



St. Joseph's

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, CSsR Shrine
Bishop - Martyr

Served by the Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorists

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Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 P.M. (ENG) | Sunday 8:30 A.M. (UKR) & 11:00 A.M. (ENG)

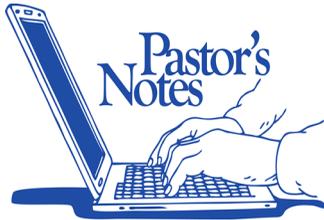
Daily Divine Liturgy

Please see Divine Liturgy Intention Schedule

Vespers Saturday 4:15 P.M.

Blessed Vasyli Devotions Wednesday 7:00 PM

“Christmas - A Time For “R & R”



Dear Parishioners,

When we hear someone say, it's time for some “R & R”, more often than not, we may think of a holiday. In other words, time off from our regular schedules. This term, “R & R”, can be traced to world of the military. After a long period of service, those serving in were given time off for “R & R”, (*rest and recuperation* or *rest and relaxation*).

For those involved in the preparation of Christmas, this type of “R & R”, may seem like a dream. The hustle and bustle of the season may be enjoyable, but at the same time, it is very tiring.

From a faith perspective, Christmas is a dream that has come true. Christ, our Saviour, was born to give us a special type of “R & R”, *rest* that leads to *restoration*. Christ came to a world that disconnected itself from God. By being disconnected from God, the people of the world were walking in darkness. In other words, the people of the world were walking away from God and forgetting about their true identities as sons and daughters of God. With the birth of Christ, the words of Isaiah 9 becomes a reality: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.* And such light leads us to true rest and allows God to restore us to the fullness of life.

May Our God bless each of you and our entire parish of St. Joseph's with many special blessings as we celebrate the great feast of God's Incarnation and the Nativity of Our Saviour.

*Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro*

**PASTORAL LETTER
FROM THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
2019-2020**

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

Christ is born! Let Us Glorify Him!

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2)*

“God is With Us, Understand This All You Nations! And Be Humbled, For God Is With Us!”

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This is a glorious and wonderful refrain sung at our liturgical services during this season. We have to admit it is very memorable and we might find ourselves singing this truth throughout the year, particularly when spirits are low and we need to remind ourselves of God’s presence in our personal lives and the life of our church.

In fact it points to a mystery about the human person – presence. Why is “presence” so important to us? How is it that this “presence” can change our disposition? When a person is present to us it changes how we think and feel and act. Even more so is the case when we are present to those who are present to us.

For instance, when a parent gives a child a warning not to sneak a snack just before a meal, it makes a big difference if the parent stays in the room or leaves the room. Or if a parent is there to calm the pain of a child who fell and hurt itself. Likewise, if you are driving and, say, you’re late for an appointment. The temptation to speed is more under control if you see a police car in your rear view mirror. Yet how comforting is the presence of a police officer to assist in roadside trouble. Or if you are overwhelmed by those you love at a surprise party in your honour. The presence of so many you care for completely changes your heart.

The same is so true of our awareness of Jesus in our lives. Hopelessness and despair can be dealt with much more easily when we are aware of God’s presence. This is especially true for those who find themselves in armed conflict while they defend human dignity against unjust aggressors. It is true for those fighting addictions, fighting loneliness, struggling with gender or sexual identity or battling against any unfair treatment by others because of someone’s prejudice. Any challenge a person faces is most difficult if they are alone and what is worse, it is more difficult when they are not alone but they certainly *feel* alone. This can lead to depression, and in our opinion, is one of the worst lies about any person’s reality.

The good news that God is with us is central to this Christmas season. May the Holy Spirit give you the grace to encounter Christ so that your awareness of His presence is undeniable all through your day. Our Church services and family traditions speak of his presence when we encounter each other, for indeed we encounter Christ in each other, especially those who face mental or physical distress. In turn, may your awareness of His presence be a light to those who struggle to dwell on this important truth. He is the one who loves us and gives us hope in the midst of all we experience.

May your celebration of this profound truth this Christmas be a time to encounter Jesus Christ in your spouse, in your family members, in your parish that is Vibrant because you are part of it. May you be aware of the presence of the Jesus, Mary and Joseph that give us the gift of the Holy Family present in your personal and parish family. And may this awareness bear fruit in your life throughout 2020.

God is with us! Christ is Born!
Sincerely in Christ,

+Lawrence Huculak, OSBM
+Michael Wiwchar, CSsR
+Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
+David Motiuk,
+Stephen Chmilar,
+Ken Nowakowski,
+Bryan Bayda, CSsR

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Administrator of Eparchy of Toronto

Baptism of Our Lord Theophany

Divine Liturgy & Solemn Blessing of Water
Sunday January 5, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

Parish Lunch to follow

Blessing of Water will also take place on
Monday January 6, 2020 - 8:30 A.M.



St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday December 24, 2019

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 4:00 pm
Special Homily for Children

Great Compline (Ukr) 10:00 pm
Divine Liturgy (Ukr) 10:30 pm

Wednesday December 25, 2019

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 10:00 am

Thursday December 26, 2019

Sobor of the Mother of God

Divine Liturgy 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm

Friday December 27, 2019

St Stephen

Divine Liturgy 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm

Sunday December 29, 2019

Sunday after Christmas

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

Wednesday January 1, 2020

Circumcision of Our Lord - St Basil

Divine Liturgy 11:00 am

Saturday January 4, 2020

Sunday Divine Liturgy (Sat Eve) 5:00 pm

Sunday January 5, 2020

Baptism of Our Lord

Theophany Eve (Epiphany)

Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng) 10:00 am
Solemn Blessing of Water
Parish Lunch to follow

Monday January 6, 2020

Baptism of Our Lord, Theophany

Divine Liturgy 8:30 am
Solemn Blessing of Water

Nativity of Our Lord

New Year's – Baptism of Our Lord

ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church is our spiritual home, the building in which we worship and grow as a faith-based community. Like any aging home, the church building requires ongoing maintenance and repair. Recently, your Parish Executive spent time and effort to develop a Church Operating Budget for 2020, and the end result was distressing. To put it simply, monthly expenses significantly exceed monthly income. Without taking action now, we won't be able to continue to maintain our spiritual home, a place of which we are all proud.

The Operating Budget for 2020 projects monthly revenues of \$24,000 and operating expenses of \$26,000 resulting in a monthly loss of \$2,000 or \$24,000 annually. The Executive is reviewing ways to reduce operating expenses even further, while continuing cost-effective maintenance of the building, implementing committed capital projects like the stained glass windows, and hoping and praying that the building doesn't experience major equipment or structural failures. We recognize the value provided over the years by parishioners' dedicated volunteer efforts around the church, but for many projects, professional help is necessary. We believe that together, with your help, we can get the Parish's Operating Budget back on track.

We are looking for your ideas, and right now, offer three simple suggestions.

1. In order to cover the projected operating loss of \$2,000 per month, and provide a financial cushion for unexpected or planned capital expenses like the stained glass window installation, each family would need to donate a minimum of \$40 per week. We know that this may be difficult for some of you, but consider increasing your current weekly donation by at least 20%.
2. Do you spend summers at the lake, or winters in warm climates? Consider utilizing Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) for your weekly donations. It's easy to set up and that automatic payment helps us avoid cash flow problems, especially in the summer months when many parishioners are away.
3. If you have stock investment shares, have you thought of transferring some of them to the church in-lieu of your annual donation? If you did, you would receive a receipt from the church for the full value of your shares as a donation. This a win/win situation since you get more value with a higher tax receipt, and as the church doesn't pay taxes, it would receive the full value of your shares as a donation.

We realize that this is probably a lot of information to consider, but the Executive believes that parishioners should know that their spiritual home is experiencing financial struggles. Thanks for considering how you can help us to maintain St. Joseph's in good condition, financially, and as the building that is your spiritual home. If you have other ideas as to how we can work at solving these problems, please contact our parish office. All ideas will be forwarded to our Parish Council Executive.

Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian, CSsR
Pastor

Patricia Solman
Parish Council President

DONATIONS OF SECURITIES/SHARES IN KIND

Do you own securities or mutual funds that have increased in value since you bought them?

Then making a direct donation of those shares is the more tax-efficient way to support ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH.

The Canada Revenue Agency does not apply capital gains tax on donations of publicly traded securities. Capitals gains are the increase in the value of your securities over the price you paid at purchase. When you sell your shares for cash, you're responsible for the tax due on the gain, even if you plan to donate the proceeds from the sale. If you pay the tax out of those proceeds, there's less money left to donate to the church. The Church receives a smaller donation and you have a smaller donation tax receipt to claim against your income tax at the end of the year.

When you donate your shares/securities, those capital gains aren't subject to tax. This means the Church receives a larger gift, and you'll benefit from a donation tax receipt for the full value of your eligible securities or mutual funds.

To arrange a gift of shares/securities contact the Parish office for the Securities Transfer Form to provide to your financial advisor. Your financial advisor will arrange to have the securities transferred to the appropriate account for St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's will send you a donation tax receipt for the market value of the shares.

If you have any questions please feel free to call (204) 339-4512 or email the parish office – office@stjosephukrwinipeg.ca. We will be happy to help.

**Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans,
God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,
Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters,
in Ukraine and throughout the world**

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy! Luke 2:10
Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Beloved in Christ!

Today the angels in heaven sing and celebrate, all creation is filled with joy, for the Saviour and Lord is born this day in Bethlehem of Judea. This joy, which we especially experience with today's illustrious feast, is an integral part of being for every believing Christian, a visible sign and fruit of God's unceasing presence. The joy of the Saviour's coming on earth dissipates all the fears and uncertainties of human life, for "God is with us," once and for all!

In the Gospel narrative the light of God's presence initially causes fear, as a human being by nature is afraid of the unknown, the unexpected or the uncertain: "And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear" (Lk 2:8-9). But the word spoken by the angel "Fear not!" and the good news about the birth of the Saviour takes away that fear: "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" (2:12). The shepherds readily go to the place indicated by the angel, there they bow before the newborn Saviour, and in turn, themselves become proclaimers of joy.

The Newborn Saviour is the incarnate Love of God, who as the only and eternal source of joy dispels fear. Authentic love is not a temporary or passing human emotion, but a life-giving power, the expanse of life, given and guaranteed by God Himself. Only in the space of Divine love and joy can human beings fully live, develop, and be themselves. God does not desire for His creation to be afraid, and thus in the Nativity, He comes to us as a vulnerable child. The Son of God allows Himself to be laid on hay in a manger, He allows Himself to be embraced by human hands, to be fed at the human breast of the Mother of God. The Almighty God, who needs nothing, makes Himself needy, helpless, and dependent on the warmth and tenderness of human love! Today He makes us capable of opening our embrace to God and neighbour without fear.

So, where does this fear come from? Above all, humans are fearful because, being separated from God through sin, they feel abandoned and lonely: confronting the unknown world alone and unprotected before its hostility. When people are closed to the love of their Creator, they are fearful of Him, erroneously perceiving God as a hostile and foreign power, which seemingly might threaten them, and so they seek to build their life without Him. They hide before their God and Lord, as once did Adam in paradise following his sinful fall. We read in the book of Genesis: "But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?' And he said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid...'" (3:9-10). The life of a person without God's love is transformed into "a space of anxiety and restlessness." A human being, having distanced himself or herself from the face of God, falls into a place of constant fear for their life in the face of death. It is this fear that is the tool of evil, which inevitably takes over and paralyzes a person, takes away his or her freedom, deprives them of joy and hope. A person without God is also afraid of his or her neighbour, the foreigner, the emigrant, as subconsciously they see them as competitors for their illusory space of security and plenty. In the end, such persons fear themselves, their weaknesses and limitations. They are afraid of failing to fulfil the expectations of others, they are afraid of being a failure in learning and work in the context of increasingly aggressive competition in the world. And so today the voice of the heavenly angel resounds in our present night of fear and insecurity: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy!" (Lk 2:10).

The Son of God was born in a human body in order to overcome the very reason for a person's alarm, fear, and uncertainty. This day, in His Nativity, with His liberating divine love He enters into the cold and dark cave of human existence, into our world, increasingly filled with anxiety, into our personal expanse of life. He is born in our midst in order to remove the paralyzing power of our contemporary fears and anxieties, and to say to the person of the XXI century, to say to each one of us: "Fear not!" We read of this in the Epistle to the Hebrews: "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery." (2:14-15).

Christmas is the source of victory over today's fears: fear of the future and the unknown, fear of others, fear of death. In celebrating the birth of our Saviour, His joyful entrance into the horizons of humanity today, let us not allow anyone to frighten us. The word of angels spoken today "Fear not!" is also directed to the Ukrainian people in the midst of the challenges we face in this historical period of our nation's existence. If "God is with us" then who can frighten us, take away or imprison our will to defend our country and people, our desire for true justice, dignity, and liberty? St. John writes: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:18-19).

Christmas in the unification of God with humankind: God Himself enters into human living space and begins living as a human being, accepting all discomforts, challenges, and threats. Let us rejoice, therefore, for we are the ones whom Christ in His Nativity has liberated from fear, granting us joy in love. He will also renew our capacity to love God and neighbour. In Him are the foundations of our national, state, and ecclesial existence.

Dear Brother and Sisters. With Christ's birth, I sincerely greet you all: those in Ukraine and abroad, those who celebrate together with loved ones and those who are far from family, the young and the old, children and parents, the healthy and the infirm, the wealthy and the poor. Today we are all rich in the joy and love of the newborn Saviour. In thought and heart, I am with those who suffer bodily and spiritual wounds. Those who have doubts and are searching in the midst of the dangers and anxieties of today's world, who thirst for true peace and joy – receive my Christmas greeting and my loving embrace. Today, in a special way I unite myself in prayer with those who fearlessly stand on the frontlines and defend our country. On the occasion of this feast, I express my gratitude and impart my blessings on our battle-worn veterans. May the words of our carol-koliadka speak to the heart of each of you:

*Let us imitate the shepherds,
Let us bow to the One Born
That He deign to grant us peace
Transform sorrows into joy,
For those who believe, who believe in Him (Vselennaya Veselysia)*

From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you the authentic joy of the children of God, a tasty kutia, a cheerful celebration of Christ's Nativity, and a happy, peaceful, and blessed New Year!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv
at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
on the day of the all-praiseworthy Apostle Andrew the First-called
the 13th of December (30th of November) in the 2019th Year of our Lord

Save the Date!

Pushchynia (Pre-Lenten Dance)

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925
St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Saturday, February 22, 2020

6:30pm -12:00am \$17.50 per person Lunch Live Band – By Request

For Tickets & info call

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Sunday Collection December 15

Sunday Collection	\$2758.00
Open Collection	\$49.00
Vigil Lamps	\$135.75
Initial Offering	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$1430.00
Christmas Offering	\$320.00
Christmas Flowers	\$70.00
Securities in Kind	\$2544.00

Thank you for your support.

***Parish Office will
be closed
December 24, 25, 26
December 31 & January 1***



December 21 & 22

Epistle Readers
Sat. 5:00 pm
Kathy Hrechka
Sunday 8:30 am
Hannia Tarasiuk
11:00 am P. Washchyshyn

Ushers
Saturday 5:00 pm
D. Dahl, S. Sumka
Sunday 8:30 am
A Danylchuk, R. Macsymach
11:00 am
D. Trach, L. Trach

Vigil Lamps
December 9-22
E. Kuzenko, J. Marchuk

December 24 & 25

Epistle Readers
Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm
Joanne Peters
10:00 pm Parish Choir
Christmas Day 10:00 am
Ben Rawluk

Ushers
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm
J. Hykawy, M. Hykawy
D. Sumka, S. Sumka
10:00 pm
L. Hudyma, Z. Hudyma
Christmas Day 10:00 am
G. Fallis, H. Stockburn

Vigil Lamps
Dec. 2-Jan. 6
H. Stockburn, S. Prokop

December 28 & 29

Epistle Readers
Sat. 5:00 pm
Donna Sumka
Sunday 8:30 am
Mary Marcinkow
11:00 am J. Washchyshyn

Ushers
Saturday 5:00 pm
D. Sumka, S. Sumka
Sunday 8:30 am
S. Prokop, P. Kurjewicz
11:00 am
D. Gulchak, B. Rolston

Vigil Lamps
Dec. 2-Jan. 6
H. Stockburn, S. Prokop

Jan. 1, Jan. 4 & 5

Epistle Readers
Jan. 4 5:00 pm
Stephen Sumka
Jan. 5 10:00 am
Johanna Chabluk

Ushers
New Years Day 11:00 am
D. Trach, L. Trach
Jan. 4 5:00 pm
M. Gwozd, P. Gwozd
Jan. 5 10:00 am
M. Samec, I Werbovetski

Vigil Lamps
Dec. 2-Jan. 6
H. Stockburn, S. Prokop

Divine Liturgy Intentions

December 22– 29

Sunday before The Nativity - the Holy Fathers				Heb. 11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40 Matt. 1:1-25
Sat. Dec. 21	5:00 pm	+Jacqueline Black		Rose & Brad Black
Sun. Dec. 22	8:30 am	For Our Parishioners		
<i>Holy Family Home</i>	10:00 am	Special Intention Sportak Family		Joseph
	11:00 am	+Ron Romanyk (40th Day)		Peter & Family
10 Martyrs of Crete				Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19 Luke 20:27-44
Mon. Dec. 23	8:00 am	Health		Szadiak Family
<i>Bethany Home</i>	4:30 pm	Special Intention		
Eve of the Nativity				Heb. 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20
Tues. Dec. 24	8:00 am	+Christine Gushuliak		Pat Graham
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners		
	10:00 pm	Compline		
	10:30 pm	Intention of the Celebrant		
Nativity of Our Lord				Gal. 4:4-7 Matt. 2:1-12
Wed. Dec. 25	10:00 am	Intention of the Celebrant		
<i>Holy Family Home</i>	10:00 am	God's Blessing (100 th Birthday)	Sofia Hull	Orysia
Sobor of the Mother of God				Heb. 2:11-18 Matt. 2:13-23
Thurs Dec. 26	8:30 am	For Our Parishioners		
<i>Bethany Home</i>	11:00 am	Special Intention		
	7:00 pm	Health		Colgan Family
St. Stephen, First Martyr				Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5; 47-60 Matt. 21:33-42
Fri. Dec. 27	8:30am	God's Blessings Darlene Dahl		Phyllis
<i>Bethany Home</i>	11:00 am	Special Intention		
	7:00 pm	For Our Parishioners		
Saturday after the Nativity				1 Tim. 6:11-16 Matt. 12:15-21
Sat. Dec. 28	8:30 am	Special Intention		
Sunday after the Nativity				Gal. 1:11-19 Matt. 2: 13-23
Sat. Dec. 28	5:00 pm	God's Blessings Joanne Zulak		Heather
Sun. Dec. 29	8:30 am	Special Intention		
<i>Holy Family Home</i>	10:00 am	God's Blessings Sr Mary Basil		SSMI
	11:00 am	For Our Parishioners		





Христос Раждается! Славите Його!
Christ is born! Glorify Him!

*Your birth, O Christ our God,
has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;
for through it, those who worshipped the stars
have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice,
and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.
Glory be to You, O Lord!*
(Nativity Tropar)