

Christ is among us!  
He is and will be!



Христос посеред нас!  
Є і буде!

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Sunday, Dec 16 • Sun. of the Holy Fore-Fathers** Post f.-Immaculate Conception **Colossians 3: 4-11 ~ Luke 17: 12-19**

5:00 pm (Sat.) †Harold Skazyk.....Skazyk family  
8:30 am God's blessings for St. Joseph's parishioners.....  
10:00 am (HFH) God's blessing for Wawrykow family.....Allan and Joanne Malenko  
11:00 am †Mitch Krasnowski (2 yrs).....Phyllis

**Monday, December 17 • Prophet Daniel** Hebrews 8: 7-13 ~ Mark 8: 11-21

8:00 am Health of Margaret Subtelny.....Morris and family  
Health of Luba and David Boyko.....Pauline Wuschenny  
11:00 am (Bethany) †Walter and †Catherine Michalchyshyn.....Stella Hryniuk  
7:00 pm Blessings on St. Joseph's Parish and Parish Council

**Tuesday, December 18 • Martyr Sebastian** Hebrews 9: 8-10, 15-23 ~ Mark 8: 22-26

8:00 am †James Zaboroski.....Stella and Nick Jaman  
11:00 am (Bethany) †Nykola, Sofia, Michael, John, Metro, Peter.....Barbara Slobodzian

**Wednesday, December 19 • Martyr Boniface** Hebrews 10: 1-18 ~ Mark 8: 30-34

8:00 am †John Negrich, †Peter Werhun, †Frank Loewen, †Tena Slobozian.....Val Werhun  
10:00 am (HFH) Health and God's Blessings for Sajdak family.....Nada Sajdak  
10:30 am Blessings on St. Joseph's Seniors.....  
7:00 pm Devotions to Blessed Vasyl and Anointing.....

**Thursday, December 20 • Priest Martyr Ignatius** Hebrews 10:35 -11:7 ~ Mark 9: 10-16

8:00 am †Anne and †Alexander Iwanuck.....family  
11:00 am (Bethany) Thanksgiving for all Benefactors.....Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

**Friday, December 21 • Martyr Juliana** Hebrews 11: 8-16 ~ Mark 9: 33-41

8:00 am †Bishop Michael Hrynchyshyn (40 day).....Joanne Lewandosky and Henry Kuzia  
11:00 am (Bethany) Thanksgiving for all Benefactors.....Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

**Saturday, December 22 • Saturday before the Nativity** Galatians 3: 8-12 ~ Luke 13: 19-29

7:30 am (HFH) Thanksgiving for all Benefactors.....Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate  
8:30 am †Pauline Kaban.....Kaban family

**Sunday, Dec 23 • Sunday before the Nativity** Hebrews 11: 9-10; 17-23; 32-40 ~ Matthew 1: 1-25

5:00 pm (Sat.) †Nellie Romanitz (40 day).....Muzyka family  
8:30 am God's blessings for St. Joseph's parishioners.....  
10:00 am (HFH) God's blessing for Sister Eugenia Stefaniuk.....SSMI  
11:00 am †William Domitruki (10 yrs).....Sonia and family

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION December 9, 2012 THANK YOU! 151 envelopes \$ 3,501.00

Initial Offering \$10 ; Open Collection \$ 70.00 ; Vigil Lamps \$ 135.00 ; Outreach \$80 includes \$50 in memory of †Marian Parlj ; Christmas Flowers \$ 130.00 ; Christmas Offering \$ 45.00 ; Church Decorating Fund \$20 & \$10,000 in memory of †Olga Cherewyk ; We gratefully acknowledge Fr. Shyshkovich Council for their fundraiser held Nov 17 for the Building & Capital Maintenance Fund (\$3275.80)

Payment of \$7500 has been mailed Cdn Wheelchair Foundation for 50 Wheelchairs to Ukraine project.

Parishioners who need a ride to Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Saturday (ENG), 8:30am Sunday (UKR), are asked to please call Josie & Rudy 694-8763 or 797-4639 no later than 6:00 pm the evening before.

# ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Українська Католицька Парафія Святого Йосифа

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**DECEMBER 16TH 2012 • SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FORE-FATHERS**  
**POST FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**16 грудня 2012 • Неділя Святих Праотців**

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FATHER LEONARD RATUSHNIAK, CSSR  
Pastor of ST. ANDREWS PARISH

#### SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY

5:00 PM SATURDAY (ENGLISH)  
8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 11:00 AM (ENGLISH)

#### DAILY DIVINE LITURGY

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY • 8:30 AM SAT.

VESPERS SATURDAY 4:15 - 5:00 PM

#### Holy Days

8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 7:00 PM (ENGLISH)

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#### HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY: AFTER DIVINE LITURGIES  
MONDAY: CLOSED  
TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
SATURDAY: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be forever~  
The parish of St. Joseph extends a warm welcome to all our guests. We are pleased that you have come to pray with us. May the Lord bless you!

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НА ВІКИ!  
Парафія святого Йосифа сердечно вітає всіх гостей, які прибули до нас на Богослуження. Нехай Бог вас благословить!

**Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ!**

Yes, it truly is good and even wonderful to be back at St. Joseph's, sharing your faith journey and coming to recognize the good Lord, as we strive to come to know Him and cherish His great and majestic love for you and me. We gather here in our "home of worship" to learn and experience God's presence in our lives – it is here in our church that we can be ensured of our salvation and eternal life...

How often many of us come to church on Sunday expecting everything to be in place and to run smoothly. We come, we pray and we leave and possibly, that is the extent of our church involvement. Oh yes, we toss in our church envelope and that's it!

Do we realize that many, many *volunteers* are very actively and freely involved, often behind the scene – in order that the parish and the Church can and does exist...

We have volunteers on Parish Council, in the UCWLC, the Knights of Columbus, the Men's Club, the Senior's Club, the Parish Choir, the Outreach, the Children's programs, etc. We do have volunteers who raise money that we might continue to operate – be it the Bingo which has sponsored so many projects, or making Perogies which demands dozens of willing workers (*as I compose this, there are some 75 volunteers happily working in the hall*), or selling items of interest or hosting bazaars, bake sales, raffles, etc., etc!

Do we truly realize how much we have to be thankful for? Honest – our Church could never, never, never survive without ALL these voluntary assistance! May the good Lord bless them all and may He also encourage even more to offer their talents for the greater glory of God and humankind.... We do appreciate all that you do! Thank You!

As we prayerfully prepare for Christ-mas, may I share a special poem that can be a source of inspiration – for you and me.... **The Knots Prayer**

*Dear God: Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.*

*Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind.*

*Erase the will nots, the may nots, might nots that find a home in my heart.*

*Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.*

*And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart*

*and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back,*

*especially the thought that I am not good enough. Amen.*



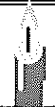


May we welcome everyone down into the hall after the 11 am Liturgy? Our beloved children have prepared a small Christmas concert for you and for St. Nicholas!

Wishing all of you a wonderful, beautiful, peaceful and loveful

Christ-mas – Yes, the *Reason* for the *Season* is the birth of Jesus Christ!



From the  
**Pastor's Desk**

<p><b>December 15th Dec. 16, 2012</b></p>	<p><b>December 22nd Dec. 23, 2012</b></p>	<p><b>St. Joseph's Seniors</b> would like to say thank you very much to all who came to help at the last Perogy Bee. God Bless You! <b>Please keep January 15 and 16th open for the next Perogy Bee.</b> Call Millie 589-3518 to place your order.</p>
<p><u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday S. Rorabeck 8:30 am Sunday Parish Choir 11:00 am Sunday Children's Liturgy</p>	<p><u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday G. Winch 8:30 am Sunday A. Marcinkow 11:00 am Sunday J. Washchyshyn</p>	<p> <b>Caroling at HFH, Tues, Jan 8, 2013</b> 4:45 pm registration; \$12/person for dinner that will follow the caroling for the residents.</p> <p>***** <b>**Year End 2012 Donations <u>must</u> be in the office by Monday, December 31, 2012**</b></p> <p> <b>2013 Calendar and 2013 Offering Envelopes, which are in numerical order, are ready for pick up in the church auditorium.</b></p> <p>If you don't remember your number, then please see the alphabetical list on the bulletin board. If you cannot find your envelopes, or if you are new to the church and would like envelopes, then please call the parish office weekdays at 339-4512.</p>
<p><u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday J. Hykawy M. Hykawy 8:30 am Sunday T. Rodeck E. Yarish 11:00 am Sunday G. Kukura L. Trach</p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday J. Tchir S. Sumka 8:30 am Sunday A. Danylchuk N. Winchar 11:00 am Sunday D. Gulchak B. Rolston</p>	<p> <b>Bethlehem Peacelight</b> from the Birthplace of Jesus will be here on Sunday, Decr 23. This Peace light was brought to our church by Plast Ukr Youth Association in Winnipeg. <u>Come join us in sharing this symbol of peace, love and hope!</u> You may buy a candle and bring the live flame home.</p>
<p><u>Vigil Lamps</u> <u>Dec 10 - Dec 23, 2012</u> M. Solman V. Solman</p>	<p><u>Vigil Lamps</u> <u>Dec 24 - Jan 6, 2013</u> D. Sidak E. Kuzenko</p>	<p> <b>Church cleaning Thursday, December 20th</b> 9:00 am-Parishioners, please come out to help <u>beautify</u> our church for Christmas.</p> <p> <b>Thank You Radist'</b> for enhancing our Liturgy celebration with your harmonious voices and music.</p>
<p><b>Upcoming at St. Joseph's</b></p> <p><b>Dec 16 Sun.</b> St. Joseph's choir sings 8:30am Liturgy; Catechism 10-11am; Children's Liturgy 11am followed by a hot dog lunch provided by Knights of Columbus (donations accepted) and <b>St. Nicholas celebration for EVERYONE!</b></p> <p><b>Dec 17 Mon.</b> Parish Council meeting following 7:00 liturgy</p> <p><b>Dec 19 Wed.</b> Seniors Club-Liturgy 10:30am, followed by Birthday / Christmas Party</p> <p><b>Dec 20 Thurs.</b> All Parishioners are invited to help with church cleaning 9:00 am</p> <p><b>Dec 24 Mon.</b> <u>Christmas Eve (Fast Day) Divine Liturgies 5pm and 8:30 pm English; Great Compline &amp; Carols 10pm &amp; Divine Liturgy 10:30 pm (Ukr)</u></p> <p><b>Dec 25 Tues.</b> <u>Christmas Day Divine Liturgy 10:00 am</u> Christ is born! Glorify Him! ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВИТЕ ЙОГО!</p>		

The following was written by Ben Stein and recited by him  
on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary. **MY CONFESSION**

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit-up, bejeweled trees, Christmas trees... I don't feel threatened.. I don't feel discriminated against.. That's what they are, Christmas trees.

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my house. If people want a crèche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat...

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship 'celebrities' and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of recent events... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc.. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK... Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school... The Bible says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK...

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about.. And we said OK...

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with **"WE REAP WHAT WE SOW"**.

*Funny* how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. *Funny* how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. *Funny* how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. *Funny* how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

*Funny* how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it. *Funny* how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Best Regards, Honestly and respectfully, **Ben Stein**

## THOUGHTS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER AS YOU PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

If you are sending Christmas cards, do reflect upon the following little poem...

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book  
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look.

And that is when I realize that these names are a part  
Not of the book they're written in, but of my heart.

For each name stands for SOMEONE who has crossed my path some time  
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.

And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,  
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special 'link',  
Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think.

For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase  
The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine  
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between.

For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,  
It's because you are on the list of folks I am indebted to.

For I am but a total of the many folks I've met  
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.

And whether I have known you for many years or a few,  
In some way you have made a part in shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew,  
The best gifts life can offer is meeting folks like you.

And may the Spirit of Christmas that forever endures,  
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours!



Thank you for purchasing **Mary's Angel ornaments**. Thank you for your support to the **Marian Hour** (on CKJS radio station 810 every evening at 10:30 pm) and **five orphans** who are presently in a psychiatric hospital in Ukraine. \$275 will go directly to the orphans for their needs such as food, personal items and clothing.

You purchased the angels in memory of your loved ones. **Panakhryda Service** will be held after **Liturgy Saturday, December 22 (5pm) and Sunday, December 23 (8:30 am & 11am)**

**ATTN: Just in from Ukraine-NEW ITEMS for Christmas gift giving in the Shrine Gift Shop.**

**His Beatitude Sviatoslav invites you to join him in Kyiv - August 2013 to celebrate the 1025th Anniversary of the baptism of Kyivan-Rus Ukraine!**

Join Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, Bishop Stephen Chmilar (Toronto), Bishop David Motiuk (Edmonton), Bishop Ken Nowakowski (New Westminster) and Bishop Bryan Bayda (Saskatoon) on an official pilgrimage to Ukraine from August 7-20.

The Pilgrimage will begin in western Ukraine visiting Lviv, Zarvanytsia, and Ternopil before heading out to Kyiv for the major celebrations on August 18 at the Holy Resurrection Sobor.

To express your interest in this exciting pilgrimage with our Bishops contact **Soloway Travel - Myrna Arychuk**, (604) 430 6789 or [myrna@solowaytravel.com](mailto:myrna@solowaytravel.com); [www.solowaytravel.com](http://www.solowaytravel.com)

### The Jesus Lifestyle

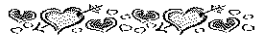
**What's it about?** Our culture is obsessed with lifestyle. Everyone wants to tell us how to live our lives. Jesus didn't leave us a lifestyle magazine; he sat down on a mountainside and began to teach. In this engaging and fascinating study **Nicky Gumbel** takes a closer look at the **Sermon on the Mount** and presents, with his familiar mix of humour and wisdom the life that Jesus wants us to live.



**Please join us in the church auditorium Sunday mornings 10:00 am sharp - 11:00 am** for this interesting video series. No books! No Homework: Everyone is Welcome!

The series will continue on **January 13, 2013** - How to Become a Generous Giver  
For further info please call **Sandy or Norm Dobson (204)222-2098**

**SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2013 • 12:30 - 3:00 pm ~ UCWLC St. Joseph Branch VALENTINE LUNCHEON**



### Community Events - Mark the Date!

**Sun Dec 16 ~ Children's Christmas Concert** featuring The Wpg Children's Choir & Ukr. Metropolitan Cathedral Sts Vladimir and Olga Children's Choir at Bethel Mennonite Church, 3pm at 465 Stafford St. ~ All proceeds will go to support the Programs for Children with Special needs in Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine.

**Sun Jan 20 ~ Bishop's Levee** at 3:00pm at Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 965 Boyd Ave.

**Sat Jan 26 - K.U.C.A. Youth Winter Games: Bowling** for 5 to 16yrs at Rossmere Lanes, 3:30pm-6pm

**Sat Feb 09 - Mini Olympics** For 5 to 10 yrs -12:30pm to 2:30pm; 11 to 16 yrs - 2:30pm to 4:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 650 Flora Ave. (hot dogs & drink served)

**Sat Feb 16 - Indoor Soccer/Hockey** for 5 to 10 yrs -12:30 to 2:30pm; 11 to 16 yrs - 2:30 to 4:30 pm;

**Sat Feb 02 ~6th Annual "PUSCHENIA"-Pre-Lenten Dance** at St. Nicholas Church, 737 Bannerman Ave  
Music by "The Female Beat", 8pm-1am, Tickets \$17.50 includes hot lunch - call Peter/Marlene Skriniski 204-632-0484 (KofC Fr Filipow Council #8944)

Ukrainian Catholics refer to the **pre-Christmas fast period** as **Pylypiyka** or **St. Philip's Fast**, as it always begins on the day after the feast of **St. Philip the Apostle, November 15**. It ends on December 24th.

This fast once had very strict rules. Today, the Church encourages us to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are also required to practice the spirit of sacrifice, penance, especially charity.

*To prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we fast, we pray more and we increase our acts of love and compassion. Let us approach this time of preparation in the hope that it allows us to experience a new awareness of His presence.*

**Read and Reflect** during this Christmas fast. Set time aside each day to spend in prayer and reading connected with Christmas and its meaning. This can include readings from the Old Testament, especially from the prophets, who foretold the coming of the Messiah.

**Old Testament:** Micah 5:2-4

Baruch 3:35-4:4

Isaiah 7:10-16

Isaiah 8:1-4, 9-10, 9:6-7

Genesis 1:1-13

Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18

Micah 4:6-7

Isaiah 11:1-10, Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45

**New Testament:** Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 2:13-23

Luke 2:1-20

Galatians 3:23-29

Hebrews 1:1-12

Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Hebrews 2:11-18



**Festival of Lights: "To Serve is to Love"** is the **Mission** of the **Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate**. Last year, thanks to the support from our caring community, we successfully surpassed our goal to raise \$60,000. Your generosity allowed us to purchase new resident room furnishings for 80 residents who live at Holy Family Home.

We invite you to again share in this same spirit of generosity as we approach the Holy Season of Christ's birth by participating in our **2012 Festival of Lights** campaign. This year, our goal is to once again raise \$60,000 to renew 40 residents' rooms with new furnishings-chair, dresser, night table.. Thank you for considering our invitation. Please pick up the **'Festival of Lights' form** at the back of the Church.

### Archeparchial Faith Development session:

#### **"NEVER STOP WALKING: The Spiritual Journey in The Year of Faith"**

"In this Year of Faith we are invited to listen deeply again to the words of our Lord, "Come, follow me." Faith is a relationship. It calls us to grow into the fullness of life that is Christ Himself (Jn.10:10). This is a journey of a lifetime. We are given through grace all that we need to make this journey towards Christian maturity. Every stage of our lives, indeed every event, challenge, and crisis offers us an opportunity for a new hearing of the Good News and a deepening of our faith that is appropriate for our stage of life. This evening's reflection will consider some fundamentals of the spiritual journey and point out some of the sign posts on the journey that help us discern God's call in our lives today and encourage us to "never stop walking." Before coming to this evening, read and pray with Romans 8:28.

**Presented by Fr. Larry Kondra, CSsR**

**Wed. January 23, 2013 at Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church (505 Watt St.)**

**Register \$5 per session ~ call Religious Education Centre 338-7801 ext 1  
religiously@archeparchy.ca ~ Future sessions: Feb 27, Mar 20, Apr 23, 2013**

### Holy Family Home Ladies' Auxiliary presents **A Red Carpet Affair**

Starring ~ The Sisters

**Friday, February 1, 2013 at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave E. Winnipeg**  
\$65 per ticket ; Appetizers 6:15 pm. Dinner and Draw to follow.