

APRIL, 2021						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
04 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 1 pm  Easter Sunday	05	06	07 Brandon: 10 am + Robert Leboutillier Offering: Lawrence & Elsie Makwaychuk	08	09	10 Brandon: 5 pm + Stanley Zimmerman & Members of His Family Offering: Adelphina Huculak & Family
11 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm	12	13	14 Brandon: 10 am + Fr. Emil Kardesinec Offering: Fr. Michael & Dolores	15 Brandon: 10 am Intention of K of C and Family with Health Issues Offering: Ray & Ann West	16  Brandon: 10 am	17 Brandon: 5 pm Intention of Fr. Michael Offering: Barbara & Marlene MacKalski

### Great and Holy Pascha

It is the Pasch; the Pasch of the Lord.  
O You, who are truly all in all!  
The joy, the honor, the food and the  
delight of every creature;  
through You the shadows of death  
have fled away,  
and life is given to all,  
the gates of heaven are flung open.

God becomes man  
and man is raised up to the likeness of God.  
O divine Pasch!  
O Pasch, light of new splendor.

The lamps of our souls will no more burn out.  
The flame of grace,  
divine and spiritual,

burns in the body and soul,  
nourished by the resurrection of Christ.

We beg you, O Christ, Lord God,  
eternal king of the spiritual world,  
stretch out your protecting hands  
over your holy Church  
and over your holy people;  
defend them, keep them, preserve them.

Raise up your standard over us  
and grant that we may sing with Moses  
the song of victory,  
for yours is the glory and the power  
for all eternity! Amen

*St. Hippolytus of Rome*

## GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR



*Icon of the Descent into Hades*

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**ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS**

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

**EMERGENCY**

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
Cell: (204) 729-7819

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM  
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM  
Sunday (Bilingual) - 10:00 AM

DATE	READER	USHERS	SACRISTAN	GREETER
	T. Yuriy	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	L. Makwaychuk	S. Baranyk
	S. Sheeshka	D. Federowich / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	L. Olisnevych
	B. MacKalski	L. Halchyshak / A. Todosichuk	I. Dyakiv	B. McKay
	H. Lazaruk	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	O. Stevenson

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

Saturday, Mar 27 \$ 180.00  
Sunday, Mar 28 \$ 335.00  
Total \$ 515.00  
Candles \$ 70.30

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.  
- Martin Luther



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FEBRUARY, 2021**

Total Credits: \$ 5,846.42  
Total Debits: \$ 5,108.95

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION (APRIL 2021)**

Universal Intention - Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**COVID-19 LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS FOR CHURCHES**

New changes came into effect on March 5<sup>th</sup> include increasing capacity limits at places of worship to 25 percent or 100 people, whichever is lower, with physical distancing and mask requirements. Effective Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> there will be an adjustment to mask use in church: masks may be removed while parishioners are seated in their pews, are appropriately distanced from other groups and are not singing. However, the masks must be replaced when the parishioner leaves their pew for any reason. The faithful should pre-register. If there is not enough time for this or the expected number of requests fall below the permitted number, then "registration" may take place at the church prior to the service. Each participant must provide their name and contact number in the event that they may have to be contacted if a health issue should arise. Please call Dolores at 204-729-8056 to pre-register. For those unable to attend, the Sunday service will be videotaped and will be available on YouTube later the same day. Masks must be worn on entering and exiting. The masks may be removed while receiving communion.

- Fr. Michael

**FATHER BUYACHOK SHOWS SOME PROGRESS, BUT KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYER**

Monsignor Michael Buyachok, who suffered a stroke early in March, has now been transferred to Riverview Health Centre. Due to Covid restrictions, only his brother Bohdan is able to visit him. However, at the beginning of this trial and since being transferred to Riverview, Monsignor was able to receive some pastoral care from two of our priests – including the Sacraments. Bohdan tells us that there is some very hopeful progress in his therapy and recovery. "His disposition is really positive!" Please do keep Monsignor in your prayer. By the grace of God....

**ATTENDING DIVINE LITURGY**

If you are registered to attend Divine Liturgy, especially on weekends, but are unable to do so, please call Dolores to cancel as there are parishioners waiting for vacant spots.

**NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY**

Virtual Tridocesan Catholic Family Conference- May 6-8, 2021 This year for the National Week for Life and the Family, we are excited to offer a FREE, inspiring three-part Catholic family conference for families: parents, grandparents, children and youth while exploring the theme: "Family, the Domestic Church: a sign of Hope and Life. Walking in the Wilderness, Living in the Light". May 6, will be an online program for children/teens featuring a faith-filled comedy, perfect for kids, teens, and families. Bring your popcorn! May 6, will also feature a session for young adults (ages 16+), sharing personal inspiring stories of living in Christ's light while tackling modern-day challenges as well as an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration. May 7, for adults, features moving guest speaker and author, Robert Rogers who shares his tragic life-changing story, how God moved to bring light in his darkest moments. Come listen, learn, discuss, and be inspired! May 8, join us together with your family, and Archbishops LeGatt, Gagnon and Huculak as we pray, sing, dance, explore and share ways we can be light to each other through family worship, activities & sharing as well as a concelebrated mass! View poster at [www.bit.ly/poster-nwlf-2021](http://www.bit.ly/poster-nwlf-2021) For more info & to register online by, Saturday, May 1, visit: [www.lifeandthefamily.com/events/conference](http://www.lifeandthefamily.com/events/conference) or contact: Nadine Fetherston at (204) 594-0295. Free-will donations welcomed.

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**HUMOR**

How's the diet going?  
Not good. I had eggs for breakfast.  
Scrambled?  
No. Cadbury's.



## THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.  
"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"  
"A dollar, a dollar," then, two! Only two?  
"Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"  
"Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;  
Going for three ..." But no,  
From the room, far back, a grey-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loose strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet  
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.  
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice;  
And going and gone," said he.  
The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand  
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.  
A "mess of potage," a glass of wine;  
A game — and he travels on.  
He is "going" once, and "going" twice,  
He's "going" and almost "gone."  
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.

Myra B. Welch

## Easter Greeting

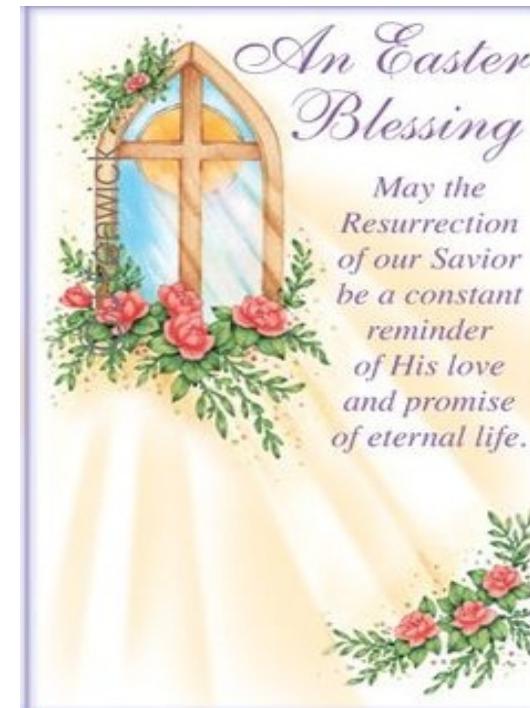
We extend to you a sincere warm greeting on this holy day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let the echo of this greeting resound in every heart of every member in our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Brandon and Portage. May your lives be filled with stability, serenity and truthful joy. May this spiritual holiday overcome all your earthly encumbrances and allow the risen Christ to fill your hearts with joy, peace, love, and compassion! May this Christian greeting: "Christ is Risen", foster a spiritual renewal in your lives and fill you with its own divine power!

Fr. Michael & Dolores

## Великоднє Вітання

До усіх від усього серця вітаю із святом світлого воскресіння Ісуса Христа! Хай відгомін слів мого привіту достукається до кожного серця вірних нашої Української Католицької Церкви у Бріндонї та в Портіджу. Бажаю усім рівноваги духа, внутрішнього спокою та правдивої радості. Це духовне свято і йому не може стати нічого на заваді. Хай воскреслий Христос усіх вас наповнить радістю та миром, любов'ю й милосердям! Бажаю, щоб цей християнський привіт: Христос воскрес, - звучав з переконання, завжди по-новому та щиро наповняв вас своєю духовною силою!

О. Михайло  
і Долорес



## EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF THE BISHOPS OF CANADA

March 30, 2021

2021 PASTORAL LETTER  
OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF  
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24)

The Easter event is filled with much dramatic activity! The women go to the tomb where Jesus' body was placed. We are told that there was a great earthquake. An angel appears to the women telling them not to be afraid. Jesus is not there. Jesus has been raised. The angel then tells the women, "Go quickly and tell his disciples, He has been raised from the dead, and indeed He is going ahead of you in Galilee. There you will see him" (Mt 28:7). The women began to run from the tomb. They suddenly meet the Risen Christ who tells them not to be afraid. Jesus tells them to "go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me" (Mt 28:10). That same message to go and tell others of what you have seen and heard, that Jesus, the Messiah, our Saviour, has risen from the dead is repeated again and again in our Easter Sunday Divine Liturgy.

When the eleven disciples went to Galilee, the Risen Christ greets them and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:16-20).

This great commandment is directed not only at the disciples. It is directed to all of us, to the followers of Jesus Christ. All of us share in the duty and privilege to announce the Gospel. All of us share in the mission to preach the Good News to all people. Our nature as Church, as the people of God is always missionary. We are all called to evangelize and to give witness to Christ's presence in the world through action and love. This is why the Gospel message is read in so many languages during the Easter Divine Liturgy.

Let us begin by telling our family members of God's love. Many of our family members experience God's presence through the light of a dimly lit candle. Sometimes this happens through one's own choice. At other times, it can happen through circumstances beyond one's control. Yet, even with a dimly lit candle, there is always hope. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. Christ can fan the light of that dimly lit candle into a light that burns brightly and is inextinguishable.

With confidence and courage, let each of us share our faith with others. Our faith is a precious gift that has been given to us by Jesus Christ to be shared. It should not be kept to ourselves but shared with others, beginning with our family members whom we love. Together, we are on a mission. May we find hope and courage to go out and preach the Good News. Take as an inspiring example the creativity of many who have provided online sharing of worship and prayer as we responded to the challenges of this pandemic. While the light from gathering in our parishes was dimmed, the light of sharing our faith was illuminated through the internet.

Remember, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, that we do not walk alone in this mission. Jesus Christ promises, "I am with you always until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). May your hearts be aflame with passion to know the Risen Christ. May you be inspired to share your faith in Jesus Christ with others. May your hearts be filled with overflowing joy on realizing the presence of the Risen Christ within you. May you know the peace of the Risen Christ. May your Easter celebrations be filled with much joy, inner peace, and heartfelt love shared with your family and with all whom you love and meet in the exciting journey of life.

God's choicest blessings be upon you, because Christ is Risen!  
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg  
+ David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton; Apostolic Administrator of New Westminster  
+ Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon; Apostolic Administrator of Toronto  
+ Michael Wiwchar, CSsR, Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon  
+ Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Bishop Emeritus of New Westminster  
+ Stephen Chmilar, Bishop Emeritus of Toronto

