









MARCH, 2019							GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>03</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm  Cheese-Fare Sunday	<b>04</b>  Brandon: 10 am + Leo Macsymach Funeral Memories Chapel  First Day of Lent	<b>05</b> 	<b>06</b>  Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty	<b>07</b>  Brandon: 9 am + Ivan Boychuk Offering: Ivanna Dyakiv	<b>08</b>  Brandon: 9 am Health of Nestor Kostenchuk Offering: Lawrence & Elsie Makwaychuk  Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	<b>09</b> Brandon: 5 pm	
<b>10</b> DST Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty	<b>14</b> Brandon: 9 am + Mary Pryszny Offering: Dolores	<b>15</b>  Brandon: 1 pm + Frank Lushaw Funeral  Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	<b>16</b> Brandon: 5 pm	

### True Fasting

"Why do we fast, and you do not see it? afflict ourselves, and you take no note of it? Lo, on your fast day you carry out your own pursuits, and drive all your laborers. Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting, striking with wicked claw. Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high! Is this the manner of fasting I wish, of keeping a day of penance: That a man bow his head like a reed, and lie in sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing

the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!

If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday."

*The Prophet Isaiah (58:3-9)*

## SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE FORGIVENESS SUNDAY



*Icon of Christ Pantocrator*

**WELCOME TO**

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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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Mar 03	S. Kostiw	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	N. Zemliak	O. Stevenson
Sun Mar 10	J. Solomon	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	I. Dyakiv	J. Solomon
Sun Mar 17	S. Shwaluk	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	B. Kachur
Sun Mar 24	P. Zalisky	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	N. Zemliak	F. Yuriy

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

Saturday, Feb 23	\$ 369.00
Sunday, Feb 24	\$ 609.00
Total	\$ 978.00
Candles	\$ 37.55

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT -JANUARY, 2019**

Total Credits:	\$ 7,134.14
Total Debits:	\$ 7,037.67

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019**

**SOROKOUSTY**

Sorokousty Services will be held every Wednesday at 9:00 AM during Lent (unless otherwise specified). If anyone wishes to have the names of their deceased family members read at the Service, please contact Fr. Michael prior to the Service.

**EASTER BAKE SALE - APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

Help is needed from the parish family for the following:  
 March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM - Perogy Bee (peel potatoes, etc.)  
 March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM - Make Perogies, etc.  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM - Cabbage Roll Bee  
 Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.  
 - Olga Stevenson, UCWLC Vice-President

**SILENT AUCTION**

We will be holding a silent auction at the Easter Bake Sale. Your donations and support is greatly appreciated. Contact Helen Creaser at (204) 727-1324.  
 - Olga Stevenson, UCWLC Vice-President

**IN APPRECIATION**

Thank you to Elsie Makwaychuk for sewing the purificators for the church and repairing clergy vestments.  
 Thank you also to Shirley Baranyk and her assistants for preparing the church for Lent.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION (MARCH 2019)**

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**DROP-IN CENTRE**

The drop-in centre is open every Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Everybody welcome. See you all there.

**BOOK: THE STORIES WERE NOT TOLD**

Sandra Semchuk, author and photographer, is on a cross-Canada book tour, talking of internment camps of WWI. Most of the 8,579 interned were Ukrainians. She will be at the Brandon Public Library on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Further details on the bulletin board.

**LENTEN SERVICES**

The following services will be offered during the Great Fast:

	<b>Brandon</b>	<b>Portage</b>
Stations of the Cross	Fri, 7 PM	
Sorokousty Services (except during Portage week, then Mon 9 AM)	Wed, 9 AM	
<b>Holy Thursday</b> 12 Passion Gospels	7 PM	
<b>Good Friday</b> Exposition of the Holy Shroud Jerusalem Matins	9 AM 7 PM	12 NN
<b>Holy Saturday</b> Blessing Easter Baskets Holy Sepulcher Service & Bless Easter Baskets Holy Sepulcher Service	A-M 10 AM N-Z 11 AM -- 8 PM	5 PM

**HUMOR**

The preacher's Sunday sermon was 'Forgive Your Enemies'. Toward the end of the service, he asked his congregation, "How many of you have forgiven their enemies?" About half raised their hands. He then repeated his question. As it was past lunchtime, about 80 percent raised their hands. He then repeated his question again. All responded, except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones," inquired the preacher, "Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any," she replied, smiling sweetly. "Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-three," she replied. "Oh Mrs. Jones, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please come down and tell us all how a person can live ninety-three years without an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation and said "I outlived the old hags." ☺

## SO, WHAT'S THE STORY ON **FASTING!**?

***“The penitential practice of fasting, repentance and abstinence – the goal of which is to make reparation for sins committed and to achieve greater perfection for one’s own sanctification - is one of the most ancient traditions of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. All the Faithful are obliged to fast during [designated] periods of the ecclesial year.”***  
*(ППУГКЦ, к. 115, §1-2)*

Well, the Particular Law of the Ukrainian Catholic Church (*esp. canon 115*), approved by the Synod of Bishops and promulgated by His Beatitude Sviatoslav in 2018 and which is binding on the whole UC Church throughout the world (*CCEO, 150, §2 and 882*), unless a local Bishop legitimately proposes an alternate directive (*PLUGCC 115, §7*) is.... (*dates are added for this 2019 year*)

Considering that **a)** the tradition for centuries was really no meat or dairy or eggs for the whole of Lent until Easter Sunday and **b)** 842 million people go hungry every day and 9 million people die of hunger every year and **c)** the Church really needs people to ‘up their game’ of praying and fasting for the renewal of the mission of the Church.... the almost symbolic fasting legislated by our Synod is really not that catastrophic. **Besides**, everyone knows that... the following are not obliged to maintain the fast as given below: **children** up to 14 years of age; **seniors** 60 and older; the gravely ill; women carrying an unborn child or nursing an infant; those travelling on a trip of more than 8 hours; those engaged in heavy work; those that are poor or receive their meals from others – especially charity services - and cannot choose the food they receive.

GREGORIAN	JULIAN	PRACTICE
Lent / The Great Fast <i>March 4 – April 20</i>	Lent / The Great Fast <i>March 11 – April 27</i>	This is an entire fasting period – including Passion/Holy Week
		The Faithful are to abstain from organizing or participating in parties, receptions, concerts, entertainment and the like
		The fast is not <i>binding</i> on Saturdays and Sundays
First Day of Lent <i>March 4</i>	First Day of Lent <i>March 11</i>	“ <b>strict fast</b> ” no meat, dairy or eggs or foods that contain such products
First Week of Lent <i>March 4-9</i>	First Week of Lent <i>March 11-16</i>	Abstention from <b>meat</b> or foods that contain such products
<u>Every</u> Monday, Wednesday and Friday	<u>Every</u> Monday, Wednesday and Friday	Abstention from <b>meat</b> or foods that contain such products
Holy “Good” Friday <i>April 19</i>	Holy “Good” Friday <i>April 26</i>	“ <b>strict fast</b> ” no meat, dairy or eggs or foods that contain such products
All Passion “Holy” Week <i>April 15-20</i>	All Passion “Holy” Week <i>April 22-27</i>	Abstention from <b>meat</b> or foods that contain such products