



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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Parish Bulletin

DECEMBER 31, 2023



ICON OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD IN ST. MICHAEL CHURCH, PITTSTON.
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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:

It was certainly beautiful to see so many of our parishioners and their families for the Christmas services. The 4 pm Divine Liturgy was particularly full. I thank all those who were able to come and participate. I thank all the animators: the singers, the readers, the altar servers, the ushers; those who decorated the church, and all those who helped make our Divine Services celebratory and beautiful. As you know, Christmas does not only last one day. This whole past week we celebrate this great Truth and Sign of God's love for us. We conclude the Christmas proper services on December 31st.

But then we celebrate the Circumcision of our Lord on January 1st and then begins our Theophany preparation and the Feast of the Theophany celebrated this Saturday January 6th. In the early Church the feast of the Theophany was celebrated more than Christmas. On this feast day we celebrate that our God is not just a power which created the whole universe, but is a relationship of Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the depths of this time of darkness, God reveals himself at the Baptism of Jesus as the Light, the dynamic life-creating Love of the Holy Trinity. This feast day is celebrated until January 14th. The whole season of Christmas/Theophany concludes with the feast of the Encounter February 2nd.

At the feast of Theophany (also known as Epiphany or Jordan) we have a solemn blessing of water. Please bring jars (containers) with you to church to be able to take this Holy Water to your homes. If you wish to have your home blessed by a priest, please inform us (phone, text or email), and we will strive to bless it as soon as possible.

On Saturday January 6, after the Liturgy and Blessing of Water, we will have a potluck meal in our parish auditorium. We invite all of you and especially all the new-comers from Ukraine. This will give us an opportunity to meet with them, to welcome them and to get to know them. Please come and share in this opportunity. If you are able to come, please phone the people that are named in the bulletin advertisement, so that we can prepare properly.

We need to begin Coffee Klatch (hopefully January 21), but I still need some more committed volunteers. Call me and I will give more details.

Finally, I wish all of you a happy, blessed, healthy and prosperous NEW YEAR!

Fr. John

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

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

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Solemn Blessing of Water

Happy New Year 2024!

Wishing you a blessed new year filled with peace, hope, faith and happiness!

May the Lord's blessings pour upon you and grant you a healthy, pleasant, and prosperous new year to you and your family!



Sunday Collection December 24

Sunday Collection	\$7516
Open Collection	\$170
Vigil Lamps	\$317.50
Outreach	\$325
Christmas Flowers	\$190
Christmas Offering	\$10351
Initial Offering	\$65
Capital Building Fund	\$200
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In Memory of Mary Ryczak

Thank you for your support



Fr. Shyshkovich Council of St. Joseph's parish

would like to advise all our brother Knights that our first business meeting of 2024 and fraternal evening has been moved one day to Tuesday,

January 9th, beginning at 6:30pm.

Following the meeting, a fraternal meal will be provided for all Knights in attendance. Please contact Grand Knight Michael Ryczak asap to confirm your attendance for catering.



ONLINE CHURCH

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 Vasy! Devotions

YouTube - Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

***** All Christmas Services will be Live Streamed
please check the schedule in the bulletin*****

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Христос Раждається! Славте Його!

Sunday after the Nativity



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 31	9:00 am 11:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Divine Liturgy (English)
Monday	January 1	10:00 am	Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day
Wednesday	January 3	1:30 pm 7:00 pm	Rosary Blessed Vasył Devotions
Friday	January 5	7:00 pm	Theophany Eve - Divine Liturgy Baptism of Our Lord and Solemn Water Blessing
Saturday	January 6	10:00 am	Theophany - Baptism of Our Lord Divine Liturgy and Solemn Water Blessing followed by Pot Luck Lunch
		4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Vespers Divine Liturgy (English)
Sunday	January 7	9:00 am 11:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Divine Liturgy (English)



The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada – St. Joseph's Branch will be holding its Christmas event on Sunday, January 14th, 2024 in the church auditorium following the 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. All Members are invited to attend. Cost of the hot meal is \$20.00 person and must be prepaid.

Please put your payment in the collection box in church or drop it off at the Church office (mark your envelope UCWLC Christmas Lunch).

Payment deadline is January 7, 2024.

In addition, we will be collecting \$10 per person which will be split equally between the Outreach Ministry and Welcome Home. After lunch, there will be a short program and carolling.

See you there!



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



Baptism of Our Lord

At the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan, the public ministry of the Saviour begins. John the Baptist points to Christ in the Jordan and identifies Him as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). During the baptism of Jesus, the Most Holy Trinity is made known: “Worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming you the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word’s certainty.” “The voice of the Father” is the voice of the Heavenly Father, and the “Spirit in the form of a dove” is the Holy Spirit, who descends upon Christ, revealing him to be the Son of God. For this reason, Church tradition refers to the Baptism of Jesus Christ as the Theophany (from the Greek, meaning divine appearance).

**Christ Our Pascha,
Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church**



“At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed, for the Father’s voice bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove, confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ, our God, who appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to You!”

(Tropar of Theophany / Baptism of the Lord)

The Lord “reveals” Himself; He appears unto us. That’s what He does, on this great feast of Theophany celebrated today. He doesn’t hide Himself from us, but exposes Himself, immersing Himself into, and giving His light and “enlightenment” to, the “waters” of our world in the river Jordan.

Let us not hide ourselves from Him either, today, but come to Him in honesty, in some heartfelt prayer. Let me respond to His openness to us, and to His readiness to immerse Himself in all the “waters” of our lives, opening our hearts to His enlightening presence, and letting ourselves be immersed in it. Thank You, Lord, for sanctifying, again and again, all our “waters,” which we tend to pollute and muddy with our human shortcomings. “God is the Lord, and has appeared unto us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”



ST. JOE'S PEROGY BEE

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help with the last perogy bee.

Please relax and enjoy the small break until February 13th and 14th!

May God Bless you and your families with a beautiful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

See you in 2024!

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 30 & 31

Sat. 5:00 pm
Stephen Sumka

Sunday 9:00 am
Ivan Michalchyshyn

11:00 am
Joanne Malenko

January 6 & 7

Sat. 5:00 pm
Kathy Hrechka

Sunday 9:00 am
Mary Marcinkow

11:00 am
Beverly Rolston



Epistle Readers

January 13 & 14

Sat. 5:00 pm
Joanne Peters

Sunday 9:00 am
Orysia Hull

11:00 am
Peter Washchysyn

January 20 & 21

Sat. 5:00 pm
Helen Stockburn

Sunday 9:00 am
Ivan Michalchyshyn

11:00 am
Joan Washchysyn

Ushers

December 30 & 31

Sat. 5:00 pm
Linda Zelinsky &
Gloria Bonin

Sunday 9:00 am
Marian Moshansky

11:00 am
No one scheduled

January 6 & 7

Sat. 5:00 pm
Linda Zelinsky &
Gloria Bonin

Sunday 9:00 am
Nettie Royko &
Janina Barrett

11:00 am
Norm & Sandy Dobson



Prayers for the Sick Please Pray For:

Joanna Amer
Helen Chubaty
Margaret Fedorchuk
Orest Fedorchuk
Corinne Kowpak
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.

**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.



Theophany Potluck Gathering

On January 6, 2024, following the Theophany Divine Liturgy and Solemn Blessing of Water at 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph's is holding a Theophany Potluck Gathering to welcome the families that have arrived from Ukraine. A time of fellowship and caroling will take place following the meal.

Help will be needed to set up and clean up in preparation for this event. Please bring a potluck dish to share if you are attending. Monetary donations will kindly be accepted. Call Isabel Lukie at 204-338-3362 by January 1st, to confirm your attendance.

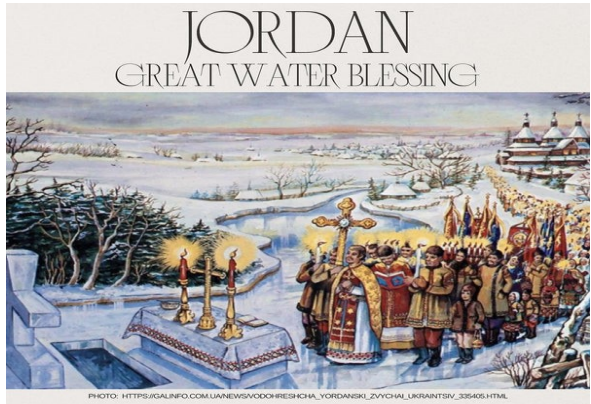


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Йорданський Зібрання

6 січня 2024 року, після Богоявленської Божественної Літургії та урочистого освячення води о 10:00, парафія проводить Водохрещенське зібрання, щоб разом із нашими парафіянами прийняти родини, які прибули з України. Після трапези відбудеться час спілкування та колядування. Будь ласка, зателефонуйте Анни Банери за номером 204-612-7247 до 1 січня, щоб підтвердити вашу присутність. Як бажаєте, можна принести до стола щоб поділитися.

Divine Liturgy Intentions & Scripture Readings

December 31 ~ January 7

+Pavlo & Anna Sunday after the Nativity			Gal. 1:11-19 ~ Matt. 2:13-23	
Sunday	9:00 am	December 31	For Our Parishioners	
	11:00 am		God's blessings & health for Kathy & Frank Hrechka	Orest & Margaret Fedorchuk
Circumcision of Our Lord, St. Basil the Great ~ New Year			Col. 2:8-12 ~ Luke 2:20-21; 40-52	
Monday	10:00 am	January 1	For Our Parishioners	
	7:00 pm		Health of the Bratasyuk Family	Oksana Bratasyuk
Pope Sylvester			James 3:1-10 ~ Mark 11:11-23	
Tuesday	8:00 am	January 2	Health of Toni & Bill Little	Bill Little
Prophet Malachi and Martyr Gordius			James 3:11-4:6 ~ Mark 11:23-26	
Wednesday	8:00 am	January 3	For the Shrine Volunteers	Lesia
Synaxis 70 Apostles			James 4:7-5:9 ~ Mark 11:27-33	
Thursday	8:00 am	January 4	Intention of Taras	Sokolyk, Fallis, Hanson Families
Eve of Theophany			1 Cor. 9:19-27 ~ Luke 3:1-18	
Friday	8:00 am	January 5	+Pavlo & Anna Lazuka	Fr. Ivan
	7:00 pm		For Our Parishioners	
Theophany of Our Lord ~ Jordan			Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 ~ Matt. 3:13-17	
Saturday	10:00am	January 6	For Our Parishioners	
	5:00 pm		+Theodore & Stefania, Hryhorij & Andrey Tarasiuk	Brian, Hannia & family
Sunday after Theophany			Eph. 4:7-13 ~ Matt. 4:12-17	
Sunday	9:00 am	January 7	+Hryhorij & Anna Drepko	Maria Stolarskyj
	11:00 am		For Our Parishioners	



Prayer to Saint Joseph

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only
Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a
father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**



Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help, we come
before your holy Icon seeking to follow Your
Son. Mary, please gently guide us to enter
more deeply into the mystery of

Redemption. Help us as we contemplate the Incarnation,
Passion, Death & Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, Our
Redeemer. Help us to receive and accept the Light of Christ
present in your arms. Mary, we present our needs to you and
ask that you place them in the hands of your Son. Most Holy
Mother of God, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, save us.
Amen

***O Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Пресвята Богородице, спаси нас!***