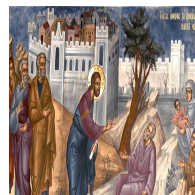


## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes** – Paul was a hermit in the Egyptian wilderness of Thebes. He was a disciple of St. Anthony the Great.



**John the Hut-Dweller** – John lived in the 5<sup>th</sup> century and was a model of asceticism. After years of cenobitic life, he left the monastery and dwelt in a hut built on his parents' property.

**\*\* Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023\*\***

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### ***Liturgical Services this coming week***

**Saturday, Jan. 14 \*\*\* Grindrod Parish \*\*\* 4:00 p.m. Div. Lit.:**  
*God's blessings to all parishioners*

**Sunday, Jan 15 \*\* 9:30 a.m. \*\* Rosary (Eng.) / Sacrament of Confession \*\* 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit. (Eng./Ukr.):** God's blessings to all parishioners

**Tuesday, Jan. 17 \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *God's blessings for Jacob Tudan*

**Wednesday, Jan. 18 \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *God's blessings for Pino A.*

**Thursday, Jan. 19 \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *God's blessings for Brother Knights of Columbus & their families*

**Friday, Jan. 20 \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *God's blessings to David L.*

**Saturday, Jan. 21 \*\*\* Grindrod Parish \*\*\* 4:00 p.m. Div. Lit.:**  
*God's blessings to all parishioners*

**Sunday, January 22 \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Rosary\*\*\* 10:00 a.m. \*\*\***  
*Div. Lit.* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners



***Troparion, Tone 7:*** By Your cross You destroyed death; \* You opened Paradise to the thief; \* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, \* and charged the apostles to proclaim \* that You are risen, O Christ our God, \* offering great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

***Kontakion, Tone 7:*** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, \* for Christ went down shattering and destroying it's powers. \* Hades is bound. \* The prophets exult with one voice. \* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying: \* "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***Theotokion, Tone 7:*** O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you, \* bring us up from the pit and depth of sin, \* for you have saved those subject to sin \* by giving birth to our Salvation, \* O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth, \* and still a Virgin after childbirth.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 7 -*** The Lord will give strength to His people; \* the Lord will bless His people with peace.  
***verse:*** Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. (*Psalm 28:11,1*)

***Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 -*** Timothy my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia, Tone 7** - It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

**verse:** To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. (*Psalm 91:2,3*)



**Gospel:** *Luke 18:35-43 (NRSV)*

At that time, when Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

**Communion Hymn** - Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise Him in the highest. \* Alleluia, alleluia, \* alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)

### CATECHETICAL SUMMARY

The blind man in today’s Gospel offers us a powerful example of “holy boldness.” He did not hesitate to cry out loudly to the Lord for mercy, despite being told by others to be quiet. His faith in Christ, and his awareness of his need for mercy would not allow him to be quiet. He knew that Christ had the authority to heal him, and believed that He would want him to be healed of his blindness, He did not allow how he was perceived in the eyes of men, prevent Him from turning to the Lord and asking for his mercy.

The world wants us to think that our faith is best kept quiet, that is what is “respectable.” We can believe what we want, as long as we “keep it to ourselves.” We must not keep our faith to ourselves, however! Our faith in Christ is the greatest gift we

have and we must not be afraid to share it with others. Let us not be ashamed to proclaim ourselves Christians, and to proclaim the gift of mercy that God has given us.

Notice in the Gospel that the very people who had told the blind man to be quiet, however, were moved after the Lord healed him, and they also praised God. When we are willing to praise God publicly, we often remind others of the importance of thanking God, and embolden them to do so with us.

**\*\*\*\* To Ponder \*\*\*\***

*“The mercy of God is infinite, and according to the Gospel, even if our sins were infinite, His mercy is yet greater than our sins. And the Apostle Paul has said that Christ the blessed came into the world to save sinners.”* **St. Francis of Assisi**

*“It is impossible to live according to the heart of Jesus Christ and not to know that we are sent, as He was, ‘to save all sinners’ (1 Tim 1:15), with the clear realization that we ourselves need to trust in the mercy of God more and more every day. As a result, we will foster in ourselves a vehement desire to be co-redeemers with Christ, to save all souls with Him.”* **St. Josemaria Escriva**

*“Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what ought.”* **St. John Paul II**

**\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\***

**A warm welcome** - to all parishioners & guests who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy. We wish you a blessed & healthy week!



**Thank you to all our  
Supporters & Volunteers –  
Дякуємо – Many thanks to everyone**



for your continued support of our parish community and for supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine.

**Please Pray for health of ...** All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Ellie; Guin; Ken S. Michelle M., Anne T., Fr. J, Rita N., Claude & Eva G., Mary & Dave E., Lawrence & Ping B., Ashley H.; Steven Ch., Jill C., Shelly N., Shane E., Ray S; Jeanette N., Elsie K., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Gladys O., BJeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., Sarah N., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



**Monthly Parish Council Meeting** – will take place today **Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at noon at the parish hall. During coffee time prior to the meeting, Fr. Andrzej will have a short pastoral address.

**Jordan House Blessings** - this week, Fr. Andrzej will begin his 2023 pastoral visits. Please assist him in planning these visits by contacting him at 250-461-7249.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Board meeting** – will take place this coming **Tue., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023** & all members on **Tue. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>**. Both meetings will take place at 11:00 a.m. at our parish hall.

**Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Monthly Meeting** – will take place this coming **Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. at OLPH parish centre.



**Monthly Ukrainian Dinner** – will take place at the United church this coming **Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at 421 St. Paul St., Kamloops.

**Perogy Sales** – We are continuing to take orders for perogy purchases. Anyone wishing to place an order, please call Mrs. Adelle Dmyterko at **250-554-3107** or Mrs. Mary Emery **250-376-8934**. Cost: \$6.00 a dozen.



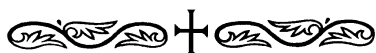
**This Week's Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, Jan. 8 –  
**Kamloops:** \$690.00 \*\*\* **Grindrod:** \$364.35 & Caroling \$440.00  
*May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*



### **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

*If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*



### **Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

**Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time.

**Baptisms:** by appointment.

**Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

**Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction):** Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with the parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.



### **Why Do We Bless Homes?**

The blessing of homes constitutes an invocative blessing,

meaning that by his prayer and by the sprinkling of Holy Water, the priest invokes God's blessings and protection upon the home and those living in it.

We bless homes for many reasons:

- *to reveal the home as what God had created it to be, a way to Heaven*
- *to rid the home of every evil*
- *to show that the family is a small Church unit in Christ*
- *to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God*
- *to fill the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God*

Traditionally, the priest personally visits all his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. By sanctifying our homes, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. Just as our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and consequently lose God's protective power.

We cleanse our souls of sins at least once a year, and the church is blessed with the newly blessed water every year, so should our homes be sanctified with Holy Water to invoke God's blessings and protection on it and its inhabitants. As we renew the insurance on our home every year, so we should renew our insurance of God's protection and His blessing which is of greater importance and more effective.

*What should we do during a home blessing?*

As we welcome our priest during the holy season of Theophany to bless our home, let us be mindful that he is bringing to us the "blessing of the Jordan," and that unless God protects and blesses our home, we "labour in vain." (Ps. 12 7:1)

Each family is considered a domestic church and the family

table is the home altar. When the priest comes, have as many family members there as possible. If you do not have an icon corner, ensure that you set up a place for prayer either at the kitchen or dining table.

On the table include an icon and a lit candle. You may also include anything that you may want to have blessed (i.e. icon, cross, personal item, etc.) This is also a wonderful time for you and your priest to visit and to get to know each other better.

\*\*\*\*\* *Prayers* \*\*\*\*\*

*Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



*Prayer of 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.