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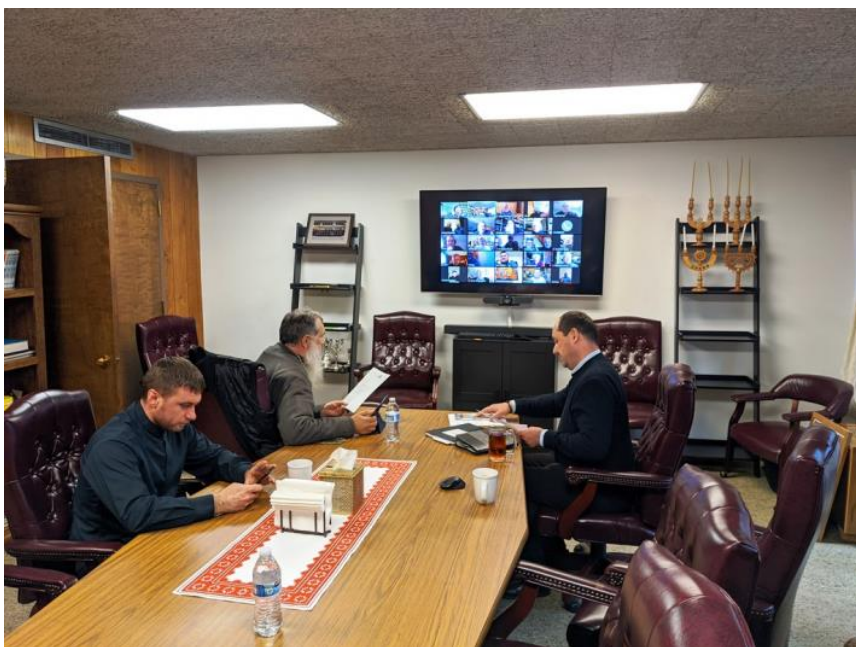
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Повідомив о. Роман Бобесюк

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

MAY 3, 2020

ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ (4го до 10го травня, 2020) ORDER OF SERVICES (May 4th to 10th, 2020)

Понеділок – Mon. 4	8:00 A.M.	Colby, Hope, Trevor, Taylor, Jared, Yarko, Sonia – Luba Lukomskyj
Вівторок – Tues. 5	8:00 A.M.	+Diane Storkel - family
Середа – Wed. 6	8:00 A.M.	Orysia Yoder
	7:00 P.M.	МОЛЕБЕНЬ – MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD
Четвер – Thurs. 7	8:00 A.M.	+Irene Lessnau - family
П'ятниця – Fri. 8	8:00 A.M.	Special Intention
	7:00 P.M.	МОЛЕБЕНЬ – MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD
Субота – Sat. 9	9:00 P.M.	Special Intention
		Health for those losing hope
Неділя – Sunday 10	10:00 A.M.	for our parishioners
	11:30 A.M.	+John Kiekisz (B-day) – family
		+Rev. Mykola, Olha, Vlodko, Hryhoriy, Natalia, Lewko, Vera, Slawko, Dana, Adrian – Luba Lukomskyj

ВАШ ДАР БОГОВІ ТА ПАРАФІЇ – YOUR GIFT TO GOD & PARISH

Неділя 26го квітня / Sunday, April 26th (mail & website)- \$2,015.00

Будівельний Фонд / Building Fund (mail & GoFundMe) – \$1,613.00

ПРОСИМО МОЛИТИСЯ ЗА: о.Френка Аванта, о.Леонарда Корчинського, о.Михайла Кузьму, о. Тому Добровольського, о. Андрія Чировського, о. Романа Лаголу, Тима Гайдера, Дебі Плішки, Ольгу Ширмир, Мардж Матвіїв, Картера Борман, Любу Чорну, Євгена Павліша, Богдана Юринця, Світлану Санагурську, Любу Лукомську, Андрею Андрес, Євгенію Яхнів, Жоану Сокальську, Лярису Дас, Юрія Нагаєвського, Джекі Мишкієвич, Христину Рудавську, Анну Назар, Келвін Мекмен, Стефана Сторкел і за всіх недужих.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Fr. Frank Avant, Fr. Leonard Korchinski, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Fr. Tom Dobrowolsky, Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Fr. Roman Lahola, Fr. Bohdan, Tim Heider, Debbie Plishka, Olha Schirmer, Marge Matviuw, Carter Borman, Luba Chorny, Eugene Pawlisch, Bohdan Yurinets, Svitlana Sanahurska, Luba Lukomskyj, Andrea Andres, Betty Jachniw, Laryssa Das, Yuriy Nahayewsky, Jackie Myshkiewicz, Christine Rudawski. Anna Nazar, Calvin McMahon, Steven Storkel and all those in need of our prayers.

НАДХОДЯЧІ ПОДІЇ – UPCOMING EVENTS

Відправи в СУМ-і / Services at SUM hopefully soon

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalms 56:3 ESV

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

1. Молимося за усіх Вас і за кінець до пандемії.
2. **Вірні можуть приймати участь у всіх наших відправах** on-line. _Просимо до участі. Порядок відправ в нашій парафії знайдете на Фейсбук або на веб-сайті: icshrine.org
3. Просимо не забувати складати ваші пожертви на церкву та на будівельний фонд нового храму. Просимо це робити через платформу GoFundMe на нашій сторінці у Facebook, через нашу інтернет сторінку: icshrine.org, чи просто вкидати конверт з чеком в поштову скриньку зправа від входних дверей до будинку СУМу, при цьому не забудьте вказати на конверті ваше прізвище і що це пожертва на церкву.
4. В травні що середи і п'ятниці відправляємо Молебень до Богородиці о 7й годині.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. We are praying daily for all of you and for an end to the pandemic. If you have personal intentions please contact the parish office or email: frmykhailo@att.net
2. **All services are on line.** Please join us. The schedule and all information can be found on Immaculate Conception Facebook and on our parish web-site at icshrine.org
3. We thank you for your financial support and appeal to all to continue supporting our parish operating fund and our parish Building Fund. You can send your donations to the parish or to the GoFundMe option on our parish Facebook or website (icshrine.org).
4. In May on Wednesdays and Fridays we will celebrate the Moleben to the Mother of God at 7PM.

'WE ENTRUST TO HER ALL OUR FEARS': US BISHOPS RECONSECRATE COUNTRY TO MARY



Archbishop Jose Gomes of Los Angeles leads the reconsecration of the country to Mary on May 1, 2020.

Washington, D.C. Newsroom, May 1, 2020 / 02:00 pm MT ([CNA](https://www.cna.org)).- Dioceses across the United States and Canada joined together on May 1 to reconsecrate themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary in an act of united prayer for delivery from the coronavirus pandemic. Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the United States Conference of

Catholic Bishops, led the American bishops in a liturgy broadcast from the cathedral of Los Angeles on Friday afternoon.

The reconsecration was announced last week by the USCCB, together with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a joint effort to entrust the two countries to the Blessed Mother during the suffering caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Bishops across both countries were encouraged to participate via live stream and to encourage the faithful of their dioceses to do the same.

Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto led the bishops of Canada in their own prayers of consecration earlier on Friday morning.

"Today, we ask our Blessed Mother to turn her eyes of mercy towards us — to help her children in this time of trial, when many are dying and our faith is being tested. We ask her to intercede with her Son, to protect us and deliver us from this evil of the coronavirus," said Gomez on Friday at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

Gomez said Mary has always accompanied the United States even before the country was incorporated, and that in "this difficult hour" it was once again time to renew this consecration.

"We entrust to her motherly heart, all our sufferings and anxieties, all our fears for the future," said the archbishop.

The United States was first consecrated to Mary in 1792, by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore. Carroll was the first Catholic bishop in the United States. In 1847, the consecration was renewed, and under the title of the Immaculate Conception Mary was named as the Patroness of the United States of America.

As Mary was the first person to be consecrated to Jesus Christ by virtue of being His mother and submitting fully to His will, "today, we ask God to give to us that same faith, that same courage," said Gomez.

"We ask His mercy and pardon. We ask Him to purify us and strengthen us to follow Jesus in seeking His holiness and His Kingdom," he added.

Mary, said Gomez, teaches the world about how to trust in God's plan, and to open their hearts to Jesus.

"So," he said, "let us give our hearts to Jesus, through the heart of his mother. All for Jesus through Mary."

"May she who is the Mother of God and Queen of the Angels, continue to guide the whole Church in America," said Gomez. "May we keep in our hearts what she told us: that God has done great things for us, and His mercy is from generation to generation." Across the border in Canada, bishops echoed the prayers for Mary's intercession on Friday, as they consecrated the Crown Dominion to Our Lady.

Earlier in the day, Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal praised Mary as the "model of holiness" and the ultimate guide for someone to emulate in their relationship with God.

Mary is "our model for living according to God's plan," said Lepine.

"Through the simplicity of her life, we can contemplate God's active presence in our life. Mary becomes a bridge, a channel between God and us. She prays with us and for us. Mary leads a simple life, but also a difficult one: Mary knows pain, and suffering." Lepine described Mary as someone "immersed in life and its difficult moments," who can "understand our trials and give us the strength to hold firm, to be faithful, to continue on our path.

The date of May 1 was chosen for the re-consecrations as "May is traditionally considered a Marian Month," Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Washington said in a statement released ahead of a liturgy which he led from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. timed to coincide with Gomez's dedication on the other side of the country.

"We often have held special ceremonies declaring our love and devotion to the mother of God," Gregory said, and this year is no different.

At the consecration in Los Angeles, Gomez reiterated Pope Francis' suggestion that families should take time to pray the rosary together each day in May.

"So, maybe we can all offer this little gift to Mary in the month of May," said Gomez. "Maybe we can dedicate ourselves to finding time to come together every day, to pray the Rosary in our families and in our homes."

"And may Mary our Mother continue to help us to stay close to her Son and to trust in his love."

American Worldview Inventory 2020 – At a Glance AWVI 2020 Results – Release #3: Perceptions of God Americans Continue to Redefine – and Reject – God April 21, 2020

Groundbreaking new research about American faith and worldview shows that although we proclaim "In God We Trust" on our currency, a slim 51% majority of Americans believe in a biblical view of God – down from 73% thirty years ago. Increasingly, the research finds mounting evidence that Americans are both redefining – and rejecting – God.

Stunningly, Americans are more confident about the existence of Satan than they are of God. Overall, 56% contend that Satan is an influential spiritual being, yet almost half (49%) are not fully confident that God truly exists. And 44% of believe Jesus Christ sinned while on Earth. Americans are also confused about the nature of the Holy Spirit, with over half—52%—saying that "the Holy Spirit is not a living entity, but merely a symbol of God's power, presence or purity."

According to the latest release of findings from the American Worldview Inventory 2020 by Dr. George Barna, Director of Research for the Cultural Research Center, some of the largest drops in belief in a biblical description of God in the past 30 years are among youngest Americans ages 18 to 29 (down 26 points), oldest Americans, i.e., born before 1946 (down 25 points), and women (down 25 points). The largest drop was among those attending Pentecostal or charismatic Protestant churches (down 27 points). Only those in households with income at least 20% above the national average saw an increase (up 2 points). Overall the study found a 50% drop in biblical worldview in America in the past 30 years, from 12% to the current 6%—the lowest number ever recorded.



OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE, QUEEN OF PEACE

"Medjugorje is the spiritual center of the world"

(St. Pope John Paul II)

May 1, 2020

St. Joseph the Worker

Dear Family of Mary!

Today is the Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph is Our Lady's silent partner! His gentle, protective and holy presence in the earthly life of Jesus speaks volumes to us, even though he never spoke a word in the Scriptures. St. Joseph was there for Jesus and Mary. He chose to be their protector and provider, the one who would stand as a shield for them from the enemy and all who might

harm them. We can feel his protection so clearly present in the infancy narratives. It makes us give a sigh of relief. St. Joseph was there.

He is also here for us. Though we may not hear from him directly, we instinctively know to go to him for help, especially in practical matters. And especially when we need virtues and strengths we haven't developed yet.

And so today, let's pray to St. Joseph for all those things we lack, especially in the area of virtue. Our Lady has urged us to take the saints as our models and teachers. Certainly, she has St. Joseph in mind! She told us:

October 25, 2004 **"Dear children! This is a time of grace for the family and, therefore, I call you to renew prayer. May Jesus be in the heart of your family. In prayer, learn to love everything that is holy. Imitate the lives of saints so that they may be an incentive and teachers on the way of holiness. May every family become a witness of love in this world without prayer and peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."**

Let us pray to St. Joseph today for all that we need, especially for holiness in our families!!

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look gra-

ciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.

O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin. Our most mighty Protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, to die a holy death, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Cathy Nolan

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Щоб гідно приймати Святі Тайни парафіянин повинен жити за правилами віри та серйозно підготувитися. Добрі (віддані) парафіяни є ті котрі:

1. В неділі й свята беруть участь в Святій Літургії
2. Жертвують час, таланти і матеріально підтримують парафію
3. Записані до парафії
4. Знають загальні правди й молитви нашої віри

A REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Reception of the Sacraments requires the committed practice of the faith and serious preparation. Committed parishioners are those who:

1. Attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday's and Feast Days
2. Give of their time, talents and financial resources
3. Have enrolled in the parish
4. Know and understand the basic prayer and tenets of our faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

You can leave a lasting legacy to benefit future generations! Please remember our Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Parish when creating your will. Your good works will continue after you have gone! ***Please contact the office for information.***

Згадайте нашу парафію у Вашому заповіті

Ви можете залишити частину своєї спадщини на благо майбутніх поколінь! Ласкаво, пам'ятайте, парафію Непорочного Зачаття Пречистої Діви Марії при створенні Вашого заповіту. Ваші добрі діла будуть продовжуватися після Вашого повернення Додому, до вічного життя!

Seer On How We Know It's From God



“When something comes from God, you have harmony, great joy, and a great peace,” said seer Vicka Ivankovic Matovic, the famous seer at Medjugorje.

“You can’t feel well if you have fear in your heart.

“When you feel fear, confusion, and anguish, it comes from the enemy. You can’t trust your feelings if you do not have inner harmony. For sure, suffering cannot be explained; it can only be lived in one’s own heart. When the

Lord gives us a suffering—a cross, pain—this is really a big gift.

“We often think, how can sickness be a gift? But it’s a big gift! Only God knows why He gives this gift and only He knows the reason for when He takes it back. It is only up to



us how we are ready to accept this. It is enough to say, ‘Thank you God for this gift, that you still have something that you want to give to me, I am ready to receive it. I ask only your strength and courage so that I may carry on.’

“And also the Madonna has told us, ‘you don’t know how great is the value of your suffering in the eyes of God.’ There are different kinds of suffering: there is the suffering that God gives and there is the suffering that we make for ourselves, and these are two different things, they don’t have the same value. We must try to accept that which the Lord wants and we must give thanks and when one gives thanks for this great gift, then graces and fruits and everything come sooner. And then we can’t say ‘I’m suffering, I’m in pain,’ God knows this: accept it, don’t talk about it. One who is still able to speak isn’t suffering.

Suffering is to be lived in our souls and in our hearts. God is always ready to give healing. But for God it’s not so easy for him to give us this gift



because there are problems. What are these problems? It is like this: many times when there is some difficulty or suffering for our children, a husband, or one of our neighbors, we beg God with great energy to heal their suffering; we are ready to accept anything, do everything, get on our knees, pray for hours but only for that particular moment.

“The Madonna is ready to give the grace that is being requested. And many times the grace is given in order to show that person that God is near. But the Madonna also said that those graces are not to be played around with, because the Madonna said that after receiving a miracle, some people behave worse than before and then the next time they need a special grace, they pray expecting to be satisfied a second time; they think, ‘You gave me [a healing] once before so must give me [a healing] again today.’ In this way we start playing around with these graces from God.

“Already the Madonna said to us, ‘there is no problem for graces; I am able to give them; through my Son I can pray for these gifts and give them; but the problem is with your hearts. You all ask for healing of everything in the body, but too few ask for healing of the heart. When your hearts begin to heal, then your bodies will begin to heal.’ We must pray to have a lively faith. We should pray every day for this gift and this gift will grow every day in our hearts.”

—MHB

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Little Sisters of the Poor launch “A Million Families, a Million Rosaries” campaign to fight the pandemic



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After much prayer and consultation, the Mother General of the order proposed a global prayer campaign that would be “a veritable blitz on heaven.”

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The Little Sisters of the Poor, who serve over 13,000 elderly poor across 32 countries, have launched a new initiative aimed at ending the coronavirus pandemic. Inspired by the message received by Sister Lucia of Fatima during the 1974 Carnation Revolution, the Little Sisters began the “A Million Families, a Million Rosaries” campaign.

According to Sr. Mary Richards, “Our Mother General, Mother María del Monte Auxiliadora, wrote to the whole Congregation at the end of March. She had prayed about the coronavirus crisis and consulted the superiors of the different provinces.” Mother wrote, “I suggest that we launch a ‘campaign,’ on a global scale, a veritable ‘blitz’ on heaven, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”



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Sr. Mary Richards added, “During the Portuguese Revolution of 1974-1975, Sister Lucia (one of the Fatima visionaries) asked Our Lady to stop the violence. She replied, ‘The revolution will stop when a million families pray the Rosary.’ This inspired Mother Maria to ask us to get in touch with as many families and other persons as possible, to create a chain of family rosaries. She sees the coronavirus pandemic as a ‘situation of war,’ which cannot be won by human means alone, but only through prayer.”

“Will we manage to involve a million families?” she asked. “God only knows, but if we put our whole heart into this, Our Lady will see our goodwill and be touched Let us try this in a very humble way and leave the rest in the hands of our Immaculate Mother.”

The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 29 residences that serve the elderly poor within the United States. They have lost 11 residents to the virus. Fr. Hilary John Rodgers, a retired priest and resident at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, Delaware, was the fourth person to succumb to coronavirus complications.

Mother Margaret Regina Halloran, superior of the Residence in Newark, reacted after the virus claimed the life of an 86-year-old resident, the first death:

“We are devastated at the loss of our dear Resident and the positive test results of six others. In

all our Homes, the Residents truly become our family. We Little Sisters will continue to do all in our strength to meet this challenge, keep our beloved Residents safe and comfortable and provide them with spiritual accompaniment, while also assuring the safety of our staff.” The Little Sisters care for those who are most vulnerable and are taking every step possible to protect and care for their residents. As with many nursing homes and elderly care facilities, the challenge is immense. But the Sisters are taking the battle to the next level with this prayer campaign imploring the Blessed Mother for her loving intercession.

To join in the prayer campaign, please visit: <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org/a-million-families-a-million-rosaries/>

Like many healthcare facilities around the country, the Little Sisters are in short supply of masks and other PPE. To donate supplies or support them during the time of this crisis, please visit [Little Sisters of the Poor Locations](#) to find the nearest home.

“Thus the Rosary is the prayer which God, through his Church and Our Lady, has recommended most insistently to us all, as a road to and a gateway of salvation: “Pray the Rosary every day.” (Our Lady, 13th May 1917). Ave Maria.” Sister Lucia of Fatima