

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn  8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	<b>31</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b> Brandon: 9 am + Louise Kostenchuk Offering: George Kostenchuk	<b>03</b> Brandon: 9 am Health of Helen Marsischuk Offering: Lawrence & Elsie Makwaychuk	 <b>04</b> Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service	<b>05</b> + Anna Dauk Offering: Barbara MacKalski
<b>06</b> Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn  Transfiguration	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b> Brandon: 9 am Health of Pat Synchrony Offering: UCWLC Brandon	<b>10</b> Brandon: 9 am + Louise Kostenchuk Offering: George Kostenchuk	 <b>11</b> Brandon: 9 am	<b>12</b> + Louise Kostenchuk Offering: Beverly Litkovich

*From the Acts of the Apostles*

Then the apostles and presbyters, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the presbyters, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number [who went out] without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is

the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell."

And so they were sent on their journey. Upon their arrival in Antioch they called the assembly together and delivered the letter. When the people read it, they were delighted with the exhortation. Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, exhorted and strengthened the brothers with many words. After they had spent some time there, they were sent off with greetings of peace from the brothers to those who had commissioned them. (Acts 15:22-33)

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Saints Silas, Silvanos and Others-- July 30th

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ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

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DIVINE LITURGIES

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Jul 30	S. Shwaluk	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	L. Makwaychuk	B. McKay
Sun Aug 06	P. Zaliskyy	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	N. Baranyk	O. Stevenson
Sun Aug 13	O. Stevenson	A. Todosichuk / S. Kachur	N. Zemliak	B. Kachur
Sun Aug 20	P. Todoruk	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	I. Dyakiv	F. Yuriy

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Jul 22 \$ 207.00  
Sunday, Jul 23 \$ 439.00  
Total \$ 646.00  
Candles \$ 25.90

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We know that a peaceful world cannot long exist.  
One-third rich and two-thirds hungry."  
- Jimmy Carter



SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

BRANDON DOORS OPEN HERITAGE TOURS - 2017

The annual "Doors Open" event took place on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at our parish. Our sincere thanks to the volunteers for conducting the tours on these two days — Lawnie and Norma Halchyshak, Roy and Olga Stevenson, Don and Sylvia Kostiw, and Ron Boychuk. Approximately 70 people toured our beautiful church. Thank you all for a job well done.

CHRIST OUR PASCHA

There are still two books available of the adult catechism "Christ Our Pascha". The cost is \$20.00 per copy. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to purchase one.

COOKS CREEK - AUGUST 18-20, 2017

The 63<sup>rd</sup> three-day Annual Pilgrimage is set to take place at the "Prairie Cathedral" of the Immaculate Conception and Grotto at Cooks Creek. For further information and schedule, please check their website at [www.immaculate.ca](http://www.immaculate.ca)

K OF C EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Canon Luhovy Assembly Educational Foundation provides financial assistance to Ukrainian Catholic students, seminarians and religious sisters who attend post-secondary institutions, seminaries and private Catholic secondary schools. If anyone wishes to apply for a bursary, please see Fr. Michael for an application form. The closing date for receipt of applications is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

VATICAN APPOINTS CANADIAN BISHOP AS CONSULTOR FOR PAPAL FUND

Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Vatican Secretary of State will establish a "Technical Secretary" to continue channeling aid to the people of Ukraine following the global collection effort for this purpose initiated by Pope Francis in April of 2016. A Ukrainian Catholic Bishop from Canada, who once served as the president of Caritas Ukraine, Most Rev. Kenneth Nowakowski of New Westminster, BC, will serve as a 'consultor' to the secretary.

I ASKED AND RECEIVED

A friend of ours, a deeply religious woman, had experienced more than her share of trouble. She was valiantly trying to support her disabled husband and three small children, but the money she made from washing and ironing and caring for neighbors' children was never enough. My wife and I decided we'd like to help, and purchased a large-sized order of groceries. Wishing to keep our gift anonymous, we placed it on Martha's doorstep at an early hour. Later that day, accompanied by our five-year-old son, Danny, we paid our friend a casual visit. Martha's eyes were still moist. "Isn't the good Lord wonderful!" she beamed. "You know, I just didn't see how we'd make it through the week. The cupboard was nearly bare. Then I remembered the Scripture, 'Ask, and it shall be given you.' So — I asked —" She led us to the kitchen table piled high with jars and boxes and canned goods. Her eyes were like two shining stars. "And I received! It was a present from the Lord!"

- Christian Herald

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HUMOR

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. Holmes said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see." Watson said: "I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars." Holmes: "And what does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a moment: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Why? What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes was silent for a moment, then spoke: "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
 Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.  
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
 and every utter every kind of evil word against you  
 falsely because of me.  
 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven  
 (*Mt 5:3-12*).

205 The Sermon on the Mount reveals life in God's kingdom and points to the fact that the kingdom of God is God's gift, not something earned through works of the Law. Only by receiving the kingdom in faith and obedience to the will of God does a human being become the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (see *Mt 5:13-16*).

206 Christ does not replace the Law with the Sermon on the Mount: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil them" (*Mt 5:17*). Christ rather discloses the full meaning of the Old Testament commandments:

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder;" and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment ... You have heard that it was said ... But I say to you ... Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect (*Mt 5:21-22; 27-28, 48*).

207 The kingdom of God is a gift of God's love: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (*Jn 13:34*). When we receive divine love into our life, we begin to perceive others in a new way—as our neighbours (see *Lk 10:25-37*). The power of love even conquers hatred towards enemies:

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous (*Mt 5:43-45*).

208 The kingdom of God is a kingdom of God's justice—the will of the Father, as proclaimed by Jesus Christ: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (*Mt 6:33*). When "sons and daughters of the kingdom" do not live by

the word of Christ, they become like salt that has lost its taste, or as light that has been extinguished: "If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" (*Mt 6:23*). Everyone who does the will of the Father builds his life upon rock: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock" (*Mt 7:24-25*).

### ***b. The Signs of the Coming of the Kingdom***

#### *1) The Words of Christ*

209 A sign of the coming of the kingdom of God is the preaching of the Good News (the Gospel): "Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the good news of God, and saying: `The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the gospel" (*Mk 1:14-15*), The Divine Word, the Son of God, spoke in all his power and with full authority. We read, "Never has anyone spoken like this!" (*Jn 7:46*). The word spoken by Christ is not his own, but the word of the Father, who sent him (see *Jn 14:24*). The power of Christ's word is professed by the apostle Peter: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life!" (*Jn 6:68*).

210 Christ teaches about the kingdom of God in parables. Using simple yet deep imagery from life, he reveals the mystery of God's life. The kingdom of God is like a field, where both wheat and weeds grow together, side by side, until the harvest time (see *Mt 13:24-30*); like a seed, which grows into a large tree (see *Mt 13:31-32; Lk 13:19*). The kingdom of God is like leaven in flour (see *Mt 13:33; Lk 13:21*); and like a treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great value, and a fishing net (see *Mt 13:44-50*). The kingdom of God is also like a king who forgives the debts of his servants (see *Mt 18:23-35*), like a householder who generously rewards the labourers working in the vineyard (see *Mt 20:1-16*), like a king who invites

might increase them (see *Mt 25:14-30*). The kingdom of God grows in the world, as seeds in the earth, until the time of the harvest (see *Mk 4:26-29*).