

Divine Liturgy Intentions

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| Sun. Dec. 20 | Sunday before Christmas, the Holy Fathers | Hebrews 11: 9-10;17-23;32-40 ~ Matthew 1:1-25 |
| 5:00 pm (Sat.) | God's Blessings & Health for Kay Kuzyk..... Gwozd & Boitson families | |
| 8:30 am | Health Steve Werhun..... Josie & Rudy | |
| 10:00 am (HFH) | Private Intention..... NN | |
| 11:00 am | For Our Parishioners | |
| Mon. Dec. 21 | Martyr Juliana | Hebrews 11: 17-31 ~ Mark 9: 42-10:1 |
| 8:00 am | Health: Walter WowczukWowczuk Family | |
| 11:00 am (Bethany) | Health & God's Graces: Ted KlymGliceria Bilinsky | |
| Tues. Dec. 22 | Great Martyr Anastasia | Hebrews 12: 25-28,13:22-25 ~ Mark 10: 2-12 |
| 8:00 am | Health: Kay Kuzyk.....Teresa | |
| 10:00 am (Mchurch) | Private Intention.....NN | |
| 11:00 am (Bethany) | † 40th day Sr. Rose Luby SSMISSMI Community | |
| Wed. Dec. 23 | 10 Martyrs of Crete | James 1: 1-18 ~ Mark 10: 11-16 |
| 8:00 am (Shrine) | Health: TinaTina Colmar | |
| Thur. Dec. 24 | Eve of Nativity | Hebrews 1: 1-12 ~ Luke 2: 1-20 |
| 8:00 am | Health & God's Blessings :Mom.....Skehar Family | |
| Christmas Eve | | |
| 5:00 pm | Divine Liturgy (Eng) | |
| 8:30 pm | Divine Liturgy (Eng) | |
| 10:30 pm | Great Compline (Ukr) | |
| 11:00 pm | Divine Liturgy (Ukr) | |
| Fri. Dec. 25 | Nativity of Our Lord | Galatians 4: 4-7 ~ Matthew 2: 1-12 |
| 10:00 am | Christmas Divine Liturgy | |
| Sat. Dec. 26 | Sobor of the Mother of God | Hebrews 2: 11-18 ~ Matthew 2: 13-23 |
| 8:30 am | For our Parishioners | |
| 11:00 am (Bethany) | Health : Sr. Martha SSMIMary Bernatsky | |
| Sun. Dec. 27 | Sunday after the Nativity | Galatians 1: 11-19 ~ Matthew 2:13-23 |
| 5:00 pm (Sat.) | † Stefania PankewyczJosie & Joseph Majer | |
| 8:30 am | Private IntentionNN | |
| 10:00 am (HFH) | Health & God's blessings: Stanislaw Stefanyshyn.....Mania Stefanyshyn | |
| 11:00 am | For Our Parishioners | |

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Pamphlets are available for Adults, Youth & Young Adults and Youth. Located next to the confessional.

ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SHRINE OF BLESSED VASYL VEYCHKOVSKY, CSSR

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Parish Bulletin

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Saint Joseph's Parish Office & Monastery

Hours

9:30 am - 12 Noon

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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Sunday Divine Liturgies

5:00 pm Saturday (English)

8:30 am (Ukrainian)

11:00 am (English)

Daily Divine Liturgies

8:00 am Monday - Friday

8:30 am Saturday

Holy Days 8:30 am 7:00 pm

Vespers Saturday 4:15 pm

Blessed Vasyli Devotions

7:00 pm Wednesday

Blessed Vasyli Velychkovsky, CSSR Bishop - Martyr

Shrine - Museum - Gift Shop

Hours of Operation

Sunday-After Divine Liturgies

Monday-Closed

Tues.- Fri. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm

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St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Nativity of Our Lord - New Year's - Baptism of Our Lord

Thursday December 24, 2015

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 5:00 pm
 Divine Liturgy (Eng) 8:30 pm
 Great Compline (Ukr) 10:30 pm
 Divine Liturgy (Ukr) 11:00 pm

Friday December 25, 2015

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 10:00 am

Saturday December 26, 2015

Sobor of the Mother of God

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 8:30 am

Sunday December 27, 2015

Sunday after Christmas

St Stephen

Divine Liturgy (Sat Eve) 5:00 pm
 Divine Liturgy (Ukr) 8:30 am
 Divine Liturgy (Eng) 11:00 am

Friday January 1, 2016

Circumcision of Our Lord

St. Basil the Great

New Year's Day

Divine Liturgy 11:00 am

Sunday January 3, 2016

Sunday before Epiphany

Divine Liturgy (Sat Eve) 5:00 pm
 Divine Liturgy (Ukr) 8:30 am
 Divine Liturgy (Eng) 11:00 am

Tuesday January 5, 2016

Baptism of Our Lord

Epiphany Eve (Fast Day) Jordan

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 7:00 pm
Solemn Blessing of Water

Wednesday January 6, 2016

Baptism of Our Lord

Epiphany (Jordan)

Divine Liturgy 8:30 am
Solemn Blessing of Water

| December 19th December 20, 2015 | December 26th December 27, 2015 |
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| <p><u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday S. Rorabeck</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday M. Marcinkow</p> <p>11:00 am Sunday A. Winchar</p> | <p><u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday P. Lewak</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday O. Hull</p> <p>11:00 am Sunday S. Buss</p> |
| <p><u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday J. Tchir S. Hrushka</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday T. Rodeck E. Yarish</p> <p>11:00 am Sunday H. Stockburn B. Rolston</p> | <p><u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Dahl D. Dahl</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday A. Danylchuk </p> <p>11:00 am Sunday E. Faseruk K. Chrapchynski</p> |
| <p><u>Vigil Lamps</u> Dec 7- Dec 20, 2015 M. Hykawy John Hykawy</p> | <p><u>Vigil Lamps</u> Dec 21- Jan 20, 2016 E. Kuzenko H. Stockburn</p> |

Sunday Collections December 13, 2015
 188 envelopes \$ 4,639 .00 Initial Offering \$10.
 Open Collection \$ 73.00 Vigil Lamps \$ 145.
 Outreach \$ 120. Christmas Offering \$ 95.
 Flowers \$ 185. Building & Capital \$ 50.

Thank you for your generosity

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

UR Youth Christmas Festivities
Sunday Dec. 20th 2:15 pm-4:15 pm
 Skating at West Kildonan Arena
 (346 Perth St) For Grades 8-12!
 Bring your own skates!
 Supper and activities to follow at
 Michelle's house (724 Lansdowne Ave)
 Bring a \$10 gift for the Gift Exchange!
 Pick-ups at 10 pm.
 RSVP to Michelle Call/text 204-799-1060
 rymcssr@gmail.com

2016 Offering Envelopes
 are available downstairs
 in the auditorium.

All Donations for the year 2015
 must be in the office by
 Monday, December 28.
 Thank You.

The UCWLC would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those who helped with the recent sauerkraut perogy bee. Your help was very much appreciated.

Help is Needed - Volunteers are needed to porter residents of **Holy Family Home** to Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am on Dec. 27. Please arrive at 9:00 am.

The Canadian Ukrainian Catholic Pilgrims

Carolers fundraising for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland. Contact Dayna Konopelny 204-391-0969 to arrange for carolers at your door from December 28 to January 10.

Malanka

Plast with 'Tyt I Tam', January 16, 2016 Fort Garry Hotel, Grand Ballroom, For Tickets call 204-202-8221 Dinner & Dance \$100; Dance \$40

CYM with Millenia, January 30, 2016 Victoria Inn, Tickets \$120 or Zabava Only \$75 Call Irka 339-2129, Brittany 918-6028;

Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Museum will be closed Dec.24, Dec 25, Dec 26 & Dec 31.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

UCWLC of St. Joseph's
January 31, 2016 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Donations for Silent Auction appreciated

For more information
Please contact Margaret at 204-661-6759

Knights of Columbus

Olive Wood Crosses to Support Middle Eastern Christians

In the Middle East many people are being persecuted and tortured simply because they are Christians. The Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief fund has donated over \$4 million in housing and medical care to assist displaced Iraqi and Syrian Christians and other religious minorities who continue to face violent persecution.

The Knights of Columbus have secured a supply of 5-inch olive wood crosses crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. They are available in the vestibule for a suggested donation of \$10. Net proceeds of the sale will be given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

Christ is Among Us!

He is and Will Be!

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers

The Redemptorists and parishioners of St. Joseph's extend a warm welcome to all our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

This Week at Saint Joseph's

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| Sun. Dec. 20 | 11:00 am | Blessing of The Holy Door |
| Mon. Dec. 21 | 7:00 pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| Wed. Dec. 23 | 7:00 pm | Blessed Vasyl Devotions |

**Jubilee Year
of
Mercy**



A sincere welcome is extended to our Metropolitan, Lawrence Huculak, OSBM who is celebrating our 11:00 am Divine Liturgy.

His Grace, will also bless the **Holy Door** that all of us are invited to enter during this **Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy.**

*Since the fifteenth century, a **Holy Door** or **Porta Sancta** has been used as a liturgical symbol for conversion of heart. Pilgrims pass through the holy door as an expression of leaving behind and crossing the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, and from darkness to light. For the Christian, the door derives its meaning from Jesus Christ who is the door, the gate, "the way" to life (Jn 14:6).*

**PASTORAL LETTER
OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 2015/2016**

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian
Catholic Church in Canada:

Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

The unapproachable God, out of mercy, wished to become visible for us. He comes in the flesh, to be born as a human being of the most pure Virgin, in the city of Bethlehem. Therefore, let us hasten with devotion to receive him.

[Sessional hymn, prefeast of the Nativity]

It is the middle of the night. You are sound asleep in bed. Suddenly you are awakend by knocking at the door. Who could it be at this hour? Could it be refugees from Syria fleeing their war torn homeland? Could it be an ex convict released from the local prison with no place to go? Could it be a stranger from Ukraine claiming to be a long lost relative? Could it be an older man with a young wife about to give birth, but for whom the health care system has no bed?

If we get up and open the door to our home, how will it change our lives?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus during this Christmas season we find ourselves at the beginning of the Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy initiated by Pope Francis this past December 8th. The purpose of the Holy Jubilee Year, according to Pope Francis, is to encounter the mercy of God. And the primary way we encounter God is through Jesus Christ, the face of the Father's mercy. [Cf. *Misericordiae Vultus* 1]

Our rich and meaningful Ukrainian Christmas traditions call our attention to the birth in Bethlehem of the Son of God. The liturgical texts, the carols and greetings, the special foods and decorations help remind us that "God is with us – Z namy Boh!" With the coming of Jesus Christ onto this earth with a human body, we have been given tangible proof of the love and mercy of our God.

In one liturgical verse we hear Mary speaking to Jesus just after his birth: ***Having learned that You were to be born a King, O Son, the kings from the East come to You, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Behold them standing before the doors; bid them enter to gaze upon You, held in my arms as a child, even though You are older than ancient Adam.*** [Aposticha, prefeast of the Nativity]

One of the important symbols used during the Holy Jubilee Year is that of the holy door. In cathedrals and other appointed churches a door is designated through which the faithful are invited to enter the church. The holy door stands as a symbol of the extraordinary pathway towards salvation that is offered to the believers, through prayer,

penitence, and works of mercy. The holy door becomes a door of mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope.

At Christmas time the holy doors reminds us of the doorway into the stable at Bethlehem whereby the shepherds and magi entered to find the Christ Child, the long awaited Messiah. All were welcome to enter through the door way into the stable: the poor and the rich, peasant and lord, saint and sinner. And so we are challenged by our faith in Jesus Christ to respond to those who stand at the threshold of our homes and of our lives and who seek our mercy and love. Our Christian faith calls upon us to open the doors of our homes and of our lives and welcome them just as Mary and Joseph did in the stable of Bethlehem.

Come and make haste to enter, said the Virgin to the magi, and behold Him who is invisible is now visibly manifest and has become a child. They came eagerly and worshipped Him, bringing gifts in fulfillment of the divine prophecy. [Aposticha, prefeast of the Nativity]

The Lord Jesus was with us on the earth in human form for only 33 years, before returning to his heavenly Father. And now how is his presence tangible to us? In St. Matthew's gospel Jesus tells us that when we encounter the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, those in prison – we encounter the Lord in these people. [Cf. Mt. 25:31-40]

We do not have to look far to find the Lord Jesus. He is in those around us. When they come to the doors of our lives, we are given the choice to either open our doors of mercy and receive them, or to keep them closed and shuttered, saying there is no room in our inn, just as Mary and Joseph discovered in Bethlehem. [Cf. Lk. 2:7]

This Christmas season, in the spirit of the Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us reach out to the strangers and to those in need, be they from Ukraine or from Syria, be they in prisons or homeless on the streets, be they sick or jobless, be they alone and near death. Let us show by our good deeds and by our love that we share with them the mercy of our Heavenly Father who shares with us his love and goodness. And let us repeat the praise of the angels as they sang at the birth of Christ: ***Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*** [Lk. 2:14]

The Blessing of the Lord be upon you!

+Lawrence Huculak, OSBM Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
+David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton
+Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto
+Ken Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster
+Bryan Bayda, CSsR Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon
+Michael Wiwchar, CSsR Eparch Emeritus of Saskatoon
+Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM Eparch Emeritus of New Westminster
