

**Dormition of The Mother of God
Ukrainian Catholic Church**

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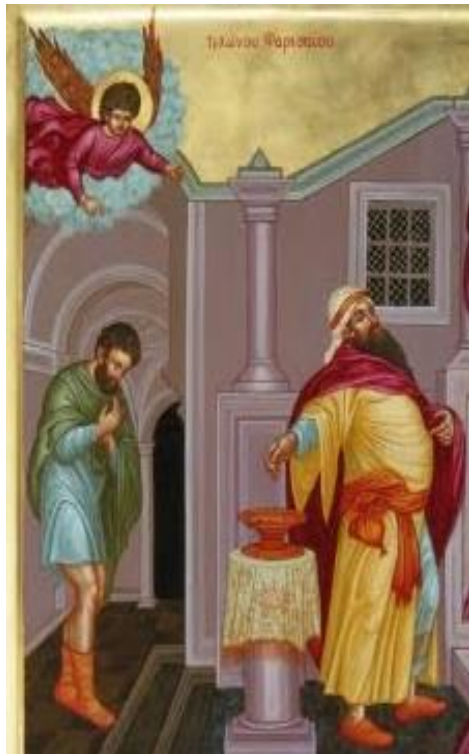
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**Українська Католицька Церква
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Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Неділя про Митаря і Фарисея

Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman (5th Century A.D.)

Прп. матері нашої Ксенії Римлянки

January 24th, 2021 A.D.

“Every mountain and hill shall be made low” (cf. v. 4 at Prophet Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11), Isaiah again exhorts. The mountains and hills that must be made low are pride, arrogance, insolence. Where there is pride, where there is insolence, where there is arrogance, the Lord cannot enter because that heart is full of pride, of insolence, of arrogance. For this reason, we must allay this pride. We must take on attitudes of meekness and humility, without reproach, to listen, to speak with meekness and thus to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart (cf. Mt. 11:29)! – teaches Pope Francis 1st today

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

Christian Greetings:

(During 40 days of Christmas Season from December 25th to February 2nd):

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!

Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak:

Lord, Our God,
We thank you for the life that is your gift,
For the providence that sustains us,
And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days.
The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today.
This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.
We humbly beg you, loving Lord,
Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.
Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus. Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.
For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Молитва у Часі Спалаху Коронавірусу:

Господи, Боже наш,
Дякуємо Тобі за життя, яке є Твоїм даром,
За провидіння, яке нас підтримує,
І за Твою мудрість, яка спрямовує хід наших днів.
Сьогодні перед нами загроза зараження коронавірусом.
Ця хвороба викликає страх серед нас і забирає життя.
Ми смирено просимо Тебе, люблячого Господа,
Розвій наш страх і позбав нас від цієї та усіх інших хвороб.
Вилікуй тих, хто страждає, і зупини поширення вірусу.
Зміцнюй нас у благодаті, щоб ми дбали одні про одних.
Бо Ти - Бог милосердя, доброти та любові, і ми прославляємо Тебе Отця, Сина і Святого Духа, нині, і повсякчас і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Please contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special intentions, such as: In Thanksgiving for Favours Received, the Infirm, General Intentions, Repose of the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, Students, Workers, etc. In case of emergency phone (250) 299-7249. If you would like to come to Confession, meet with the parish priest at the church or parish office, receive spiritual care and support via telephon or internet, want him to visit you, your relative or friend at their home, hospital or care homes, please, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.

Liturgical propers in English language:

Tone 1, text from book “The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom”; pages 89-91

Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:10-15)

Timothy, my son: You have followed closely my teaching and my conduct. You have observed my resolution, fidelity, patience, love, and endurance, through persecutions and sufferings in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. You know what persecutions I have had to bear, and you know how the Lord saved me from them all.



Anyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus can expect to be persecuted. But all the while evil men and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, themselves deceived. You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. Likewise, from your infancy you have known the Sacred Scriptures, the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation.

Gospel: (Luke 18:10-14)

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray; the one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee with head unbowed prayed in this fashion: 'I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men – grasping, crooked, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on all I possess.'

The other man, however, kept his distance, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. All he did was beat his breast and say, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Believe me, this man went home from the temple justified but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled while he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

Молитва Духовного Причасття

Мій Ісусе! Я вірю, що Ти присутній у цих Святих Дарах!
Люблю Тебе над усе і моя душа тужить за Тобою.
Не можу зараз Тебе прийняти в Євхаристії,
тому хоча б духовно прийди до мого серця!
Запрошую Тебе, відчиняю навстіж двері мого серця,
згадаючи Твої слова: «Ось стою під дверима і стукаю.
Якщо хто почує Мій голос і відчинить двері,
Я ввійду до нього, і буду вечеряти з ним, а він зі Мною».
Я весь єднаюся з Тобою. Ісусе, моє найвище Добро
й моя солодка Любове!
Торкнись мого серця і запали його,
щоб воно завжди палало любов'ю до Тебе! Амінь.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my
soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole
life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You:
Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure
conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for
forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of
the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for
confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation.
I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself
completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit
me to be separated from You. Amen.

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 1, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 88-90

Апостол: 3 другого послання до Тимотея Св. Апостола Павла читання: (2 Тм. 3, 10-15)

Сину Тимотею, ти ж слідував моїй науці, моїй поведінці, моїй настанові, вірі, довготерпеливості, любові, постійності, у переслідуваннях, у стражданнях, які були спіткали мене в Антіохії, в Іконії та в Лістрі. Яких то переслідувань не переніс я на собі! А від усіх Господь мене визволив! Та й усі, що побожно хочуть жити у Христі Ісусі, будуть переслідувані. А лихі люди й дурисвіти будуть чим далі, тим до гіршого посуватися, зводячи інших, і самі зведені. Ти ж тримайся того, чого навчився і в чому переконався. Відаєш бо, від кого ти навчився, і вже змалку знаєш Святе Письмо, яке вірою у Христа Ісуса може тобі дати мудрість на спасіння.



Євангеліє: (Лк 18, 10-14)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Два чоловіки зайшли в храм помолитись: один був фарисей, а другий – митар. Фарисей, ставши, молився так у собі: Боже, дякую тобі, що я не такий, як інші люди – грабіжники, неправедні, перелюбці, або як оцей митар. Пощу двічі на тиждень, з усіх моїх прибутків даю десятину. А митар, ставши здалека, не смів і очей звести до неба, тільки бив себе в груди, кажучи: Боже, змилуйся надо мною грішним! Кажу вам: Цей повернувся виправданий до свого дому, а не той; бо кожний, хто виноситься, буде принижений, а хто принижується, – ввищений."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all Christian people of the good will who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, every person who knowingly or unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, care and help our parish community in various ways and projects by keeping and sharing their Christian love, unity by looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church communities!

DONATIONS!

Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these difficult and challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity! Please continue to support our parish financially by e-transfer (it is a direct deposit, no security question is needed) via dormitiontransfer2020@gmail.com or mailing a cheque payable to **Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church** 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy time for us all.

"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)

NOTE: Due to the growing numbers of the confirmed COVID-19 cases and BC Provincial Gomerment orders all Christian churches including our Ukrainian Catholic parishes are temporally closed for public services until midnight of February 5th, 2021 A.D.! Your pastor is praying privately for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, participate via facebook streamings and other on-line church services, stay healthy and safe!



CONGRATULATIONS!

ЩИРО ВАС ВІТАЄМО!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mrs. Karen Feniuk on her birthday (Jan. 18th), Mr. Edward Kaskiw on his birthday (Jan. 24th), Daniella Tomashevskya on her birthday (Jan. 28th), Danylo Werbowy on his birthday (Jan. 29th), Christmas season and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**LIVE STREAMING** of church services from Dormition of the Mother of GodUkrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, B.C.: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: *DormitionKelowna Parish*: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>✦ Please also welcome to visit our Cathedral Facebook page for live-stream videos of the liturgical services at Holy Eucharist Cathedral: <https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING TO GOD AT YOUR HOMES AND ON-LINE TODAY!**

Wishing you and all your dear ones to be blessed by God with health, hope, joy, peace and Christian love!

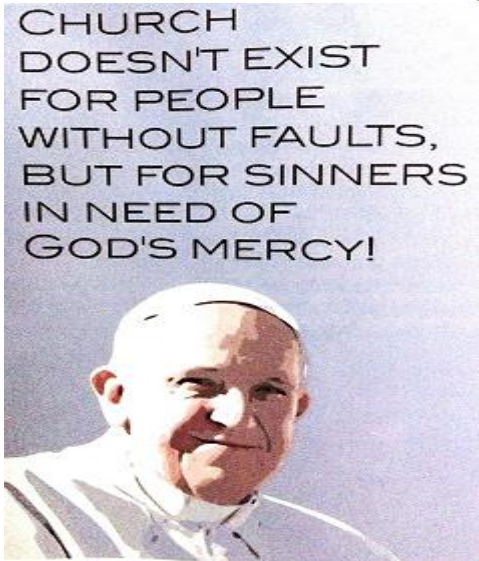
Liturgical and Sacramental Services are celebrated**by your spiritual father-pastor at the church during this week:****SUNDAY, January 24th at 8:15 a.m.** Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings of all our parishioners, their family members, all relatives and friends.* (in English)at **11:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings of all our parishioners, their family members, all relatives and friends.* (in Ukrainian)Mon., Jan. 25th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings in good health for Mrs. Martha Holick* (requested by Holy Resurrection Parish from Penticton, BC)Wed., Jan. 27th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Rest of the soul of Mr. Robert Schmid* (requested by Holy Resurrection Parish from Penticton, BC)Thurs., Jan. 28th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Rest of the soul of Mr. Myron Washchshyn* (requested by Holy Resurrection Parish from Penticton, BC)Fri., Jan. 29th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Rest of the souls of Ivan, Antony and all deceased family members* (requested by Mr. Mykhailo and Mrs. Vlasta Fantych) at **5:00 p.m.** VespersSat., Jan. 30th **THREE HIERARCHS** at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings of all our parishioners, their family members, all relatives and friends.*at **5:00 p.m.** Vespers**SUNDAY, January 31st at 8:15 a.m.** Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings of all our parishioners, their family members, all relatives and friends.* (in English)at **11:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings of all our parishioners, their family members, all relatives and friends.* (in Ukrainian)**Wishing you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace and Christian love daily!**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Danny M, Jordan M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewych, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Roma Nowakowski, Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, John Bulych, Joseph Stetch, Stefania Paraniuk, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk, Marilyn Daulat and Family, Shelley Zemliak, Ron Horon, Adeline Sorochuk and all members of our parochial family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends and neighbours; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **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 or 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 his or her 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.

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for January 2021 A.D.

- For Catholic Education: For protection and graces during this time of Pandemic, we pray to the Lord.
- For our educators and school staff called to live a life of love and sacrifice during Covid 19, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith that we have inherited, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may inspire students to a life of love and service, we pray to the Lord.



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:** 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.

Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyly Velychkovsky: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Live-Streaming on the YouTube Shrine Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Og0D2DhlpU> Website: Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com/>



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 світлом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our parish community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899

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 tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: 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, possitive and generous!**

PLEASE NOTE: Our Church parking lot is rented by Scuka Constuction Company workers during week.

Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: Perogies – \$ 7.00 per dozen, Kovbasa / Garlic Sausage - \$ 10.00 per 1-pound ring, Pie - \$ 9.00. If you need more information or to place your order, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.



An old, medium size deepfreezer is broken and must be replaced with a working one for our church kitchen use and future food sales. If any person can donate a good, working deepfreezer or help to buy a new one it will be trully appreciated.

Express Depot Recycling: We have this set up for parishioners to use. They enter the church's phone number and place the sticker on the bag. All monies will then be able to be able to be etransfered (after \$10) or check (after \$50). It can help with donations for those unable to attend and financially support the church. <https://www.return-it.ca/express/>

Bequests and Wills: Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness, please remember Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC and Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the

Stewardship Prayer

O God, the Father of every gift, all that we are and have comes from your hand.

In Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us the greatest of all gifts.

Fill our hearts with his love, so that we may be parish communities of faithful, caring people.

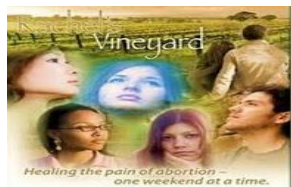
Grant us the grace to be good stewards who, in the name and spirit of Jesus, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building up of your Kingdom in our Diocese and throughout the world.

May we see Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal as our way to live gratefully and give generously for your honor and glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 or to Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC, the sum of \$_____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and its needs and pastoral ministry."

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 HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED:** to help out with weekly cleaning in the church, cutting the grass and maintaining the lawn, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, contact Mrs. Yvonne Crawford or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life! **Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish church!** **NOTE: If you wish to place your message or announcement into our weekly parish bulletin, please sent it by email to the office at dormitionkelowna@gmail.com by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.**



Rachel's Corner: "Only he will receive, will find, and will enter who perseveres in asking, seeking and knocking." - Saint Louis de Montfort

After having been through the pain of an abortion decision, it can be hard to persevere in asking for help. Feeling very alone, and the shame can feel like a locked door and no courage to knock. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat with us and discover how the door is already open and we are waiting for you. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and let these words come alive for you as He makes a miracle of you.

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Pope's point man on charity released from hospital after COVID fight.

Pope Francis shakes hands with Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, papal almoner, as he arrives to bless a car donated to the papal almoner's office at the Vatican, Feb. 6, 2019. (Credit: CNS photo/Vatican Media.)

KRAKOW, Poland – After a 10-day stay in the hospital battling COVID-19, one of Pope Francis's closest cardinals came home on Friday to find a gift from the boss: An Argentinian steak.

"It was a different Christmas," Polish Cardinal Konrad Krajewski told *Crux*. "But I was sitting with Jesus every day, thanks to the doctors who were bringing him to me."

Locked in the hospital during Christmas and New Year's, the cardinal said doctors had helped him not only physically, but also spiritually, bringing him the Eucharist wrapped in clean medical gauze. Unable to say Mass, he consumed it during vespers.

Krajewski is the papal almoner, an institution dating back at least 800 years that is in charge of the pontiff's charitable actions in the city of Rome.

The cardinal had been hospitalized in the capital's Gemelli Hospital since Dec.21.

The office of the papal almoner has been given a new prominence

under Francis, and Krajewski is widely seen as one of the pontiff's closest collaborators.

This has been especially true during the coronavirus pandemic, which has hit Italy hard: Almost 75,000 people have died during the crisis, and the infection curve is again growing.

Since the crisis began, the cardinal has been tasked not only with helping the homeless and poor in Italy, but also throughout the world, delivering respirators in the pope's name where they were most needed, including Syria, Brazil and Venezuela.

The prelate was treated for COVID-19 related pneumonia at the Gemelli, after being transferred from the Vatican's health center, where he tested positive for the new coronavirus.

The pope and the Polish cardinal often exchange gifts: For Krajewski's 57 birthday on Nov. 25, Francis sent him a cake with the number 75 on top of it – the customary age for a bishop and higher to present their resignations to the pope. On



Dec. 21, the pope's birthday, "Don Conrado" – as the cardinal is known in the Vatican – sent the pontiff sunflowers at the request of Rome's homeless.

On Saturday, Krajewski called Poland's Radio Maria to pray with the listeners and thank them: "I would like to thank you for the fact that during my 10-day stay in the hospital – I've returned home now – my religious life continued thanks to Radio Maria. Only in this way, could I participate in my religious life and pray with others."

The prelate had asked doctors not to keep him in the hospital only "because I'm a cardinal," and to release him as soon as his health allowed to make the bed available to others who needed it more.

Speaking about the steak from the pope, Krajewski admitted to being really moved by the gesture: "He truly is a pastor who listens to things you share with him and reacts in a very human way."

On Saturday morning, the cardinal was tested again and the results came back negative. He's expected to have one more test to make sure he's fully recovered and no longer carrying the virus.

Krajewski made the news early in the pandemic when Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, the cardinal vicar of Rome, announced in March the unprecedented decision to close all the churches in the Diocese of Rome to slow the spread of the coronavirus. In response, the Polish cardinal opened his titular church, Santa Maria Immacolata, located in Rome's Esquiline neighborhood.

"It is the act of disobedience, yes, I myself put the Blessed Sacrament out and opened my church," Krajewski told *Crux* at the time.

"It did not happen under fascism, it did not happen under the Russian or Soviet rule in Poland – the churches were not closed," he said, adding that "this is an act that should bring courage to other priests."

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