! Віра твоя спасла тебе." І вмить прозрів той і пішов за Ісусом, славлячи Бога. І весь народ, побачивши те, віддає хвалу Богові.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

**ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО**

On behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster and myself, we would like to thank all who took part in our global fundraising program, "**Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка**", for Caritas Ukraine. Because of all your generous donations, we were able to help needy, disadvantaged, disabled and orphaned children in Ukraine. This year we raised **\$3,285** bringing us to a total of **\$26,094** collected for Caritas Ukraine since the start of our appeal in 2012. Щиро дякуємо всім тим що взяли участь і нехай Бог благословить Вас. Thank You and God Bless -- Dana Koren Lupynis. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis or Natalia Lupynis at [nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com](mailto:nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com) and follow us on Facebook at Caritas "**Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка**" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.

**Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will** who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, volunteer and organize coffee and socials, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, parishioners welcoming our guests and visitors, organized and attended our parish Zabava social and evening of dance, help with cleaning, and actively participate at different parish projects and programs, looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. John and Mrs. Valerie Zuk on their wedding anniversary (Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>), Danylo Werbowy on his birthday (Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>), and all those parishioners who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



**NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHURCH TODAY! WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!



**VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus

Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

**МОЛИТВА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ:** Господи Ісусе

Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилася, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



❖ **PLEASE, REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Alex R., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Rocio A., Kit C., Shirley C., Peter

Dranchuk, Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Olga Kuzyk, Anthony and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Dorothy Scott, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, Ann Boitson, Sandra Shynkaryk, John and Ann Bulych, Rosa Maria Santos and all members of our parish and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation. **SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS:** Dear parishioners, if our brother / sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him or her know that our parish community misses this brother or sister at the church very much and prays for them daily!

*We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.*

❖ **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:** You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. *If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*

#### **Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:**

**Baptisms:** by appointment. **Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

**Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time **Holy Unction** (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time) **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

\* Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions. *If you need to meet with the parish priest, please, call or email in advance to arrange time and a day.*

❖ **On behalf of our church Christian family**, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to Rev. Fr. Andriy and Dob. Krystyna Werbowy, Mr. Ivan and Mrs. Lydia Gudz, their families, relatives and friends! **May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ place their brother-in-law Kazymyr's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may his memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'!**

❖ **This is an information regarding falling asleep in the Lord of Mrs. Irene Dayton.** Irene was a faithful parishioner and supporter of the Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC. Because of health issues, and no longer able to travel as easily by bus from West Bank where she resided, Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Westbank became her house of worship and spiritual family. She has recently passed away leaving no relatives to mourn her loss. Her funeral, it took place on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the above-named church. **May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place our sister-parishioner Mrs. Irene Dayton's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'!**

**2019 Annual Parish General Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2019 after the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy On that day there will be only one bilingual Divine Liturgy. We are now preparing for the election of the new Parish Council for the year 2019.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are inviting and encouraging parishioners (especially all our wise and experienced senior-parishioners) to volunteer and form the Nominating Committee and suggest candidates for replacement council. Until nomination committee finalized suggestions for candidates may be placed in the Suggestion Box located in our church hallway or personally passed to Council Chairperson Mr. Neil Lalach or pastor Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

Position of our Parish Council Officer is a blessing and wonderful opportunity to show your talents, knowledge, experience and care serving the best to the Almighty God in our spiritual, Christian family of the Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC!

Parish Constitution states saying: 'The Parish Council must be representative of the faithful of the parish and of the various parish-related organizations that exist within its boundaries. Potential members of the Parish Council should have certain basic qualifications such as a keen desire to help, as well the ability to listen, reflect, and express themselves with care.' (*Chapter III, Article 1, Sections 1 and 2*)

***Descriptions of responsibilities and ministry (cf. Chapter III, Articles 2, 3, 4, 5,) of each officer-member of the parish council are:***

**Chairperson of the Parish Council** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is responsible for drawing up the agenda; calling for, directing and charing parish council meetings; seeing that the program of activities decided upon and ratified by the pastor

are implemented; is a signing officer, an ex-officio member of all parish committees. He/She prepares the chairperson's report for presentation at the AGM.

**Vice-Chairperson** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is presiding at the all Parish Council Meetings in the absence of the Chairperson; carrying out such duties as are assigned by the Parish Council, the Chairperson or Pastor.

**Recording Secretary** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is keeping the minutes of all Parish Council Meetings; together with the Pastor and the Chairperson signs the adopted minutes of the Council.

**Financial Secretary** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is monitoring all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures; keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions. He/She presents at the AGM the statements of income and expences, as well as the balance sheet, for the calendar year as prepared by him or her or, where necessary, by an independent accounting firm.

**Treasurer** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is greatly helping the financial secretary to monitore all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures (paying all invoices-bills and reimbursments); keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions.

It is also very important to have active and carrying representatives (a leader and helpers) at different Parish Comeetees such as: Liturgical, Pastoral, Educational, Youth Ministry, Maintance, Kitchen, Social, Public Relations.

❖ **BOX FOR USED CHURCH BULLETINS** – since our Sunday bulletins contain Sacred Scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins at the church entrance.

❖ **Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations** sign up list to arrange the actual date between January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 is available at the entrance to the church and at the church hall.

❖ A SPECIAL REQUEST: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. As well, please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much! **Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish-church!**

❖ **Refrigerator at the Parish Kitchen is Needed:** If you have a used but still good working regrigerator and can donate it toward our parish kitchen use – it will be truly appreciated

❖ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our Dormition Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk for more information and details.

❖ **Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed** – please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. If you can help out, please, let us know. Your help is truly appreciated!

❖ **Church Christmas decorations** wrapping up at 1 pm on Friday, Jan. 31, 2019. Please, come to help. Thank you.

❖ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish-church? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others! Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to help out with weekly cleaning in the church and organizing of coffee social after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, work-bees, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, Contact Mr. Neil Lalach or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life!

❖ **FAITHFUL GIVING** ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. **When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tornaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca) and attend the Divine Liturgy.** Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive and generous! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your me rcy upon all of us!" (*Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*)

❖ Glasses Prescription Box for Ukraine is placed and located at the left side by the entrance to the parish hall. Please, feel free to participate in and support this important project.

❖ **Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank.** A special box is located at the church vestibule.

❖ **Knights of Columbus invite you to join them at their 45<sup>th</sup> annual service club banquet** (Brotherhood Banquet) on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Rutland Centennial Hall (180 Rutland Road North). The evening will start with dinner at 6:30 pm followed by introduction of dignitaries and a guest speaker. Cost of \$ 20.00 per (payable at the door). Everyone welcome. For more information call Victor at 250-860-7612



❖ **Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton, BC 2019 Annual Parish General Meeting will take place after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 A.D.**

❖ **Rachel's Corner:** "...With My mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me. I forget the bitterness with which they fed My Heart and rejoice at their return. Tell sinners that no one shall escape My Hand; if they run away from My Merciful Heart, they will fall into My Just Hands. Tell sinners that I am always waiting for them, that I listen intently to the beating of their heart . . . when will it beat for Me?" - Saint Maria Faustina

He is waiting, and He is listening. He yearns to fill your heart with mercy and His love. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover what our Father's loving embrace can do to heal what the abortion decision has brought to your life. *Healing after Abortion Ministry:* 250-762-2273, info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com or information and registration visit: www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com, Facebook: *Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna*

❖ **Traditional, Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish:** Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Cabbage Rolls (and filled in with rise and buckwheat, cooked) – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Borshch – \$ 7.00 per a jar, For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

❖ **Movie Night with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, January 28th @ 7:00 pm in St. Charles Garnier's Roman Catholic Church hall. The movie—which will be shown in 2 parts—is 'Restless Heart' the acclaimed epic film on Saint Augustine of Hippo.** Filmed in Europe, the first full-length feature movie on Augustine, it uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed. Part 2 will be shown on Monday, February 4th @ 7:00 pm

❖ **Immaculata Regional High School's Mustangs Theatre Company Presents . . . "THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHTTIME"** Shows on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm with a special "relaxed performance" Thursday January 31 at 1 pm for those who are particularly sensitive to light and sound. Tickets \$15 for adults \$10 for students 18 yrs and younger.

The award-winning play by Simon Stephens adapted from the award-winning novel by Mark Haddon, tells the touching, poignant story of 15 year old Christopher and his attempt to solve the mystery of Mrs. Shears' dead dog and deal with the emotional troubles of his family life. **Tickets available at the door or call the school (250)762-2730 ext 308 to reserve your seats.**

❖ **Fundraising CONCERT ARNIE'S ANGELS PLUS ONE to Benefit our refugee families** is at 2 p.m. at Saint Charles Garnier Roman Catholic Church (3645 Benvoulin Rd. in Kelowna, BC) on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. By donations.

**Pope at Mass: the Beatitudes are the true way of life for the Christian**

*Celebrating his morning Mass, January 21, Pope Francis said that some people believe themselves to be good Catholics but don't even act like good Christians as indicated by the Beatitudes. The Christian style is that of the Beatitudes that St. Mark in the day's Gospel describes as "new wine in new bottles".*

The Gospel, the Word of the Lord, is the "new wine" that has been gifted us, but to be good Christians we need a "new behaviour", a "new style" that is truly the "Christian style", and this style is indicated by the Beatitudes. This is the meaning of the "key word" that concludes today's reading from the Gospel of Mark: "New wine in new wineskins". Pope Francis made this the theme of his homily at Mass, Monday morning, at the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta.

*Accusing others:* According to the Pope, we can learn about the Christian style by first knowing our attitudes that don't belong to the Christian style. In this regard, he points to 3 of them: the "accusatory style", the "worldly style" and the "selfish style":

The Pope says that the accusatory style belongs to those who always try and live by accusing others, disqualifying others, acting as absent promoters of justice. But they don't realize that it's the style of the devil: in the Bible, the devil is called the "great accuser", who is always accusing others.

This was the same in the time of Jesus who in a few cases reproached the accusers: "Instead of looking at the speck in the eyes of others, look at the beam in yours"; or again: "Those who have not sinned can throw the first stone". Living by accusing others and looking for defects, the Pope says, is not "Christian", not new wineskin.

*Worldliness:* Speaking about worldliness, Pope Francis calls it an attitude of Catholics who can "recite the Creed", but live on "vanity, pride and attachment to money", believing themselves to be self-sufficient.

The Pope says that the Lord has offered you the new wine but you did not change the wineskin, you did not change yourself. This worldliness is what ruins so many who are good but they enter into this spirit of vanity, of pride, of being seen... Humility that is part of the Christian style, like that of Our Lady and St. Joseph, is lacking, the Pope says.

*Selfishness, indifference:* Commenting on the third un-Christian style, the Pope says it is the selfish spirit, the spirit of indifference that is common in our communities. One believes oneself to be a good Catholic but doesn't worry about the problems of others – wars, illnesses and the suffering of our neighbours. This, the Pope says, is the hypocrisy that Jesus reproached the doctors of the law for. What then is the Christian style?

According to the Pope, the Christian style is that of the Beatitudes: meekness, humility, patience in suffering, love for justice, ability to endure persecution, not judging others... If a Catholic wants to learn the Christian style, so as not to fall into this accusatory style, the worldly style and the selfish style, he/ she must read the Beatitudes. They are the wineskins, the path we must take. To be a good Christian one must have the ability not only to recite the Creed with the heart but also the Our Father with the heart.

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## Pope to youth at World Youth Day in Panama: The Church isn't "cool"– it's "love"

*At the Welcoming Ceremony of the 34<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day, before thousands of young pilgrims, Pope Francis shares his vision of a Church that dreams, and loves.*

The party began at dawn. As the sun rose over the Panama Canal, colourful groups of flag-waving, singing, swinging, World Youth Day pilgrims were already on the march. Their destination: the 2.5 km-long Coastal Beltway, called the Cinta Costera, that flanks the Pacific Ocean on one side, and the Panama City skyline on the other.

*The Location:* The scenic beauty of the location, its easy accessibility and size, made it the perfect choice to host the Welcoming Ceremony and Official Opening of the 34<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day. Throughout the day, pilgrims were animated and entertained by music, song and dance. So by the time Pope Francis arrived, driven through the crowd in his white popemobile, everyone was, as they say in the trade, thoroughly warmed up and rearing to go.

The programme: Pope Francis looked in his element: affectionately holding hands with five young WYD representatives, gratefully accepting their gift of a locally woven papal stole, attentively watching the multicultural performances of the WYD anthems, actively listening to the multilingual presentations of the WYD patron saints (Oscar Romero, Martin de Porres, Rose of Lima, John Bosco, Juan Diego and, of course, John Paul II).

*The Pope's words:* Then it was the young peoples' turn to listen to the Pope. "Peter and the Church walk with you", he began. "We want to tell you not to be afraid, to go forward with the same fresh energy and restlessness that helps make us happier and more available...not to create a parallel Church that would be more 'fun' and 'cool' thanks to a fancy youth event". Pope Francis acknowledged the sacrifices faced by many of the young people in getting here. But, he reminded them, "a disciple is not merely someone who arrives at a certain place, but one who sets out decisively, who is not afraid to take risks and keeps walking". "This is the great joy", the Pope insisted, "to keep walking".

*A dream named Jesus:* As thousands of young people applauded with approval and shouted aloud in agreement, Pope Francis reminded them how "the culture of encounter is a call inviting us to dare to keep alive a shared dream... A dream that has a place for everyone... A dream named Jesus". St Oscar Romero provided the inspiration for the Pope when he quoted from a homily of the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador: "Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, of rules to be followed, or of prohibitions...Christianity means pursuing the dream for which Jesus gave His life: loving with the same love with which He loved us".

*A love that makes sense:* The final part of the Pope's reflections with the youth people gathered in Panama City on Thursday evening, was dedicated to a definition of love: "A love that does not overwhelm or oppress, cast aside or reduce to silence, humiliate or domineer". The love of the Lord, he said, "is a daily, discreet and respectful love, one that is free and freeing, a love that heals and raises up. It is the quiet love of a hand outstretched to serve, a commitment that draws no attention to itself". This, said Pope Francis, is "a love that makes sense".

The first encounter between the Pope and the young people of World Youth Day in Panama concluded with them repeating, together with him: "Lord, teach me to love you as you have loved us". A perfect prayer to end a perfect day.

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