

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

On this Special Day, May God Grant
all "Dads" & our "Spiritual Fathers"
Many Happy Years ! Многая Літа !

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST	GREETERS
SAT JUNE 18	5:00 pm English	Tom Abrametz	Peter Kobylka	Paul Shewchuk Andy Mathuik		
SUN JUNE 19 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian			Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Dolores Harris	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Steven Hrynkiw Ed Lischynski	Iris Skehar	Elizabeth Zahayko
SAT JUNE 25 <i>VIDPUST</i>	5:00 pm English	Vi Kluk	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha	Iris Skehar	
SUN JUNE 19 <i>VIDPUST</i>	10:00 am Ukr / Eng			Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		Phyllis Lazaruk



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St. Anthony's Parish in Rama, Saskatchewan
is celebrating the 75th Pilgrimage on August 14th & 15th.
Watch for more information to follow

SUNDAY COLLECTION JUNE 12 2016	Received in 169 Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,773.10
	Loose Collection	\$ 175.25
	Received in 13 Other Envelopes	\$ 180.00

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PARISH BULLETIN

JUNE 19, 2016

Christ is Among Us !
He is and will be !

Христос Посеред нас !
Є і буде !



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm

Welcome - Вітаємо

to everyone who is with us today, especially all Visitors.

We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

Pastoral Care of the Ukrainian Redemptorists

Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR - Pastor
Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR - Assistant Pastor
Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday
9:15 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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SICK CALLS - Anytime

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES* by Appointment

*Please contact the pastor at least six
months before the wedding date.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Saturday	5:00 pm	English
Sunday	9:00 am	Ukrainian
	11:00 am	English

HOLY DAYS

9:00 am	Ukrainian	7:00 pm	English
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WEEKDAYS

8:00 am	Monday - Friday
9:00 am	Saturday

Slava Isusu Khrystu! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

I was searching thru the internet re: Father's Day and was shocked to discover a message I wrote in 1993 was posted for 1000's to read... May I share it with you? It is rather personal..

"My five sisters and five brothers and I were among the most fortunate children to having a loving **"tato"** who generously hugged, patiently listened, wisely taught and unexpectedly died in 1966 at the age of 60, the year before I was ordained a priest. As the parish cantor, he sincerely had hoped some day to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with his son, the priest. Thirty-six years later(*now 50 years later*), a day doesn't go by when this priest doesn't think of him or feel his loving presence and pray for him!

"I truly believe I was especially fortunate because I sadly remember other friends, not feeling quite the same way about their fathers. I am, however, hopeful for today's children because there are many positive signs that certain changes in the role of the father contribute to healthier and happier generations to come.

"An interesting article I recently read reveals that **90%** of fathers today say they share in child care, help feed the baby and take a turn at the changing table. Most expectant fathers are, nervously but happily, present in delivery rooms and **75%** of fathers say they spend more time with their children than their fathers spent with them.

"One middle-aged executive shared: *"My personal goal, when I'm in my senior years, is to look back and say to myself that I took every opportunity to spend time with my children and with my wife."* His perspective is extremely vital for all fathers and their children. Several recent studies demonstrate that **warmth** and **attention from their dads** produced mature, self-reliant girls and confident, caring boys. This is no surprise to those of us who were strongly supported and lovingly cared for by our fathers.

"Dads no less than moms owe it to their children to often warmly embrace, to generously love, to frequently be there for them and they also owe it to themselves as well. Today would be the perfect day for parents and youngsters to **"catch up"** on a little hugging and some deeply felt **"I love you's"**. At least, I think so and my father would have too!

"On this **Father's Day**, as a parish **"father"**, I extend my heartfelt and warmest greetings to all the **"FATHERS"** (and of course, **GRANDFATHERS** too) and pray that God the Father blesses each and everyone of you!"

P.S. Please take God with you wherever you journey this summer and please continue to support St. Mary's both financially, physically and spiritually! God loves to travel with you!



**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 29	<i>Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul</i>	
July 5	Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court	1:30 pm
July 6	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing	11:00 am
July 12	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
July 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon
July 24	Knights of Columbus Bingo	1:00 pm
July 28	Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries	1:00 pm
August 6	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> (Blessing of Fruit)	
August 15	<i>Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God</i> (Blessing of Flowers)	
September 5	Regular Weekend Divine Liturgy Schedule resumes	
September 5	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
September 5	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
September 12	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:30 pm
September 19	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
September 20	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm

ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP ~ MADGE LAKE
"PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD"



Youth Camp: July 3-8 and July 10-16
Teen Camp: July 17-22

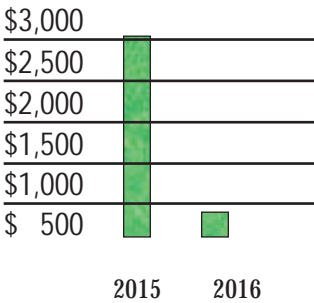
Please visit the website at: www.stmichaelscamp.com

Online registration is available.

Brochures and Registration Forms are also available in the East Entrance and Sacristy of the Church.

CO-MISSIONARY FUND
2015 -16

****OUR TARGET FOR THIS
YEAR IS \$3000.00****



Co-Missionary Fund Contributions can be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Our goal is to contribute \$250/month or \$3,000/yr. Please make your cheques payable to "St. Mary's" but memo the cheque **Co-Missionary Fund**.

DIVINE LITURGY AT MADGE LAKE

Fr. Ray will be having Divine Liturgy
at Holy Eucharist Church at
St. Michael's Camp at **5:00 pm**
on **Sunday, July 3 & 10.**

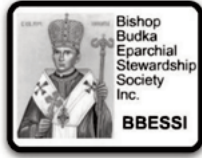


Listen for the UKRAINIAN HOUR
Sundays 3:00 - 4:00 pm Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 pm
on 98.5 the ROCK



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Starting on June 26th and for the months of July and August
the weekend Divine Liturgy schedule will be
Saturday evening at 5:00 pm and *Sundays at 10:00 am only.*



Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. (BBESSI) presents
the

ANNUAL EPARCHIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



When: Saturday, August 20, 2016

Where: Regina - Aspen Links Golf Course (310 Emerald Park Road)

Registration: 11:00 am; Shot Gun Start Tee Off – 12:00 pm (noon) (Texas Scramble)

Dinner, Prizes & Rider Game on TV: After Golf at St. Basil's Parish Centre (1710 Toronto St.)

Registration Fee: \$150.00 per Golfer, includes Golf Fees, Cart, Dinner & Prizes.

Charitable Receipt will be issued for a portion of the Registration Fee.

For more details and registration form, please access our website: www.bbessi.org

For Sponsorship Opportunities, please call Terry @ 306-584-7689 or Andrij @ 306-533-2750

The **11th annual Compassionate Healers Mass** is being held on **Tuesday October 11th at 7:00 pm**, at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 222 Willow Street, Saskatoon. Refreshments to follow. Coming together as one community this special invitation is extended to: Medical Personnel, Spiritual Care, Volunteers, Parish Nurses, Men and Women Religious in Health Care Ministry, Ministry of Care Volunteers in Parishes and Health Care Facilities and Family Caregivers, Medical & Healthcare Students. This mass invites all to be re-energized in our professional and personal dedication and in our faith. Bound by common beliefs, we share in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ throughout the Diocese.

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

****Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly****

BEAVERDALE	Sunday, July 17	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, August 14	10:00 am	Praznyk & Blessing of Graves
CALDER	Sunday, July 31	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, August 28	10:00 am	Praznyk & Blessing of Graves
DNEIPER	Sunday, July 31	1:00 pm	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
INSINGER (St. Nicholas)	Sunday, June 19	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
JAROSLAW	Sunday, July 24	2:00 pm	Blessing of Graves
JEDBURGH	Sunday, August 14	(after Beaverdale)	Blessing of Graves
MODEL FARM	Sunday, July 10	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
PARKERVIEW	Sunday, July 3	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
STORNOWAY	Sunday, August 21	(after Wroxton)	Blessing of Graves
WHITESAND	Sunday, July 10	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
	Sunday, August 7	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
WILLOWBROOK	Sunday, July 24	10:00 am	Praznyk
WROXTON	Sunday, August 21	TBA	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves

BEATITUDES FOR FATHERS



Blessed are fathers...

who mixed discipline with love, they shall know mercy.

Blessed are fathers...

who gave us value with which to live the Christian life, they shall share God's Kingdom.

Blessed are fathers...

who left us an appreciation of the value and dignity of work, they shall find rest.

Blessed are fathers...

who pointed out our responsibility and duties, they will be blessed.

Blessed are fathers...

who taught us how to live on earth for heaven, they will know God.

Blessed are fathers...

who showed us the meaning of service by example, they shall be served.

Blessed are fathers...

who gave us a clear picture of what a father should be, they will live forever.

Blessed are fathers...

whose love for our mothers taught us the importance of loving God and each other, they shall see God.

Містер Рудахтор!

КУЖДИЙ має свій день. Куждий має своє світло. І тато нинька має своє світло. Колись за Польської то було навіть «світло коня». У Канаді перечинчували то на «фадерс дей». Бо тато працює, як кінь. Мій бойсик кличе мене горсі.

Тут, як знаєте, в Канаді є бабське право. Фор шур. Хлоп на фермі тяжко гарує, а потіхи мало має. Часом від жінки ще гела дістане. Також хлоп з міста цілий день робит у фекторі, чи ситого, чи сіенара, чи сіпіяра, а як прийде з порожнов динерков до дому, то нема сопєру. Жінка не мала опєнера кєнеки отворити. Хлоп то мусів зробити, тай ще всі дишєс помити. Жінка цілий день ходила шапінг. Бо знаєте куждий день є сийл, як не в Ітона, то в Гонценбея. У вечер, жінка йде на мітінг, а хлоп лишаєсі за бибі ситєра. Хлоп нігди рєсту не має.

Також ведлуг експєнсів, хлоп рєсту не має. На «Вєлєнтайм» бойсові треба гроші дати, «Сийдігакінс дей» дівці треба гроші дати, жиби мала защо бойфрєндові корсаж



купити. На «Крисмес» треба дати і на «матєрс дей». Навіть на свій власний «фадєрс дей» треба дати.

Моя мисис каже: «Сем, як хочєш, жибим ти купила прєзєнт, то дай гроші». Мій бойсик каже: «Дєді, дай гроші, бо завтра твій фадєрс дей». Нєма рєсту. А на самє моє святє, каже моя мисис і мій соні: «Дєді заєри нас нинька авт, бо сє твій дєнь!»...

І я мусів гару рихтувати і їхати з фамільов на райда. А там мусів купувати гатдогі і айскрім. Я собі ніц не купив, бо готєлі в неділю замкнєні. Фамілія мала гуд тайм, а я експєнси.

Такє то тата свєто, такий то в Канаді фадєрс дей.

Куждий хлоп бідує. Да цєл.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 10:1-10 ~ Matthew 8:28-9:1

MON June 20 Priest Martyr Methodius

Romans 16:17-24 ~ Matthew 13:10-23

8:00 am Birthday Blessings for Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR.....Lori Keller

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Joyce Martynuik.....St. Mary's Redemptorists & Staff

TUE June 21 Martyr Julian

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ~ Matthew 13:24-30

8:00 am Birthday Blessings for Dan & Gloria Lischynski.....Jerry & Toni

8:00 am Salvation for the Serelo Family.....N.N.

WED June 22 Priest Martyr Eusebius

1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8 ~ Matthew 13:31-36

8:00 am +Deceased Members & Families, +Deceased Clergy & Religious.....UCWLC

8:00 am +Bob Pastershank.....Mother

THU June 23 Venerable Martyr Agrippina

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 ~ Matthew 13:36-43

8:00 am +Victor Fedorowich.....Family

8:00 am +Mary Yakiwchuk.....Golden Agers

FRI June 24

Romans 13:11-14:4 ~ Luke 1:5-25;57-80



9:00 am

Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist

7:00 pm

SAT June 25 Venerable Martyr Febronia

Romans 9:1-5 ~ Matthew 9:18-26

9:00 am **VIDPUST** - Health & God's Blessings for Our Parishioners

5:00 pm Members & Families.....Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are paying for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission



ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday, June 21st until Tuesday, August 9th
It will resume on Tuesday, August 16th 1:00 - 4:00 pm



ST. MARY'S OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank you for your continuous support. We'd greatly appreciate food items donations for St. Mary's School lunch program and for those in need in our community. Please see the list below

granola/snack bars
dill pickles
ketchup
jello cups

canned soup
jam
Cheese Whiz
pudding cups

spaghetti sauce
pancake syrup
mustard
cereal

pork & beans
kidney beans
cookies
juice boxes

Non-perishable food items only, please. Bins are located at each entrance.
If you wish to give a monetary donation, please find the envelopes at the entrances.



EMAIL BULLETIN - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: cssrmonastery@sasktel.net

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



In Memory of Parents, Wife & Siblings

Walter Wozney \$ 1,000.00

In Memory of Nick Waslynka

Scott & Julie Knapp \$ 100.00

In Memory of Katie Dobko

Kevin & Theresa Beck \$ 50.00 Mike & Adeline Kardynal \$ 20.00

Orest & Elizabeth Zahayko \$ 50.00 Doreen Pohorelic \$ 20.00

Craig & Kim Dobko \$ 50.00 Irene Prokopchuk \$ 20.00

Roseline Lazurko \$ 50.00 Anne N. Dobko \$ 20.00

Joanne Backlur \$ 50.00

Balance of the Fund to date: \$ 311,155.91

Thank you very much

Donations may be given anytime.

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church.

Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

ST. MARY'S CHURCH DONATIONS

In Memory of Katie Dobko

Choir \$ 75.00 Allan Bailey \$ 20.00

Eva Signarowski \$ 50.00 Emily Spelay \$ 20.00

Darlene Laycock \$ 50.00 William & Mary Oleynik \$ 20.00

Peter & Sharon Uhryn \$ 40.00



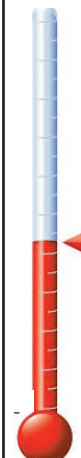
St. Mary's Cultural Centre Perogie Bee

Tuesday, June 21st - 8:00 am

Please come out to help if you are able.



\$28,200



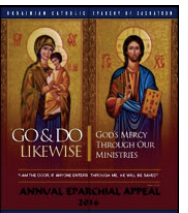
\$12,000

ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL

Once you are ready to make your pledge, You may place your completed, sealed envelope in the collection plate and we will send it unopened to the Appeal.

or you can mail it directly to:

BBESSI
214 Avenue M South
Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4



ST. MARY'S VIDPUST JUNE 23 - 26



MISSIONARY

**RT. REV. MITRAT
MICHAEL BUYACHOK**



THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD

7:00 pm: Moleben to the Mother of God & sermon
followed by fellowship (Cultural Centre)

FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH

Feast of St. John the Baptist

9:00 am: Divine Liturgy & sermon

6:30 pm: Confessions

7:00 pm: Divine Liturgy & sermon
followed by fellowship

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

9:00 am: Confessions

9:30 am: Recitation of the Rosary

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy with sermon

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Divine Liturgy with sermon

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH

9:00 am: Confessions

9:30 am: Recitation of the Rosary

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy & Vidpust Sermon
Blessing of Water & Religious Articles

12:00 pm: Brunch at St. Mary's Cultural Centre

Brunch Tickets available at the Door

Adults: \$ 12.00

12 & under: \$ 6.00 5 & under: Free

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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 19, 2016

The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection.

We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.



*Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found on pages 47-49 in the
Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings
booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.*

Next Week's Readings: Epistle - Romans 12:6-14 Gospel - Matthew 9:1-8

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:00 am Divine Liturgy

MON 7:00 pm Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting

TUE 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

..... Parish Council Meeting (to follow Divine Liturgy)

THU 4:00 pm Golden Agers Fathers' Day Supper

7:00 pm VIDPUST Moleben to the Mother of God & Sermon

..... Fellowship to follow at St. Mary's Cultural Centre

FRI Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist

9:00 am VIDPUST Divine Liturgy & Sermon

6:30 pm VIDPUST Confessions

7:00 pm VIDPUST Divine Liturgy & Sermon

..... Fellowship to follow at St. Mary's Cultural Centre

SAT 9:00 am VIDPUST Confessions

9:30 am VIDPUST Recitation of the Rosary

10:00 am VIDPUST Divine Liturgy & Sermon

4:00 pm VIDPUST Confessions

5:00 pm VIDPUST Divine Liturgy

WEDDINGS PLANS ??- If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, **please contact Fr. Bohdan (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.**

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin is Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends
of **+Rose Sass and +Peter Stachiw** who passed away recently.

Вічна Память God Grant Them Eternal Rest Вічна Память



Eparchy of Saskatoon Family and Life Office Bulletin:

Fathers Day June 19, 2016

"The future of the world passes through the family" Familiaris Consortio, 79

The Synod on the Family 2015 has culminated with the recently promulgated Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis called *Amoris Laetitia/ Joy of Love*(AL). In this very rich teaching the Holy Father reflects deeply on the role, challenges and gifts of marriage and family, and in particular the importance and role of fathers. To celebrate fatherhood, and the men who daily lay down their lives for their wives and families (including those heroic men, our priests, who devote their lives to love and serve Christ's bride the Church) let us take this opportunity to reflect on the words of the Holy Father:

Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia/The Joy of Love(AL) on Fatherhood:

1. Being a good father is not just about a particular "role", the way we used to view fathers, as different situations today require flexibility. (AL 175, 286).
2. Fathers who are present and involved in the lives of their families show us with a clear picture of authentic masculinity, without rigid definitions. (AL 176).
3. Good fathers give their children room to grow and develop into the persons God is calling them to be (AL 176).
4. Avoiding the two extremes of either being overbearing or absent, a good father will always put the needs of his family first. (AL 176).
5. In a world where all authority is suspect, we can't forget that children need a father who can offer them "sure and solid guidance" in order to mature (AL 176).
6. God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be "close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship". Fathers bless their children by loving their mother as Christ loves the Church (AL 177, 156).
7. Children need a father who is present in all things, to encourage and gently guide—at work, play, in silence, or conversation, when they are carefree and distressed (AL 177).
8. Children need a father who is able witness deeply to his own spiritual experience, always proposing rather than trying to impose the faith, while fostering the spiritual growth of his children. (AL 288).
9. Fathers who know and trust God can powerfully pass on the faith, as scripture attests "fathers make known to children Your faithfulness" (Is 38:19) (AL, 287).
10. A father who prays and guides his family in prayer will be an effective source of evangelization for his family. (AL 288). ☺ DPL Thanks Dad!



Raising children calls for an orderly process of handing on the faith. This is made difficult by current lifestyles, work schedules and the complexity of today's world, where many people keep up a frenetic pace just to survive. Even so, the home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the faith, to pray and to serve our neighbour. (AL287)

Dear fathers: Thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world.

A Prayer of Blessing for all Fathers:

For those yet to become fathers we pray for courage and acceptance of the life that may be entrusted to your care. We pray that all men open their hearts to the love of the Holy Trinity and are able to trust in God who is the source of all love and life. We pray especially for those who struggle with the idea of fatherhood, as they may not have had good role models in their lives of what it means to be a father. May they cling to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the example of Christ who clearly modeled for us the love of our heavenly Father. May they always reverence life and uphold the dignity of all women as the bearers of that life. Lord have mercy.

Also we remember those who, for a multitude of reasons, may never become biological fathers but are true fathers just the same. May they always be open to imparting support, guidance and truth to those entrusted to them. Let us remember in a special way those who give of themselves, for the sake of the Kingdom, in priestly and/or religious life. Bless all these fathers for the great gifts they give the Church and the world. Lord have mercy.

For all those who are currently performing the great work of fatherhood—we pray for your faith, courage, acceptance, perseverance and above all for JOY! "Some fathers feel they are useless or unnecessary, but the fact is that 'children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems.'" (AL 177) We pray that You Lord will guide our fathers as they love and care for the family entrusted to them. Please help us as wives and families to respect and take the time to listen to our husbands and fathers. Forgive our fathers for all of their sins—especially if we have suffered abandonment or any abuse at their hands. Help us to forgive them and not give up on fatherhood as an essential calling of all men. Help all fathers to receive Your grace and mercy and be channels of love and mercy for others. Lord have mercy.

For all our fathers who have passed on to eternal life we pray for their eternal peace in the place where the "sound of those celebrating never ceases." We pray that someday we will be reunited with our father, grandfather or spiritual father in the place where there is "...no more mourning, and crying and pain will be no more." (Rev. 21:4) Dear Dad, please pray for us as we know that "The better we live on this earth, the greater the happiness we will be able to share with our loved ones in heaven. The more we are able to mature and develop in this world, the more gifts we will be able to bring to the heavenly banquet." (AL 258) Lord have mercy.

Lord help us all to honor all our fathers and thank them today for the gift of their love! Lord have mercy.