

## May 10, 2020 – The Samaritan Woman

NOTE: Weekly bulletins are posted on our parish website: <https://dormitionsaskatoon.ca/2020-bulletins/#>

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

To all moms in our parish community: Happy Mother's Day! A special note of gratitude to **Marcie Lalach** who helped to give me life!

I'm not sure about you, but these past few months have given me plenty of time for reflection – time to think about what is happening now and how we might navigate the future, especially as a parish community. On other occasions, I think about the past – decisions I've made, experiences and encounters that I've had. The good ones are easy to accept, but the bad ones – not so much!

Does your past ever haunt you? The Samaritan Woman in today's Gospel (click [here](#) for the liturgical propers) was someone with a checkered history, but she encountered Good News because Jesus was more interested in her future than her past. He wanted to satisfy her thirst more than judge her history. Jesus looks beyond her past and sees a woman dying of thirst; a woman thirsting to be loved, to be seen, to be accepted, to be included, to be forgiven, to be known. Her thirst would never be quenched by the external wells of life. Nor will ours. Until we come to the well of Christ's life within us, we will continue returning to the dry wells of our life.

One way we can draw upon this 'water of immortality' is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our current pandemic has unfortunately made it very difficult to celebrate in the usual way: face-to-face or in the confessional. Although these same restrictions remain for confessions inside the church, fewer restrictions exist outdoors (especially now with warmer weather). As a result, going forward, I'll be available to celebrate **Reconciliation on Saturdays from 11AM-Noon** (beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>). Please be attentive to posted instructions and give the person in front of you plenty of space not just for social distancing but also confidentiality.

Thank-you to the many individuals who have offered Divine Liturgy intentions this past week! For your information, I am giving individuals who request a Liturgy intention (remember, it's not a 'mass') the option of attending Liturgy in-person in church (along with the members of their household) on the day it is scheduled. This practice is in line with the Eparchial directive of restricting the number of persons gathered in church to less than 10 persons while providing the opportunity to physically be present for prayer in our church building (which I know many of you miss very much).

Remember that I continue to pray for you and your family! We'll see you online - see below for this week's schedule.

Peace be with you!

Fr. André

## UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: 10-17, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 10 May Samaritan Woman	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
Mon, 11 May Cyril & Methodius	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: + John Hrabok
Tues, 12 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: Health – Eleanor Owchar (Rose Hrycuik)
Wed, 13 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings – Jay & Kristi Lalach
	6:30PM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Akathist to the Mother of God
Thurs, 14 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings – Jessica & Gregg Winacott
Sat, 15 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Rose Worona (Prayer Partner)
	11:00AM	Dormition-Church Front Steps	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun, 17 May Man Born Blind	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

- PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER!** Remember especially those who are sick, suffering or house-bound: Alex Skakun, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Rose Chrusch, Tina Wesolowski, Nikolas Stefanyshyn, Albert/Genevieve Zaiachkowski, Delvine Zapananiuk, Olga Kondra, Bill Muzyka.
- Our parish council is grateful to those of you who have left donations in the church mailbox or online via the parish website, or through our pre-authorized debit (PAD) program. THANK YOU! Please continue to use these donation methods or sending your gifts by mail directly to the church (120-105th Street West Saskatoon, SK S7N 1N2). You can also sign-up online to participate in our monthly [Pre-Authorized Debit](#) (PAD) program, or you can make a donation to the parish via e-transfer by sending it to [treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com).
- Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyi Velychkovsky** - Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm (CST) Livestreamed on the [Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine YouTube Channel](#).
- Virtual National March for Life** from May 10-15: Given the present COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, Canadian organizers have announced the first-ever Virtual March for Life: a weeklong, online program building up to the day of the 23rd National March for Life, which marks the May 14, 1969 passing of the infamous omnibus bill that opened the floodgates to abortion on demand in our country. The virtual March for Life initiative will also bring awareness to the killing occurring at the other end of the spectrum, near the end of life, with a focus on the proposed expansions to Canada's

euthanasia law. The March for Life virtual program will include films and interviews streamed online from May 10-12; a virtual candlelight vigil on Wednesday, May 13; online pro-life Masses and religious services on Thursday, May 14; and a livestreamed 'virtual' rally, with guests from Canada and around the world. Additionally, CLC Youth and Niagara Region Right to Life will host a pro-life webinar run exclusively by youth for youth on Friday, May 15, from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm EDT (10:30 am to 1 pm in Saskatchewan). All events will be hosted online at [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca) and various March for Life social media platforms. Watch for updates.

**5. Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy:** During the COVID-19 crisis, patients can still receive pastoral visits from designated denominational chaplains under some circumstances. To request a visit for yourself or a loved one at Saskatoon hospitals, contact Jackie Saretsky at 306-292-5531 or Fr. Rhéal Bussière at 306-371-7125.

**6. Help to feed the hungry** - Saskatoon Friendship Inn has been forced to change its regular operations in order to meet the requirements restricting public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Friendship Inn's free meal service has shifted to take-away only, but it is still open for breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and for lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. More than ever, our neighbours in need are relying on the Friendship Inn for food, while the Inn strives to keep all guests, staff and the community safe. Monetary donations are needed to purchase bulk and wholesale food resources. Please see <https://friendshipinn.ca> for more information about how to donate online.

**7. The Lighthouse** has opened a few more houses in the community as a part of their Home Again program. With this, they are in need of several items to turn these houses into homes. Please go to <https://www.lighthousesaskatoon.org/donate/household-items/> to donate!

**Interested in your child learning a second language?  
Looking for Kindergarten for your young child?**

**Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School  
is accepting registrations online:**

<https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/FIL>



**Students will achieve functional fluency in both English and Ukrainian, while deepening their knowledge about Ukrainian tradition and culture, enriched by the Byzantine Rite in all of their learning.**

**Benefits of a bilingual education:**

- bi- or multi-lingual students tend to have a better memory,
- better problem solving skills,
- and are generally better at switching between tasks.

**About Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools:**

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