

Christ is among us!
He is and will be!



Христос посеред нас!
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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec 15 • Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers -P f Immaculate Conception **Colossians 3: 4-11 ~ Luke 14: 16-24**
 5:00 pm (Sat.) †Anne Chick.....Children and grandchildren
 8:30 am God's Blessings and good health for Ihor.....Vassili and Maria Karnaoukh
 10:00 am (HFH) God's blessings for St. Joseph's parishioners.....
 11:00 am †William Folwark.....Debra Akister

Monday, December 16 • Prophet Aggeus -P f Immaculate Conception **Hebrews 11: 17-31 ~ Mark 9:42 -10:1**
 8:00 am †Sam Glowa (one year).....Mary and family
 11:00 am (Bethany) †Myron Borys.....Ron and Evelyn Cinch

Tuesday, December 17 • Prophet Daniel **Hebrews 12: 25-28, 13: 22-25 ~ Mark 10: 2-12**
 8:00 am †Harold Skazyk.....The Skazyk family
 10:00 am (Middlechurch) Health of Peter Samorodny.....Men's Club
 11:00 am (Bethany) Health and Blessings for Ollie Skura.....Olga Palmer

Wednesday, December 18 • Martyr Sebastian **James 1: 1-18 ~ Mark 10: 11-16**
 8:00 am God's Blessings for children and grandchildren.....Darlene Sidak
 10:00 am (HFH) 100th Birthday Blessings for AnneZappe.....Olga Bilay
 7:00 pm Devotions to Blessed Vasyl and Anointing.....

Thursday, Dec 19 • Martyr Boniface **James 1: 19-27 ~ Mark 10: 17-27**
 8:00 am Health and Blessings for Elsie Gillespie.....Seniors' Club
 11:00 am (Bethany) †Walker and Linda Keyes.....Fr. Thaddeus Krawchuk, CSsR

Friday, Dec 20 • Priest Martyr Ignatius **James 2: 1 -13 ~ Mark 10: 24-32**
 8:00 am Health and Blessings for Darlene and Duane Dahl.....Phyllis Trach
 11:00 am (Bethany) Blessings for Sister Eugenia Stefaniuk.....Bethany Home

Saturday, Dec 21 • Saturday before the Nativity **Galatians 3: 8-12 ~ Luke 13: 19-29**
 8:30 am Thanksgiving and God's Blessings for Frances Stelman.....Adult Religious Class Group
 11:00 am (Bethany) God's Blessings for Sister Servants, friends and family.....Bethany Home Sisters

Sunday, Dec 22 • Sun. before The Nativity, the Holy Fathers **Hebrews 11: 9-10;17-23;32-40 ~ Mt 1: 1-25**
 5:00 pm (Sat.) God's Blessings for Nettie and Lawrence's Anniversary.....Ricky and Cindy Chuckree
 8:30 am God's blessings for St. Joseph's parishioners.....
 10:00 am (HFH) God's Blessings for Sister Servants, friends and family.....Bethany Home Sisters
 11:00 am †Anne Pronyk.....Bev and family

SUNDAY COLLECTION December 8, 2013 **THANK YOU!** 147 envelopes \$3,721.00

Open Collection \$ 100.00 ; Vigil Lamps \$ 87.00 ; Outreach \$ 450.00 ; Initial Offering \$20.00
 Christmas Flowers \$ 290.00 ; Christmas Offering \$175.00 ; Building & Capital Fund \$ 50.00;

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.

Parishioners and Guests: We have recently purchased an AED Defibrillator that is kept by the Shrine door, in case anyone has a SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest) in church. We also have purchased a portable oxygen tank (which is also kept by the Shrine door)

ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Українська Католицька Парафія Святого Йосифа

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DECEMBER 15TH 2013 • SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FORE-FATHERS
POST FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
15 грудня 2013 • Неділя Святих ПРАОТЦІ

PASTORAL CARE - REDEMPTORISTS

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ASSISTANT: FATHER FRANK SZADIAK, CSSR

FATHER LEONARD RATUSHNIAK, CSSR
Pastor of ST. ANDREWS PARISH

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY

5:00 PM SATURDAY (ENGLISH)
 VESPERS SATURDAY 4:15-5:00 PM
 8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 11:00 AM (ENGLISH)

DAILY DIVINE LITURGY

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

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!

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Guests,

Snow and so much of it everywhere... in one particular town, the snow had drifted to several feet over the streets. A physician received an urgent call to come to a home a few blocks from his to deliver a baby, but the heavy high drifts made it impossible to get through. The frantic father-to-be then began calling his neighbours who called others, and in no time at all, men and boys appeared in the blocked streets with blowers and shovels; it took them several hours, but the doctor was able to get through just in time to deliver the baby successfully and without any complication.



Pastor's Desk

During this preparatory time preceding the holy birth of **Our Saviour**, we are called, not to remove piles of drifted snow, but the mounds of thoughtlessness, drifts of neglect and the heaps of our offenses and sins – the things that, in effect, heavily clog the road of the **Child of Bethlehem** into our hearts...

To prepare the way, it helps us to think of what **Christmas** authentically means. We must invite the very Child of Bethlehem to come into our hearts, doing what pleases Him --- being kind to one another, reaching out to the needy, going out of our way to make someone more comfortable, more appreciated and more happy!

How much time is spent on the material preparation for Christmas – gifts, cards, decorations, food and plans for celebrations! All of this in its own way is good, but there must be more! We must clear the way to our very hearts!


Even more, we must prepare His way as a parish family. The group of neighbours who cleared the drifted snow for the doctor is a fine example of such preparations – people working together.

Christmas is a *community celebration*, especially for families, both in the home and in the parish. Everyone of us is precious to *God the Father*, who in two short weeks, through the Liturgy of the Church, will again send *His only Son* to be born for the salvation of the human race.



We become ever more precious when we pray together, sing together, actively take part in the Divine Liturgy together, receive Holy Communion together!

May all of us – *together* – make ready His way into our hearts, as a family – into our homes, as a community – into our St. Joseph's parish, and as a people – into the worldwide family of God!

The *Light of Christ* shines most brightly at Christmas – we will receive the **Bethlehem light** today, the 15th – next Sat/Sun, please take it home and let it burn warmly in your homes during Christmas celebrations...

December 14th Dec 15, 2013	December 21st Dec 22, 2013	St. Joseph's Seniors thank ALL who came to help at the last Perogy Bee. God Bless You! Please keep February 11 & 12th open for the next Perogy Bee. Call Millie 589-3518 to place your order.	
<u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday K. Hrechka 8:30 am Sunday Parish Choir 11:00 am Sunday Children's Liturgy	<u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday K. Hrechka 8:30 am Sunday W. Lukie 11:00 am Sunday P. Washchysyn		<i>We are blessed with two Redemptorist Seminarians studying in the Bronx, and so the Redemptorists have prepared a special calendar which will be sold for \$15. The sale of the CALENDARS will go to the Redemptorist Seminary Fund.</i> Thank You for your support!
<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Dahl D. Dahl 8:30 am Sunday Z. Hudyma L. Hudyma 11:00 am Sunday P. Samorodny B. Wowczuk	<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Sumka S. Sumka 8:30 am Sunday D. Gnutel E. Gnutel 11:00 am Sunday E. Faseruk K. Chrapchynski		**Year End 2013 Donations must be in the office by Monday, December 30, 2013**  2014 Offering Envelopes, which are in numerical order, are ready for pick up in the church basement. The Christmas Schedule and Fathers' message have been mailed out. If you don't remember your number, then please check the alphabetical list that is posted. If you cannot find your envelopes, or if you are new to the church please call the parish office, 339-4512.
<u>Vigil Lamps</u> <i>Dec 9 -Dec 22, 2013</i> N. Storozuk H. Chubaty	<u>Vigil Lamps</u> <i>Dec 9 -Dec 22, 2013</i> N. Storozuk H. Chubaty		

Shrine News: The Shrine Museum will be closed:
Dec 24, Dec 25, Dec 26, 2013 and January 1, 2014

 Condolences and prayers are offered to the family and friends of **† Michael Halustchak**. May God grant his soul eternal rest. Вічна пам'ять 

Upcoming at St. Joseph's:

Dec 15 Sun St. Joseph's Choir sing at 8:30 am Liturgy
Dec 15 Sun Catechism 10-11am; Children's Liturgy 11am followed by a hot dog lunch provided by Knights of Columbus (donations accepted for catechism program) and Christmas Pageant with visit from St. Nick. **EVERYONE is invited!** Catechism & Adult Scripture Study resume January 12, 2014

Dec 16 Mon Parish Council Meeting following Liturgy at 7pm
Dec 24 Tues Christmas Eve (Fast Day) Divine Liturgies 5pm & 8:30 pm English; Great Compline & Carols 10pm & Divine Liturgy 10:30 pm (Ukr)
Dec 25 Wed Christmas Day Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
 Christ is born! Glorify Him!
 ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІТЕ ЙОГО!



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!

MAY GOD BLESS OUR BELOVED UKRAINE!

We are very upset over the events in Ukraine and unite in spirit with the protestors who stand on Independence Square (*the Maidan*) in Kyiv. We cry with them, we worry with them and join them in most fervent prayer. The whole world is now watching Ukraine and it's good to see that the news is being reported accurately. In today's world, where just about every person in the street has access to some form of mass media, truth can no longer be hidden from people. In the 1930s millions were starved to death in Ukraine and many in the world did not even know about this.

Today we have access to live coverage and everyone can see the truth as it is happening, truth that is most painful and yet encourages one to pray most earnestly and to beg God to have mercy on the people of Ukraine.

And it most certainly is a fact that the **Ukrainian people are praying!** Since the demonstrators started gathering on the Maidans of Ukraine in November, new prayer initiatives are born among the people every day. Not only are all of the churches open but field chapels have been set up as well as prayer tents so that people can have a place to pray and to meet. As we follow the news we see priests of different religions and nuns stand side by side with the presenters on the stage as they lead thousands in prayer. Some people pray alone as others join groups for services of the Moleben or for praying the rosary and other forms of prayer, be it in closed places or outdoor landmarks such as the statue of the Archangel Michael in Kyiv every day at 6:00 pm. And ironically some services are offered on the backdrop of a thick column of military police. Many of the demonstrators believe that **prayer is the basic weapon** for the moment and the situation in Ukraine can be resolved only with God's help. His **Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk**, the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church has appealed to everyone: "*... I ask all of you to please pray, that our Lord give His wisdom to our society in general and to each individual in particular. Let us pray that He not allow any chains of evil and that with His peace and wisdom He free our nation from all enslavement and then lay a path for us to follow into the future.*" The people in Ukraine are praying and let us pray with them! "*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.*" (Matthew 18:20)

Let us pray for a miracle, so that if but once in Ukraine's history the people who are fighting for truth and justice win their fight! Let us pray for the people, who despite all odds still believe that they will overcome and let us ask God to give them strength, perseverance and persistence! And let us even pray that snow and bitter cold not fall on the heads of the cold and tired demonstrators.

We are getting ready for **Christmas**. Please remember that no matter how tasty our traditional dishes and how beautiful our gifts all of this has no meaning if we do not notice the **Baby Jesus** who came to this earth to save us. So let us pray to Him - let us ask Him for grace both for our loved ones and for the people in Ukraine. Let us ask for unity and peace, I wish for each and every one of you. Amen.

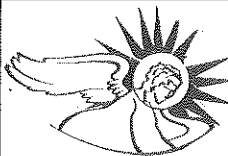


Mary's Angels ... Once again Mary's Angel ornaments will be sold before and after each liturgy on Saturday and Sunday. These angels are sold as a Christmas "In memoriam" project. **Panakhya Service** for your loved ones will be held **after Liturgy Sat. Dec 21 (5 pm) and Sunday, Dec 22 (8:30 am & 11 am)**

Each angel is \$6.00 or 4 for \$20.00 (They are going quickly!)

The angel's cost is \$2.00 to purchase; \$1.50 is donated to the **Marian Hour**- heard on CKJS radio every evening at 10:30 pm and the remainder is a profit. The total profit sales will be going to financially help 2 orphan girls who were placed in a psychiatric hospital in Ukraine. These orphans are in need of clothing, personal items etc. which are not provided. Also, the Shrine is working closely with Sr. Julia Flak, S.S.M.I. to release these orphans and place them in an assisted group home. **Thank You for your support.**

The University of Manitoba's Introductory Ukrainian online course offers reading, writing, listening and speaking activities as well as video content. At the end of the course, you will be able to demonstrate your ability to comprehend spoken & written language as well as speaking ability through conversations on selected topics through Skype and/or over the phone. Course Registration is now open for: Course name/number: UKRN 1310 Introductory Ukrainian, D01 This is a 6 credit hr course - January to July 2014
Instructor: Iryna Konstantiuk, 474-6605; Register: 474-8012 / de_info@umanitoba.ca



This Holy Season you can help provide comfort and joy by making a Gift to the Holy Family Home - Festival of Lights Campaign.

All contributions go to support the purchase of new furnishing for the dining and activity areas on resident care units at Holy Family Home. These are areas for family and friends to gather together and for residents to meet and visit one another.

Please pick up a **Festival of Lights envelope** at the back of the church or visit www.holyfamilyhome.mb.ca

On behalf of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Holy Family Home and the Lubov SSMI Foundation, thank you for considering our invitation.

May you be blessed with the spirit of Christmas which is peace, the joy of Christmas which is hope, and the heart of Christmas which is love.

Save the Date:

- **UCWLC: Caroling at HFH, Thur January 9, 2014** Registration 4:45 pm; Singing for the residents 5:15 - 5:45pm, Vesper service 5:45 pm, then reception/dinner (\$13.50)
- **Saturday, January 25, 2014 - Fundraising Breakfast** 10:00 am at Holy Eucharist Parish Center for "House of Hope" (A safe-house for teenage girls at risk in Lviv). Sponsored by UCWLC Archeparchy of Winnipeg. Tickets: \$25 available from Parish Office - 339-4512
- **Sunday, February 9, 2014 - UCWLC Valentine "Soup and Sandwich" Event**



Melodia's practices at St. Joe's continue on **Tuesdays** up to and including Dec 17. Melodia will resume Tuesday January 14th, 2014!

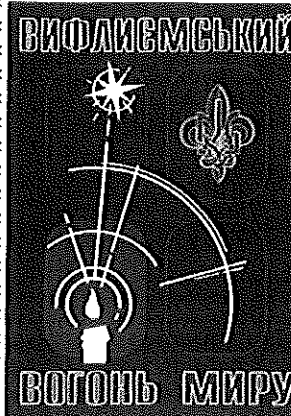
Attention Seniors: Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of **St. Joseph's Seniors' Club**, can pay their membership of \$5.00 to Mary Hykawy or Betty Cimarno.

Please join us for a morning of learning, reflection and discussion at our **Adult Scripture Study**, "**The Parables of Jesus**", held **Sunday mornings at 10:00 am**



This is a DVD based program with no books and no homework - just your presence and participation...will resume January 12, 2014! New participants are always welcome!

U R YOUTH ● **SUNDAY DEC. 15, 3PM - 5PM - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS! COME TO THE GIFT WRAPPING BEE!** COME HELP US WRAP 60 CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THE WELCOME HOME AND ENJOY A PIZZA SUPPER AT **ST. ANDREW'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL**
● **SUNDAY DEC. 15, 5PM-7PM- CHRISTMAS WIND-UP (ALL YOUTH GR. 8-12 CAN COME!)** ENJOY A MULTITUDE OF CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES! PLEASE BRING A HOMEMADE PRESENT FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE! BOTH AT **ST. ANDREW'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL** (USE THE MAPLE ST SIDE ENTRANCE) **RSVP TO MICHELLE AT RYMCCSSR@GMAIL.COM** OR CALL/TEXT 204-799-1060



Bethlehem Peace Light from the Birthplace of Jesus will be at St. Joseph's Saturday, Dec 21.

Come join us in sharing this symbol of peace, love and hope!
You may buy a candle and take the flame home with you.

Every year it is received by Boy Scouts in Austria and distributed all across Europe and recently North America. It will be flown in by an Austrian airlines to New York and Toronto. The Boy Scouts of America and Plast members are receiving the Peace Light in New York and then it will start its journey westward. **Plast Winnipeg** will receive it from the Boys Scouts of America in Fargo, North Dakota. They are bringing it by car from New York. Plast in Ukraine has been taking part in the distribution of the Peace Light across Ukraine and into neighbouring

Community Events - Mark the Date!

- Sun Dec 8 - Classics, Carols & Cookies - Winnipeg Pops Orchestra - 7pm -Holy Redeemer Parish, 264 Donwood Dr. N.K. Tickets \$10 /adult; \$5 /children under 12yrs; call Jeanette 338-9147**
- Sun Dec 8 - "Holodomor: Commemorating 80 years of Eternal Memory"** a presentation by **Verba Ukr Dance Company & Friends** at **Rachel Browne Theatre, 221 Bannalyne Ave, 3:15 & 4:30pm**, Rush Seating, Free event but Donations will be collected towards Shevchenko Foundation.
- Dec 12 - Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble Aztec peasant, St Juan Diego, in Mexico in 1531. **Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous People**
- Sun Dec 15 - Christmas Candle Light Celebration** in prayer, music & song at 7pm, **Green Acres Memorial Gardens Chapel, No.1 Hwy East at #1-Green Acres Lane.**
- Tues Jan 21 - "Compassionate Ministry"** presented by Fr. Larry Kondra, CSsR, 7pm St. Nicholas Church Register 204-338-7801; religiouised@archeparchy.ca ;Registration \$5 (at the door)