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St. Joseph's

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, CSsR Shrine Bishop - Martyr

Served by the Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorists

Parish Bulletin



Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule Saturday 5:00 PM | Sunday 8:30 AM (UKR) & 11:00 AM (ENG)

> Daily Divine Liturgy Please see Divine Liturgy Intention Schedule Vespers Saturday 4:15 PM Blessed Vasyl Devotions Wednesday 7:00 PM

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

A Christmas Insight: Therapy Animals



Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I walked into a Tim Horton's. As I went through the door, a certain sign caught my eye. It read, "Service Animals Welcomed". Such animals, provide an essential service to its owners, such as "seeing" for those who are unable to see. In addition to 'service" animals, there are also "therapy" animals, which can

provide a sense of peace through their calm demeanor.

Therapy animals, whether they be dogs, cats, rabbits, or lambs, allow people to touch them. Whether in a hospital, a nursing home, at an university before exams, or at an airport before a flight, encountering such animals, by touching them, help to calm nerves and relieve stress. The presence of such animals in tense moments do produce wonderful changes.

In the gospels, we often read that Our Lord healed by the way of touch and by just being there. His presence calmed storms, fed thousands, guided the lost, restored sight, conquered evil, restored life, changed minds and moved hearts. In other words, Our Lord "normalized" all those who were "traumatized". If a therapy animal can bring a sense of relief, just imagine how much the Lord can do for us. And I am sure that many of us know this from our own personal journeys.

The feast of Our Lord's Birth will be here soon. There are many ways to describe this wonderful moment. Considering what has been written above, it may be good to remind ourselves that one way of describing the meaning of Christmas is through the word "Incarnation". It is a word that is intimately connected with the presence and touch of the Divine.

The human race needed God so much that He had to come to earth. This required God to become one of us on the outside. He had to take on the form of a body (incarnate). By doing so, the presence and touch of our God has transformed the world.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us ask God that this year there be many "incarnational" moments, in which we experience the touch and presence of our loving God.

> Peace and Prayers, Fr. Dmytro

Христос посеред нас!

Christ is among us!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday December 16 December 17 December 18 December 19

11:00 am 7:00 pm 11:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm Children's Liturgy & St. Nicholas Celebration Parish Council Meeting Out Reach Christmas Hampers St. Joseph's Seniors. Divine Liturgy. Mtg Blessed Vasyl Devotions

St Nicholas Celebration

Following 11:00 am Divine Liturgy Today, Sunday December 16



Need a Ride to Church For Saturday Evening or Sunday Divine Liturgy, please call Rudy Macsymach, 204.694.8763. There is always a need for more drivers. If interested and for more information, please phone the number above.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is a DVD based study that helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Time: 7:00 PM January 15 and 29. February 12 and 26. Place: St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

The Welcome Home Wednesday mornings are very busy at The Welcome Home. Food Hampers and Sandwiches are given to the many people who come to our doors on this day. These gestures of kindness also build friendships. There is a great need to strengthen Wednesday mornings. Please help by way of donations of Blankets, Socks and Gift Cards \$5 or \$10 (McDonald's, Tim Hortons, KFC, Subway, etc). Financial donations may be dropped in the collection in envelopes clearly marked THE WELCOME HOME, with your name and address for tax recipients. Other Donations may be dropped off at the vestibule of St. Joseph's or you may bring them to The Welcome Home. Thank you for your generosity. *The Welcome Home, 188 Euclid Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2W 2X4, Phone: (204) 946-5352 , Email: whome01@mymts.net Website: www.thewelcomehome.ca*

2019 Offering Envelopes and Calendars.

Offering envelopes for the year of 2019 are now available at the back of the church. Please pick up your box today! Also available are liturgical calendars for 2019. On the front of each month is the saint of the day and/or feast day is highlighted. On the back are the Epistle and Gospel readings of the day. Gratitude is extended to Korban Funeral Chapel for their financial assistance in the printing of the calendars.

Tax Receipts for 2018 As the year 2018 quickly comes to a close, please keep in mind that to be eligible for a tax receipt for 2018, all offerings must be given and deposited into our church account before the end of December.

Please keep in mind this past year when making your offerings.

As many of you know, during this past year, there were many needed repairs done to our church building. To say it plainly, *it was an expensive year*. In addition, to our parish financial expenses, there is this year's donation of \$7000 towards a room that our parish is sponsoring at Holy Family Home. Also, recently our parish's annual assessment for support of the seminary was received. The amount is \$11,808. As you plan your offerings before the end of this calendar year, please remember the above mentioned financial needs of our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

December 15 & 16	December 22 & 23	Mary's Angels Thank you for your kind support in	
Epistle Readers Saturday 5:00 pm S. Sumka Sunday 8:30 am H. Stockburn Sunday 11:00 am Children's Liturgy	Epistle Readers Saturday 5:00 pm P. Lewak Sunday 8:30 am M. Marcinkow Sunday 11:00 am J. Malenko	purchasing Mary's Angels. This year the Marian Hour which is on CKJS daily at 10:30pm will receive \$672. Also, \$575 was raised which will be sent to Lviv, Ukraine, to the Sisters of St. Joseph, who in turn will provide medical supplies such as medication, crutches, etc. to the injured soldiers in the military hospital. Panahyda (Панахида) for those remembered through "Mary's Angels" will be celebrated after the 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy on Saturday Dec. 22nd.	
Ushers Saturday 5:00 pm M. Gwozd	Ushers Saturday 5:00 pm M. Hykawy J. Hykawy Sunday 8:30 am		
		Sunday Collection December 9, 2018	
P.Gwozd Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 8:30 am		

St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church <u>Divine Liturgy Schedule</u>

Monday December 24, 2018 Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy (Eng) 5:00 pm Great Compline (Ukr) 10:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Ukr) 10:30 pm

Tuesday December 25, 2018 Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day Divine Liturgy (Eng) 10:00 am

Wednesday December 26, 2018 Sobor of the Mother of God

Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm

8:30 am

Thursday December 27, 2018 St Stephen

Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy

8:30 am 7:00 pm Sunday December 30, 2018 Sunday after Christmas

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

Tuesday January 1, 2019 Circumcision of Our Lord - St Basil Divine Liturgy 11:00 am

Sunday January 6, 2019 Baptism of Our Lord Theophany (Epiphany)

Divine Liturgy (Sat Eve) 5:00 pm Solemn Blessing of Water

Divine Liturgy (Ukr) 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 11:00 am Solemn Blessing of Water

Nativity of Our Lord

New Year's – Baptism of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy Intentions December 16 - 23			
Sun. Dec. 16		Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers	Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 14:16-24
5:00 pm (Sat)	St. Joseph's Church	+Bishop Michael Hrynchyshyn (6 yrs)	Dolores Daniels
8:30 am	St. Joseph's Church	+Nykola Melnyk	Roxolana Kurjewicz
10:00 am	Holy Family Home	Special Intention	NN
11:00 am	St. Joseph's Church	For Our Parishioners	
Mon. Dec. 17		Prophet Daniel	Heb. 11:17-23 Mark 9:42-10:1
8:00 am	St. Joseph's Church	God's Blessing Darlene	Phyllis Trach
11:00 am	Bethany Home	God's Blessings Sr. Anne-Marie	Ted & Elizabeth Klym
Tues. Dec. 18		Martyr Sebastian	Heb.12:25-26,13:2-31 Mk 10:2-13
8:00 am	St. Joseph's Church	Special Intention	NN
11:00 am	Bethany Home	+Holy Souls	Denise
Wed. Dec. 19		Martyr Boniface	James 1:1-18 Mark 10:11-16
8:00 am	St. Joseph's Church	+Andrew Hull	Stella & Nicolette Jaman
10:00 am	Holy Family Home	+Recently Deceased Residents	HFH
10:30 am	St. Joseph's Church	God's Blessings Members	St. Joseph's Seniors
Thur. Dec. 20		Priest Martyr Igantious	James 1:19-27 Mark 10:17-27
8:00 am	St. Joseph's Church	+Richard Korban	Family
11:00 am	Bethany Home	Special Intention	SSMI
Fri. Dec. 21		Martyr Juliana	James 2:1-13 Mark 10:23-32
8:00 am	St. Joseph's Church	+Kiernicki & Dudych Family Members	Mary & Family
11:00 am	Bethany Home	Special Intention	SSMI
Sat. Dec. 22		Saturday before Nativity	Gal. 3:8-12 Luke 13:19-29
8:30 am	St. Joseph's Church	+Anne Colgan	Steve & Helen
11:00 am	Bethany Home	Special Intention	SSMI
Sun. Dec. 23		Sunday before Nativity	Heb 11:9-10,17-23, 32-40 Matt 1:1-25
5:00 pm (Sat)	St. Joseph's Church	Birthday Blessings Thomas Rodeck (90th)	Haworth Family
8:30 am	St. Joseph's Church	For Our Parishioners	
10:00 am	Holy Family Home	+Alexander Blake	NN
11:00 am	St. Joseph's Church	+Peter	Jodi

"The Lord did not come to make a display.

He came to heal and to teach suffering men. For one who wanted to make a display the thing would have been just to appear and dazzle the beholders. But for Him Who came to heal and to teach the way was not merely to dwell here, but to put Himself at the disposal of those who needed Him, and to be manifested according as they could bear it, not vitiating the value of the Divine appearing by exceeding their capacity to receive it."

> St. Athanasius of Alexandria (296-373) On the Incarnation