



St. Joseph's

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

Served by the Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorists

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE & MONASTERY

250 Jefferson Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2V 0M6

HOURS ~ MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
*Closed - 12:00 p.m. to
1:00 p.m. for lunch*
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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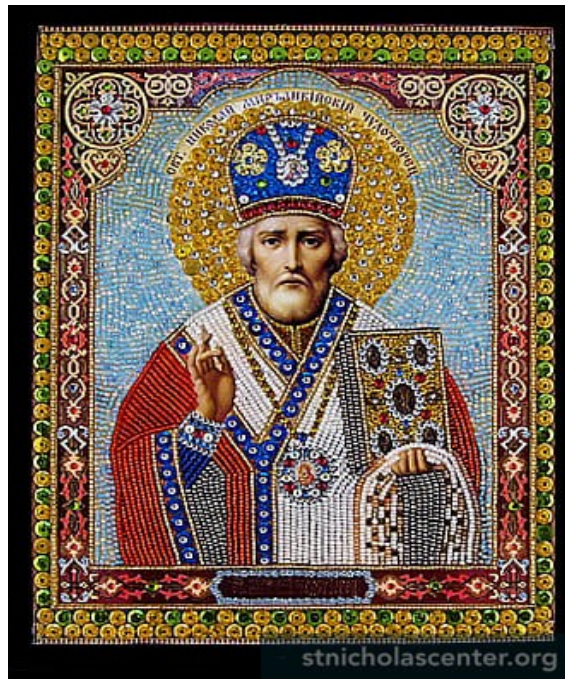
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Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers 4:00 P.M.

Saturday 5:00 P.M. (ENG)

Sunday 9:00 A.M (UKR/ENG) 11:00 A.M. (ENG)

Blessed Vasyl Devotions: Wednesday 7:00P.M.

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Dear Parishioners:

This past Thursday our Church and the Redemptorists got news that our Provincial, Fr. Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R. has been appointed as the Eparch (Bishop) of Saskatoon. Axios! We congratulate Bishop-elect Michael on this appointment. Fr. Michael spent a number of years as the Director of the Welcome Home here in Winnipeg. He was our Regional Coordinator of the Yorkton Region before being elected as the Provincial of the

Redemptorist Province of Canada in 2022. He leaves behind for us a big hole, but God has chosen this new ministry for him. May our Lord help him lead the faithful of Saskatchewan to a greater knowledge and service of our Lord.

The A.R CASH fundraiser was a great success. Those who came to enjoy the concert were not disappointed but were thoroughly entertained. A big thank you goes to Mary Jane Kalenchuk and her committee who organized this fundraiser to support the military and their needs in Ukraine. And a thank you to all the volunteers that stepped up to make the evenings run smoothly. We thank Aaron and Ashley Prociuk for providing the entertainment. A very fine job. We cleared over \$6,000.00.

During this time of the church year we are in Pylypivka (St. Philip's Fast) in preparation for Christmas. This time is marked by becoming aware of the needs of others, especially the poor and to reach out to them in generosity. I thank all those who have responded to the request of our Outreach group for items of food. The response has been overwhelming. A BIG THANK YOU to all who have already brought items for those in need. We will be able to make many hampers, etc.

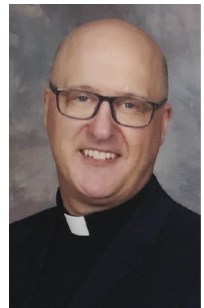
We are in need for someone to step up to coordinate our future Coffee Klatch. We do have a few people who will volunteer (once a month), but we need more volunteers and a coordinator. Do not be afraid to step up. Others will help.

Once again the Perogy Bee was a success. Thanks to all of the volunteers, even I pinched a few perogies. The next one will be in a few weeks time

Fr. John

NEW BISHOP ELECT FOR SASKATOON EPARCHY

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon is pleased to announce that following upon the proposal of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis has appointed Very Reverend Michael Smolinski, CSsR, until now Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists in Canada, as Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon. This decision was announced from the Vatican on Thursday, November 30, 2023. Bishop-Elect Smolinski becomes the 6th Eparchial Bishop to minister to the Ukrainian Catholic Faithful in the Province of Saskatchewan. Born and raised in Saskatoon, Bishop-Elect Smolinski served in pastoral ministry in Saskatchewan, as well as in Manitoba. For many years he directed The Welcome Home project for inner city residents in Winnipeg. Since January 2023, he was Provincial Superior for the combined English-Speaking, French-Speaking and Ukrainian Catholic Province for the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer - the Redemptorists.



Fr. Michael Smolinski, CSsR

Congratulations on your appointment. We wish you much success and happiness, as you enter this new chapter in your life with God. Axios



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
will take place on Saturdays & Sundays before Divine Liturgy.



Glory to Jesus Christ

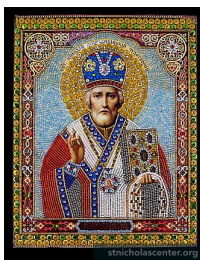
Слава Ісусу Христу!

27th Sunday After Pentecost

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	December 3	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
		11:00 am	Divine Liturgy (English)
Tuesday	December 5	1:00 pm	Outreach Meeting
Wednesday	December 6	1:30 pm	Rosary for Ukraine
		7:00 pm	Blessed Vasyl Devotions
Saturday	December 9	4:00 pm	Vespers
		5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (English)
			Light up for Christmas
Sunday	December 10	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
		11:00 am	Divine Liturgy (English)



**St Nicholas the Wonderworker, December 6
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia**

A world-wide symbol of gift giving and love, St. Nicholas is more revered by the Church as a Wonderworker, both in life and in death. Nicholas was born to wealthy Christian parents in Patara, on the southwest coast of the Roman province of Lycia in Asia Minor. He was orphaned in an epidemic while he was still young and raised by his uncle, another Nicholas, the bishop of Patara. Of a religious disposition, Nicholas was tonsured as a reader by his uncle while quite young and eventually was ordained a priest. Obeying Christ's words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his own inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. As a prominent Christian, Nicholas was imprisoned during the persecutions of Diocletian and Galerius, which ended in 311. In response to his deliverance, Nicholas traveled to the Holy Land on pilgrimage. While there he reportedly lived with a group of monks in what is today Beit Jala. However Nicholas was not called to the monastic life and returned to Patara.

On the return voyage the ship was threatened by a powerful storm. The terrified sailors were amazed to see the storm suddenly subside at Nicholas' prayers. This gave rise to the custom of praying to St Nicholas as protector of seamen. In 317 Nicholas was chosen as archbishop of Myra the provincial capital of Lycia. He was neither a great ascetic nor a martyr. His reputation rests on his pastoral concern for the people under his care, particularly the poor and the defenseless. The tenth-century life of St. Nicholas by Symeon the Translator tells of secret gift-giving to save an impoverished man's daughters from penury. St. Nicholas secretly left money to provide a dowry for each of the daughters in turn. Another tells how, after the emperor had levied a heavy tax on the people of Myra, St Nicholas went to Constantinople and pleaded successfully with the emperor to have the taxes reduced. These stories and more became known in the West and Nicholas became a favorite saint throughout Europe. Nicholas died in Myra on December 6, 343 and was buried in his cathedral. His tomb became famous for many miracles.



Conception of St. Anne, Immaculate Conception December 9

In the fullness of time God sent His Son, born of a virgin in a miraculous way. But long before the birth of Jesus, God prepared the way by making the Mother of God's birth miraculous as well. Anne, Mary's mother, was barren and advanced in years. The Feast of the Conception of Anne is the day in the Church calendar when we remember how God intervened in the course of human relationships to create the perfect vessel to contain the Word of God ~ the New Ark of the Covenant, if you will.

God had sanctified Mary at the moment of her conception in His foreknowledge that the Blessed Virgin would consent to bear Christ. In other words, she too had been redeemed ~ her redemption had simply been accomplished at the moment of her conception, rather than (as with all other Christians) in baptism. According to Tradition, the names of Mary's parents were Joachim and Anne. They were a devout, childless couple. Both these facts did not escape the attention of those around them, since infertility at that time was regarded as divine judgment. Most especially, they did not escape the attention of the Almighty. When St. Anne conceived an infant, Joachim and Anne's joy was so great that they immediately dedicated the child to the service of God in the Temple. The child they had prayed and longed for all those years, with great spiritual courage they returned to God.

St. Anne had a remarkable job to do. It was her task to raise the woman who would become the Theotokos, the God-bearer. And hers was the task of relinquishing, little by little, all mothers hold most dear. At the age of three, Mary was brought to live in the Temple. A few years later, she returned home to prepare for her adult life ... and was soon found to be pregnant. No doubt this caused many a sleepless night for Mary's parents, just as it did for Mary's betrothed. And yet, ultimately they held on to the fact that they had offered Mary to God when she was young; whatever happened, she belonged to Him just as she belonged to them.

Mary is of the created earth, but she is the perfect vessel of creation. We link her to the temple, God's dwelling place, since she carried God in her womb. The Church sees creation gone wrong in Adam and Eve while Jesus becomes the new Adam and Mary the new Eve to show us the way to God's salvation. The Virgin Mary was always filled with every blessing and gift of the Holy Spirit in whose grace she certainly grew throughout her life. Though born without original sin, according to the view of the Eastern Fathers, she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam ~ from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death. And so, on this day when we remember Mary's beginnings, we offer a prayer for our own children as well. No matter how our children came to us ~ through birth or adoption, or through simple association ~ they are not ours to possess. We are to take care of them and guide them as best we can for as long as they are with us. St. Anne, patroness of small miracles, pray for us.

Image courtesy of : <https://sspp.ca/our-faith/liturgical-year/stationary-feasts/conception-of-st-anne/> icon courtesy of Dmitry Shkolnik

Grace Hospital Spiritual Health Services

The Spiritual Health Services Department at Grace Hospital is looking for donations of rosaries for patients.



If you have any spare rosaries that you would like to donate, please drop them off with Natalia at the parish office.

Thank you for your kind consideration

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Sunday Collection November 26

Sunday Collection	\$4505
Open Collection	\$60
Vigil Lamps	\$43.50
Outreach	\$25
Christmas Flowers	\$20
Holy Spirit Seminary	\$50
November EFT	\$5665

Thank you for your support



Saturday 4:00 pm **Great Vespers**
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am **Divine Liturgy**
YouTube - St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg

Wednesdays 1:30 pm **Rosary for Ukraine**
7:00 pm **Blessed VasyL Devotions**
YouTube - Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine



ST. JOE'S PEROGY BEE

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped with our perogy bee!!

Our next perogy bee will be December 12th and 13th! See you then!

For our church to continue with this amazing event, volunteers are always required to fill the following positions: Potato peelers, Dough makers, Dough pressers, Ballers, Pinchers, Pincher runners, Perogy boilers, Perogy runners, Perogy packers, Order fillers, Perogy wrappers, Coffee/tea and lunch prep, Clean up. This is a wonderful way to gather as community. So come on out to enjoy a day of fellowship, hard work and fun. We KNEAD your help in making this program a success.

To volunteer please contact: Donna Sumka (204) 339-6025

**To order please contact Mary at
204-339-1296, \$8.00/doz.**

There will be a limit of 10 dozen per order at this time to ensure enough volunteers are available to fill each order. Orders will be taken to a maximum of 350 dozen as to not overwhelm our precious and valued volunteers!



Epistle Readers

December 2 & 3

Sat. 5:00 pm
Stephen Sumka
Sunday 9:00 am
Orysia Hull
11:00 am
Beverly Rolston

December 9 & 10

Sat. 5:00 pm
Joanne Peters
Sunday 9:00 am
Mary Marckinkow
11:00 am
Joan Washchyshyn



Epistle Readers

December 16 & 17

Sat. 5:00 pm
Kathy Hrechka
Sunday 9:00 am
Ivyan Michalchyshyn
11:00 am
Peter Washchyshyn

December 23 & 24

Sat. 5:00 pm
Helen Stockburn
Sunday 9:00 am
Orysia Hull
11:00 am
Nestor Dudych
Christmas schedule to
Follow

Ushers

December 2 & 3

Sat. 5:00 pm
Linda Zelinsky &
Gloria Bonin
Sunday 9:00 am
Janina Barrett &
Nettie Royko
11:00 am
Jillian Galay &
Ernie Matwychuk

December 9 & 10

Sat. 5:00 pm
Linda Zelinsky &
Gloria Bonin
Sunday 9:00 am
Janina Barrett &
Nettie Royko
11:00 am
Norm & Sandy Dobson



Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

Rosary for Ukraine Wednesday 1:30 pm
Devotions Wednesday 7:00 pm

Shrine Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,
Saturday 10 am - 1:00 pm

The Shrine is open for prayers following the
Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday Liturgies.

*During this season of Advent/Pylypivka as
we journey towards and prepare for
Christmas, please consider the gift of
spending more time in prayer.*

*The Bishop Velychkovsky
National Martyr's Shrine*

*hosts times of prayer on Wednesdays during the
Rosary at 1:30 pm and during the Devotions
at 7:00 pm.*

St. Joseph's Outreach

In the spirit of charitable giving, throughout Pylypivka/Advent, please consider taking part in this "Reverse Advent Calendar" for the Outreach Ministry. In addition to the items listed you may wish to consider:

Gift cards to grocery stores (\$10-\$20) so that the people receiving the hampers can buy themselves fresh dairy/eggs, bread or produce

Salt, Pepper, Spices &
Condiments, Christmas candy

Additional protein items

*"Pylypivka is a time of
preparing our hearts and
lives for the coming
Christmas season. It's
characterized by fasting or
the abstinence of certain
foods, prayer, attending
pre-Christmas services,
and acts of charity to
others."*



Різдвяний ЯРМАРОК

НЕДІЛЯ, 17 ГРУДНЯ
11:00 АМ - 2:00 РМ

ПАРАФІЯЛЬНИЙ ЗАЛ
(115 MCGREGOR ST)

ТРАДИЦІЙНІ
УКРАЇНСЬКІ
РІЗДВЯНІ СТРАВИ

Кутя,
Вареники,
Голубці,
Налисники,
Пиріжки,
Грибні вушка,
Борщ,
Пампухи,
Солодка випічка та багато
ін.),

РІЗДВЯНИЙ ДЕКОР ТА
СУВЕНІРИ РУЧНОЇ РОБОТИ.

Christmas FAIR

DECEMBER, 17TH
AT 11:00 А.М - 2:00 Р.М.

PARISH HALL
(115 MCGREGOR ST)

Traditional
Ukrainian
Christmas food

Kutya,
Perogies,
Cabbage rolls, Crepes,
Mushroom vushka,
Borshch,
Donuts,
Homemade pastry, cookies
and cakes.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION
AND CRAFTS

Prayers for the Sick Please Pray For:

Joanna Amer
Helen Chubaty
Margaret Fedorchuk
Orest Fedorchuk
Patricia Lewak
Haley Norman
Steve Prokop
Helen Stockburn
Alicia Topor
Chris Topor
Lesia Whyte
Mary Woytowich

O Holy Father, You sent your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity. Heal your servants of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Restore them by Your grace, and through the prayers of the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, and of all your Saints. For You, are the fountain of healing, and we glorify You together with your only-begotten Son, and your Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Christmas Divine Liturgy Schedule 2023 - 2024



“Світло Різдва” ~ Оригінал роботи Олега Лобурака з Коломиї, Україна. Використано з дозволу художника.
“Light of Christmas” ~ Original work of Oleh Lobourak from Kolomyia, Ukraine. Used with permission of the artist.

Sunday December 24 - Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy (English)

9:30 pm Great Compline (Велике Повечір'я) & Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

Monday December 25

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday December 26

Sobor of the Mother of God

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Wednesday December 27

Saint Stephen

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Monday January 1

Circumcision of Our Lord -St Basil-New Year

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Friday January 5

Theophany Eve - Baptism of Our Lord

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Solemn Blessing of Water

Saturday January 6

Theophany - Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Solemn Blessing of Water

Divine Liturgy Intentions & Scripture Readings

December 3 ~ 10

27th Sunday after Pentecost				Eph. 6:10-17 ~ Luke 13:10-17
Saturday	5:00 pm	December 2	+Raymond Van Den Busche	Jason & Stacie Sliva & Family
Sunday	9:00 am	December 3	+Fred & Kay Kuzyk	Teresa Kuzyk
	11:00 am		For Our Parishioners	
Great Martyr Barbara				2 Tim. 2:20-26 ~ Luke 19:37-44
Monday	8:00 am	December 4	+Gaetan, Marc-Alic & Marcial	Denise
Venerable Sabbas				Gal. 5:22-6:2 ~ Matt. 11:27-30
Tuesday	8:00 am	December 5	+Lillian Sianchuk	NN
St. Nicholas, Wonderworker				Heb. 13:17-21 ~ Luke 6:17-23
Wednesday	8:00 am	December 6	Birthday Blessings for Janet Hemingway	Janet Hemingway
St. Ambrose				Titus 1:5-2:1 ~ Luke 20:9-18
Thursday	8:00 am	December 7	+Sophia & Hnat Pisiak	NN
Venerable Patapius				Titus 1:15-2:10 ~ Luke 20:19-26
Friday	8:00 am	December 8	+Katherine & Henry Rolski	Louise K. Rodzen
Immaculate Conception				Gal. 4:22-31 ~ Luke 8:16-21
Saturday	9:00 am	December 9	For Our Parishioners	
28th Sunday after Pentecost				Col. 1:12-18 ~ Luke 14:16-24
Saturday	5:00 pm	December 9	+Jacqueline Black	Brad Black
Sunday	9:00 am	December 10	Birthday Blessing for Larysa Marcinkow	Mama, Tato & Alia
	11:00 am		For Our Parishioners	



Holy Family Home celebrates The Festival of Lights

Loved ones who live at Holy Family Home deserve a quiet, private, comfortable space to bathe. This year's Festival of Lights campaign will help to renovate tub rooms, complete with state-of-the-art tubs, clever wall murals, towel warmers and oversized bath-sheets for each resident.

Donate today through Lubov SSMI Foundation.
Call 204-942-0443, visit www.lubovfoundation.ca,
stop by 1085 Main Street.

Your gift will also help light up the Holy Family Home campus. The more dollars raised, the more lights will shine for loved ones to enjoy. If you travel past the Home this Christmas season, you too will be able to experience the Festival of Lights.



“Mary’s Angels” are available before and after each Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday. The sale of these angels is a Christmas “in memoriam” project. Each angel is \$7.00. A panahyda service will be celebrated after the 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy on December 23rd for all the “in memoriam” names.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Angels will go to help fund the Marian Hour on 92.7 CKJS Radio. The remaining portion will support the soldiers defending Ukraine against the Russian aggression. Donations will be used to purchase medical supplies, winter gear and drones to help save lives.

