

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sun. Jan. 3	Sunday before Theophany	2 Timothy 4: 5-8 ~ Mark 1:1-18
5:00 pm (Sat.)	† Jacqueline Black.....	Brad & Rose Black
8:30 am	For Our Parishioners	
10:00 am (HFH)	† Maria Pyl (1 yr).....	Family
11:00 am	† Dan Mitchler.....	Family
Mon. Jan. 4	Plenary Memorial of the 70 Apostles	1 Peter 2:21 - 3:9 ~ Mark 12: 13-17
8:00 am	Health & Blessings: Beata Zaboroski.....	Darlene & Duane Dahl
11:00 am (St.Joseph Res)	Private Intention.....	N.N.
11:00 am (Bethany)	† Father Thaddeus Krawchuk CSsR.....	St. Joseph's C.SsR.
Tues. Jan. 5	Eve of Theophany	1 Corinthians 9: 19-27 ~ Luke 3: 1-18
7:00 pm	For Our Parishioners	
Wed. Jan. 6	Theophany of Our Lord - Jordan	Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 ~ Matthew 3: 13-17
8:30 am	For Our Parishioners	
10:00 am (HFH)	Health & 91st Birthday Blessings: Stella Demedash	Sister, Kay Z
Thur. Jan. 7	Plenary Memorial of John the Baptist (pf)	Acts 19: 1-8 ~ John 1: 29-34
8:00 am	Health : Vicki Tycholis.....	Family
10:00 am (HFH)	God's Blessings: St. Joseph's Seniors.....	Phyllis Trach
Fri. Jan. 8	Venerable George, confessor Emilian (pf)	2 Peter 1: 1-10 ~ Mark 13:1-8
8:00 am	God's Blessings : Care Givers.....	Phyllis Trach
11:00 am (Bethany)	Health: Vicki Tycholis.....	Family
Sat. Jan. 9	Saturday after Theophany	Ephesians 6: 10 - 17~ Matthew 4: 1-11
7:30 am (HFH)	† Sr. Ruth Yakimishyn SSML.....	Nicholas Yakimishyn
8:30 am	† Kay Kuzyk.....	Joanne Lewandosky & Henry Kuzia
11:00 am (Bethany)	Private intention.....	NN
Sun. Jan. 10	Sunday after Theophany	Ephesians 4: 7 - 13 ~ Matthew 4: 12-17
5:00 pm (Sat.)	Health: Vicki Tycholis.....	Darlene & Duane Dahl
8:30 am	Health: Steve Wehun.....	Michael & Hazel Kiernicki
10:00 am (HFH)	God's Blessings: Mary & Victor Bernatsky.....	Sr. Zoe
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.

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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 Vasyl Devotions

7:00 pm Wednesday

Blessed Vasyl 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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Baptism of Our Lord

"Yordan" "Jordan"

Feast of Theophany—Epiphany



The blessing of water on Theophany -Epiphany is one of the most impressive ceremonies in our Church.

On Theophany -Epiphany we celebrate the first public revelation of Jesus as Savior & Son of God.

On Theophany -Epiphany the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit are revealed as the Trinity.

"Epiphany" is a Greek word that means appearance, manifestation.

"Theophany" means "Appearance of God"

On the feast of Theophany -Epiphany Jesus began his public ministry.

The feast of Theophany -Epiphany is also called "the feast of lights" and by our Ukrainian people it is referred to as "the feast of "Jordan", or "Yordan".

All four gospels record the baptism of Christ

On the feast of Theophany -Epiphany the newly blessed water is taken home by the faithful to use during illness, danger, family prayers & other Christian rituals.

Eve of The Feast of Theophany- Epiphany

Divine Liturgy

Solemn Blessing of Water

Tuesday January 5th, 2016 7:00 P.M.

The Feast of Theophany- Epiphany

Divine Liturgy

Solemn Blessing of Water

Wednesday January 6th, 2016 8:30 A.M.



PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY*



Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by

forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness

in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

January 2nd January 3, 2016	January 9th January 10, 2016
<u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Sumka 8:30 am Sunday M. Marcinkow 11:00 am Sunday H. Stockburn	<u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday L. Baron 8:30 am Sunday C. Sikorsky 11:00 am Sunday S. Dudych
<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Sumka S. Sumka 8:30 am Sunday Z. Hudyma L. Hudyma 11:00 am Sunday G. Kukura L. Trach	<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday M. Gwozd P. Gwozd 8:30 am Sunday D. Gnutel E. Gnutel 11:00 am Sunday D. Gulchak B. Rolston
<u>Vigil Lamps</u> Dec 21—Jan 3, 2016 E. Kuzenko H. Stockburn	<u>Vigil Lamps</u> Jan 4—Jan 17, 2016 P. Beyak D. Beyak

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

The Canadian Ukrainian Catholic Pilgrims
Carolers fundraising for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow , Poland. Call 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

Oseredok ~ Festival of Carols
Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 pm at Westminster United Church, 745 Westminster Ave. Admission: cash donation

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
in Winnipeg January 17-24, 2016. City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service at 7:30 pm Sunday, January 17 at Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church, 3390 Portage Ave.

Holy Family Home Ladies' Auxiliary presents: A Ladies' Night Out Fundraising Dinner ~ "Round Up the Gals & Saddle Up with the Sisters" ~ Friday, February 5, 2016 at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre ~ 460 Munroe Ave, East. Cost \$70 per ticket Call Diane Snidal 204-589-7381

Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

Sunday before Theophany

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

Tues. Jan. 05	7:00 pm	Feast of Epiphany Divine Liturgy & Solemn Blessing of Water
Wed. Jan. 06	8:30 am	Feast of Epiphany Divine Liturgy & Solemn Blessing of Water
Wed. Jan. 06	7:00 pm	Blessed Vasyi Devotions
Thur. Jan. 07	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
Sun. Jan. 10	10:00 am	Catechism Classes

Deepest Sympathy

Condolences to the families and friends of

† Kay Kuzyk, † Frank Shymko, † Michael Kowpak

Вічная Пам'ять God Grant Them Eternal Rest Вічная Пам'ять

2016 Offering Envelopes are available downstairs in the auditorium.

Sunday Collections December 27, 2015

171 envelopes	\$ 5,505.00	Initial Offering	\$ 85.00
Open Collection	\$ 877.50	Vigil Lamps	\$ 320.00
Outreach	\$ 45.00	Flowers	\$ 155.00
Building & Capital	\$ 20.00	Peter Pence & CCCB	\$ 20.00
Decorating	\$ 170.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 9839.55
December EFT Sunday Offerings (35 families)			\$ 2738.00

Thank you for your generosity

Christmas Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

To the Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans, God-loving bishops, honourable clergy, reverend religious, and beloved brothers and sisters in Ukraine and throughout the world. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased! (Luke 2:14)

Christ is born!

Let us glorify Him!

The evangelist Luke proclaims the words spoken by the angel who appeared to the shepherds: “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2: 10-11)

The joy of the Nativity of Christ, the good news of the birth in human flesh of the Son of God Himself, is like a powerful beam of eternal sunlight that descends today from heaven to earth.

Christ is born! These are the words with which the heavenly powers gladdened the hearts of the shepherds who stood watch over their sheep. ***Christ is born!*** These tidings transformed night into day, sadness into consolation, waiting into the fulfilment of hope. ***Christ is born!*** This joy, which comes down from Heaven, inspires a person to act: to seek the Eternal God in a new-born babe, to serve Him as a neighbour, and to share this joy with others.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased.

These are words from the Heavenly Liturgy, in which the angelic choirs praise God for His love towards His people. As participants and witnesses of this supernatural reality, the shepherds learn the true reason for the joy of Christmas. The Saviour has been born; in Him is disclosed the very core of our faith – faith in God’s merciful love towards His creation, which makes us people upon whom His favour rests.

So it is that this heavenly hymn relates to each one of us! The angels glorify God on high for the simple reason that He eternally bestows His good will upon His people, that is, He desires for them what is good. He is our highest benefactor. The eternal active love of God the Father flows throughout the history of the whole world and is incarnated in the person of His beloved Son, who is born today in Bethlehem. The Evangelist John teaches us about the good will of God in these words: “the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.” (1 John 4: 9-10)

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace...

Peace is one of the essential expressions of God’s love for His people. No wonder the Old Testament prophets foretold that the coming of the Messiah on earth would bring peace on earth, grant people the gifts of love and justice, eliminate all evil and hatred, and restore harmony throughout the world. And so today we hear that Christ, the Prince of Peace, the Eternal King, upon whose shoulders rests all authority and honour, is the very same One of whom Isaiah spoke, now born at last. The peace, which the Lord brings, does not mean a temporary truce or a simple absence of war. A person obtains true peace only by reconciling with God and personally uniting with Him. The new-born Jesus unites and reconciles within Himself both God and mankind. As a result of this union and reconciliation, Christ becomes the source of peace in the whole world. The Apostle Saint Paul teaches us this about Christ – “For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:14)

How long God’s people awaited this peace, which Christ brought with His Nativity! With what eagerness the shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, and with what persistence the wise men from the East journeyed to the place of His birth. But how they must have been awed by the fact that they found that long-awaited peace, not in an earthly ruler, not in the cleverness of a skilled diplomat, not in the power of a well-formed army, but in a fragile new-born homeless infant. And what’s more, the foretold Prince of Peace, upon the moment of His birth, was forced to become a displaced person, a fugitive fleeing to escape the persecution of King Herod. This Wondrous Divine Wisdom, through the Mystery of the Nativity, teaches us that God’s love, heavenly peace and glory come only when we humble ourselves before the least one among us, and that only in serving the needy will we meet God.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!

With God’s help, we have lived through yet one more year – one more year of war. The suffering of our people has not ended; our trials have not come to an end. But we have survived and we carry on. To the surprise of the whole world, we have survived in the midst of immeasurable pain, loss of blood, and tears. In a war situation we’ve had to rethink the value and meaning of the words “peace” and “mercy”, “courage” and “humanity”, “allegiance” and “responsibility.” We have learned that such zeal is found in prayer. By releasing the power of prayer, together with the whole world, we sincerely and persistently continue to entreat God for peace.

The road to peace has become for us the road to our neighbour. We are learning to be in solidarity. We are learning to recognize the needs of our soldiers at the front as our needs. We are learning to be concerned about the pain of those who have lost family members and friends, and the pain of the wounded and imprisoned, as if it were our own pain. In the midst of ever greater needs, economic hardships, corruption still present everywhere and lack of effective political management, we have not lost compassion for our neighbour, but have become more responsible and bolder in defending dignity. We continue to share with those in need: what we have, what we know and can do, what we believe in – and what we are. The way to our victory in Christ is that which unites, reconciles and makes us community. Solidarity, compassion and trust give us hope in God and reveal to us the true road to peace.

It is in this nationwide solidarity in faith, hope and love that we feel the active presence of God among us and His real birth in our homeland. The path to our neighbour has become for millions of Ukrainians the path to God’s love. We might say that in this wondrous good will of God for us, in this solidarity, we have discovered the key to victory, for, as the Apostle Paul teaches us: “When God is with us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

Let us celebrate this Christmas together with those who have become displaced, those who have lost their loved ones, their possessions and their homes. In this Holy Year of the Mercy of God, may the doors of our homes, open to the needy, be, in the words of Pope Francis, the doors of the mercy of God. Hence whoever walks through them may experience the flow of God’s merciful love, love which forgives our sins, heals the wounds of our souls and bodies, transforms sadness into joy, and makes all that is weak strong and invincible.

By welcoming the refugees, the poor and the suffering, we welcome into our homes, into our families and into our communities the Son of God Himself- the Font of God’s peace. Let us not ask what language they speak, what church they attend, or what beliefs they hold. Rather let us be interested in what hurts them, where their loved ones are, and how we may help them. With our prayers and acts of mercy let us approach together with them the manger in which Christ is resting. It is in them, precisely, that we will be able to welcome the new-born Saviour. And it is precisely in this way that we will enter into reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters, and bring God’s peace to our greatly suffering Ukrainian land.

On this joyful bright feast of the Nativity of Christ, I wish to express to all of you, dearly beloved in Christ, heartfelt greetings. I desire to convey this joy to every home, to the dugouts at the front, to the hospitals where the wounded are recovering, to the dwelling places of hundreds of thousands of displaced brothers and sisters, to those in Ukraine, and those in the diaspora– to all I desire today to send a word of comfort and hope, the source of which is the birth of the Saviour.

With the good news of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, I wish to visit those of you who have opened the doors of your hearts to God and neighbour, and I wish to pass through the Doors of Mercy together with you in this Holy Year. While sharing the joyful news of the birth of Christ-God, I long to shake the hands of our brave soldiers who safeguard our Christmas, to comfort the sorrowful, to wipe the tears of those who are weeping, to strengthen the faith of those who doubt that good will triumph over evil. Standing today before the altar of God, I sense an extraordinary solidarity with the vast family of our particular Church, which has gathered together around the Lord’s Table here on earth and in God’s glory on high. May the new-born Saviour hear all our prayers, keep our nation and our leaders in peace and wellbeing and bestow upon them His heavenly blessing. Wishing you a blessed Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, a tasty kutia and a happy new year!

+ Sviatoslav
