



## Dormition & District Ukrainian Catholic Parishes 120 105<sup>th</sup> Street West Saskatoon, SK S7N 1N2

Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God – **Saskatoon**  
Sacred Heart – **Hawruliuke** Sacred Heart – **Vonda** St. John the Baptist – **Smuts**  
St. John the Evangelist – **Prud'homme** Ss. Peter & Paul – **Bodnari**  
Ss. Peter & Paul - **Borshchiw**

20, March 2020

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that you and your family are coping through these days of uncertainty and turmoil in our world!

The spread of the virus in our province and around the world is a matter of concern for all of us. Though our parish community takes our liturgical and organizational life seriously, given the extraordinary circumstances we face at this time – especially for those members of our congregations (the elderly and those with compromised immune systems) – please note the following directives for our pastoral district:

**1. Sunday Divine Liturgy:** All Sunday Divine Liturgies scheduled in our pastoral district on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are **canceled**. Recall that Bishop Bryan has already dispensed the faithful from obligations to attend services or Divine Liturgy, so as difficult as not attending church this Sunday will be for many of you, let your conscience be at peace.

Nevertheless, know that you can still “keep holy the Sabbath” by praying at home on your own and/or with your family. Towards that end, I encourage all of you to participate “remotely” in the 9:30AM Sunday Divine Liturgy by tuning in to ‘**Liturgy Live**’, available at

<https://dormitionsaskatoon.ca/liturgy-live-2/>

or

<https://www.facebook.com/DormitionSaskatoon.>

I will celebrate the Liturgy as per usual with a limited number of members from our regular Sunday choir who will help lead the responses so that I’m not singing all the parts myself!

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We will not be printing a weekly bulletin this Sunday or next, however, it will be posted on the Dormition Parish website at <https://dormitionsaskatoon.ca/2020-bulletins/>.

2. **Pre-Sanctified Liturgies** scheduled for this Wednesday and Friday, and on Wednesday and Friday of next week are  **canceled** . By extension, the Lenten Friday Mission speakers have been postponed.

3. **Pictorial Directory Photo Session** has been postponed to a later date. Currently, the sessions on April 1 & 2 in Vonda and on April 6 & 7 at Dormition Parish are still on, but that is subject to change.

4. The **Lenten Reconciliation Service** scheduled for this Thursday is  **canceled** . I will, however, be available for confessions **Saturdays at 4:00PM** as usual and by appointment at one of the phone numbers or email address below.

### **5. UCWL Easter Tea & Bake Sale UPDATE**

As you all know, the danger of exposure via human contact is our number one priority these days, so we want to prevent people coming in and out of our church building in groups, limiting risk to our parishioners as much as possible. At the same time, people in our parish and the wider community are still interested in supporting our League and celebrating Easter with these traditional foods.

With that in mind, the *UCWL Easter Tea & Bake Sale* this Saturday from 1:00PM-3:00PM in the parish auditorium has been  **CANCELED** . However, Easter breads and foods will still be available.

**Order forms** will be available **March 20th** where parishioners and others can pre-order their breads, etc., and then come to pick up the order on SATURDAY, APRIL 4th.

As a courtesy, we also have several volunteers prepared to make deliveries (and receive payment for orders) that same day.

The order forms will be available online on social media

<https://www.facebook.com/DormitionSaskatoon>.

and on our parish website

<https://dormitionsaskatoon.ca/>

If you are interested in volunteering to help with these deliveries, please call **306-652-4837** and leave a message.

*Items for sale include:* Babkas, Paskas, Cabbage rolls, Perogies (pyrohy, varenyky, or pedaheh), Butter lambs, and Beet horseradish. We will NOT be selling baking, so PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF BAKING at the church. The raffles and draws will be held at a later date.

**6. A decision regarding Holy Week & Easter Services will be made by the beginning of April.**

## **7. Love your Neighbour:**

At a time like this, I encourage all of you to be mindful of the need to support fellow parishioners and other community members, especially the elderly, the sick, and those who are otherwise home-bound!

One of the blessings of so many canceled or postponed events is that we have more time to connect with those around us. In fact, as I said in my homily this past Sunday: "The coronavirus leaves over 95 percent of its victims still breathing, but it has the potential to leave virtually every member of society afraid, anxious, isolated, alone, and wondering if anyone would even notice if they're gone. In an increasingly disconnected society, the coronavirus could rapidly mutate into an epidemic of despair." Consider checking up on your neighbour, those who live next door to you or those you know from church, to remind them that you care!

**Brothers and Sisters,  
Hang in there! Remember that God loves you.**

*Fr. André Laloch*

**Check out this inspiring message from Metropolitan Borys Gudziak** (Archeparchy of Philadelphia): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwE96igV6Ss&feature=youtu.be>

**For your Lenten Reflection:**

<http://go.dynamiccatholic.com/A40j0kHH10SfAOZ00F0D2UO>

and

<http://go.dynamiccatholic.com/I0A0tHU0FkOaSf1Z050H002>.