



# Blessing of Homes at Theophany

In the days following Theophany, the Fathers will be visiting and blessing the homes of parishioners with the newly blessed "Jordan Water". If you wish to have your home blessed please fill out the bottom portion of this page and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory office.

## HOME BLESSING 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Most Suitable time to visit: Morning \_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_

| DATE   | TIME                  | EPISTLE          | CANTOR                           | USHERS   | ORGANIST    | GREETERS |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------|----------|
| <b>SAT DEC 24</b><br><i>Eve of the Nativity</i>    | 8:00 pm<br>English    | Eleanor Shumay   | Laurie Fedorowich<br>Ron Wizniak | Henry Shumay<br>Jerry Gromnisky<br>John Uhryn<br>Leonard Puchala | Iris Skehar |          |
|  | 10:30 pm<br>Ukrainian | Elsie Stechyshyn | Lorne Stechyshyn                 | Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood                                   |             |          |
| <b>SUN DEC 25</b><br><i>Nativity of Our Lord</i>   | 9:00 am<br>Ukrainian  | Ivan Bachynskyy  |                                  | Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood                                   |             |          |
|  | 11:00 am<br>English   | Ron Wizniak      | Laurie Fedorowich<br>Ron Wizniak | Emil Strutynski<br>Lorne Semaschuk                               | Iris Skehar |          |
| <b>SAT DEC 31</b>                                  | 5:00 pm<br>English    |                  |                                  | Jean Kitsch<br>Ann Musey   |             |          |
| <b>SUN JAN 1</b><br><i>Sunday before Theophany</i> | 9:00 am<br>Ukrainian  | Elsie Stechyshyn | Lorne Stechyshyn                 | Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood                                   |             |          |
|  | 11:00 am<br>English   | Dave Spelay      | Laurie Fedorowich<br>Ron Wizniak | Dave Spelay<br>Faye Spelay                                       | Iris Skehar |          |

|                                      |   |             |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| <b>SUNDAY COLLECTION DEC 18 2016</b> | Received in 174 Regular Envelopes ..... | \$ 5,636.00 |
|                                      | Loose Collection .....                  | \$ 151.00   |
|                                      | Received in 19 Other Envelopes .....    | \$ 325.00   |

## ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
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PARISH BULLETIN

DECEMBER 25, 2016

**Христос Раждається !  
Славіте Його !**

**Christ is Born !  
Glorify Him !**



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm  
**Welcome - Вітаємо**  
to everyone who is with us today, especially all visitors.  
We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

### Pastoral Care of the Ukrainian Redemptorists

Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR - Pastor  
Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR - Assistant Pastor  
Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

**OFFICE HOURS** Monday - Friday  
9:15 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Office 306-783-4594**  
**Info Line 306-782-0654**

**SICK CALLS** - Anytime

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES\*** by Appointment  
*\*Please contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding date.*

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

Saturday 5:00 pm English  
Sunday 9:00 am Ukrainian  
11:00 am English

#### HOLY DAYS

9:00 am Ukrainian 7:00 pm English

#### WEEKDAYS

8:00 am Monday - Friday  
9:00 am Saturday

**Христос Раждається! Славите Його!  
Christ is born! Let us praise Him!**

This week we joyously celebrate the **Birth-Day** of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus – and now we hopefully continue for the next couple of weeks in a festive mood - reminding one another, over and over again, of God's Goodness to all of us! How very much we are encouraged to perpetuate the **"Spirit of Giving"** - especially the **"giving of ourselves"** as did Jesus!

It truly is wonderful and heart-warming to experience so many people praying and celebrating on Christmas Eve/Day. Of course, we are always happy to see our **'regulars'** but especially supremely delighted with many guests who join us for our **Nativity** services. We pray and hope that they are all welcomed warmly and thus wish to join us again and again. We must constantly be a **"welcoming family of God"** here at St. Mary's!

May I also append a special and sincere word of **Gratitude** and **Appreciation** to all who took precious time out to wonderfully beautify our church and monastery for all the Christmas festivities – the flowers, the trees, the lights, the Nativity scenes and all the church decorations! Truly you all are most gracious in your generosity and in your love of St.. Mary's!

And another word of **'thanks'** for the many beautiful cards, the warm greetings, the kind words, the gifts of love that you share with us, your pastors, at this joyous time of year. You are so very good to us and may we, in turn, share your goodness and generosity with others.

Let us continue to daily sing our beautiful and thought-provoking Christmas carols and to pass on this heart-warming tradition to all our **"little ones"**. Remember **"Faith, Love and Joy are not taught, but caught!"** Be **'on fire'** with your love for Jesus and burn ever so brightly wherever you are!

*May 2017 be a wonderful, joyful, peaceful and loveful New Year! Let us all do our very best to ensure! I promise, I do promise to do my share. Will you do the same? Together we all thus perpetuate the spirit of Christ-mas now, and always!*



**ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВИТЕ ЙОГО!!!**

Світлий день Христового Різдва стоїть перед нами. Світлий день свобідного життя нашого народу і церкви надходив і далі триває.

А з нагоди Різдв'яних Свят, в імені парафії, бажаю Вам, Вашим родинам, та знайомим великої радості та любови. Нехай Благословення Вифлеємського Дитяти Ісуса й Господа Нашого зворушить Ваші серця в цю пору, коли Божий люд відзначає нового Христового Різдва!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

|            |  |          |
|------------|--|----------|
| January 1  | <i>Circumcision of Our Lord - St. Basil's - New Year's</i>       |          |
| January 2  | Knights of Columbus Meeting                                      | 7:00 pm  |
| January 2  | UCWLC Meeting  | 7:00 pm  |
| January 5  | <i>Vigil of Theophany</i> Solemn Water Blessing & Divine Liturgy |          |
| January 5  | Parish Potluck Supper  |          |
| January 6  | <i>Feast of Theophany</i>  |          |
| January 5  | Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home                | 10:30 am |
| January 13 | Holy Rosary Hour   |          |
| January 15 | First Solemn Holy Communion Class                                | 9:45 am  |
| January 16 | Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting                           | 7:00 pm  |
| January 16 | Cultural Centre Board Meeting                                    | 7:30 pm  |
| January 17 | Parish Council Meeting ( <i>preceded by Divine Liturgy</i> )     | 7:00 pm  |
| January 26 | Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries                         | 1:00 pm  |
| January 29 | First Solemn Holy Communion Class                                | 9:45 am  |

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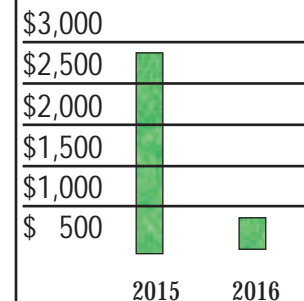
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**CO-MISSIONARY FUND  
2015 -16**

\*\*OUR TARGET FOR THIS  
YEAR IS \$3000.00\*\*



**Co-Missionary Fund** Contributions can be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Our goal is to contribute \$250/month or \$3,000/yr. Please make your cheques payable to "St. Mary's" but memo the cheque **Co-Missionary Fund**.

**Christmas Caroling**

If you would like the carolers to visit your home please call:  
Lorne & Elsie Stechyshyn (306-783-4862)  
or Steve & Sonia Popowich (306-783-5441) (*after December 28th*)

\*\*Anyone interested *going out caroling* during the Christmas season may contact Lorne Stechyshyn or Steve Popowich



**Listen for the UKRAINIAN HOUR**

Sundays 3:00 - 4:00 pm Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 pm  
on 98.5 the ROCK



# CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

*\*\*Classes resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>\*\**

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND UNITY**

**SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL**

**1917 - 2017**

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**



**1:00 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church**

**2:30 - 4:30 pm Activities at Sacred Heart High School including:**

School Tours \* Display of Historic Yearbooks and other Memorabilia  
Coffee & Cookies \* Senior Girls Basketball Tournament

Tickets are \$30 per person for the following (at St. Mary's Cultural Centre)

5:30 pm - Gathering

6:00 pm - Banquet

7:30 pm - Program

Banquet Tickets available at the SHHS Main Office or online at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)  
**until January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Friends, families and former students  
are invited to take part in this very special celebration.**



## ORPHANS IN UKRAINE COLLECTION

Thank you to the parishioners and parish organizations of St. Mary's and area who donated **\$ 4,378.05** towards the "Orphans in Ukraine". This will be divided between the Sisters of St. Joseph's and Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate to assist their orphanages in Ukraine.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

### Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

*\*\*Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly\*\**

|            |                       |          |                                 |
|------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| BEAVERDALE | Sunday, December 25   | 10:00 am | Christmas Divine Liturgy        |
| CALDER     | Saturday, December 24 | 9:00 pm  | God is with Us & Divine Liturgy |
|            | Sunday, January 29    | 11:00 am | Divine Liturgy                  |

## NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

**DECEMBER 25, 2016**

*The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection.*

*We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.*



*Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found on pages 38-40 in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.*

*Next Week's Readings: Epistle - Colossians 2:8-12 Gospel - Luke 2:20-21;40-52*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

#### SUN *Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord*

9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy

11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy

#### MON *Feast of the Sobor of the Mother of God*

9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy

#### TUE *Feast of St. Stephen*

9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy

#### SAT 9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy

## Wedding

### Banns

3<sup>rd</sup>

Notification

*Chad Clifford Sebulsky, son of Bernie & Faye (nee Wunder)*

and

*Danielle Leigh Lefebvre, daughter of Allan & Wanda (nee Carfantan)*

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*Curtis Kenneth Julian Hyra, son of Kenneth Hyra & Lee Anne Jamieson*

and

*Kaetlyn Amber Shewchuk, daughter of Willie & Phyllis (nee Fedyk)*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Holidays.

**WEDDING PLANS ??-** If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, **please contact Fr. Bohdan (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.**



**EMAIL BULLETIN** If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: [cssrmonastery@sasktel.net](mailto:cssrmonastery@sasktel.net)



### JUST A REMINDER...

All contributions and donations that require a tax receipt for 2016 must be in the Parish Office by

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### 2017 CHURCH CALENDARS ARE HERE!!

As a gift to our parishioners, the New Calendars are available at the entrances.

***Please take only one calendar per family***  
so that all parishioners may receive a calendar.

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

*Nativity of Our Lord*

**MON Dec 26**

*Galatians 4:4-7 ~ Matthew 2:1-12*

*Hebrews 2:11-18 ~ Matthew 2:13-23*



9:00 am

**Sobor of the Mother of God**

7:00 pm

**TUE Dec 27**

*Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5;47-60 ~ Matthew 21:33-42*



9:00 am

**Fest of St. Stephen, First Martyr**

7:00 pm

**WED Dec 28** *Martyrs in Nicomedia* **1 Peter 4:1-11 ~ Mark 12:28-37**

8:00 am Health for Diane Stadnyk.....Walter & Pauline Prystai

8:00 am God's Blessings for John & Adeline Pacholka.....Glen & Lena Tymiak

**THU Dec 29** *Holy Innocents* **1 Peter 4:12-5:5 ~ Mark 12:38-44**

8:00 am Health for Benson Rhinas.....Gordon & Gloria

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Tony & Edna Mazur.....Knights of Columbus

**FRI Dec 30** *Martyr Anysia* **2 Peter 1:1-10 ~ Mark 13:1-8**

8:00 am Health for Orest Zahayko.....Harry & Evelyn Kardynal

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Elsie Malinowski.....Mary & Henry Malin

8:00 am God's Blessings for Tom & Anne Baran (60th Anniversary)....Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

**SAT Dec 31** *Saturday after the Nativity* **1 Timothy 6:11-16 ~ Matthew 12:15-21**

9:00 am Health for Fr. Len Ratushniak, CSsR.....St. Nicholas Parish, Insinger

5:00 pm Members & Families.....Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS** - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. It will resume on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Offering Envelopes**



**2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE EAST ENTRANCE.

**May the Child Jesus of Bethlehem, the little shepherd, bless you and all who are dear to you this Christmas and throughout the year. We wish you a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Христос Раждається ! Christ Is Born !  
 Славіте Його ! Let us Glorify Him !**

*~The Redemptorists of St. Mary's*



**Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations**



**Balance of the Fund to date: \$ 318,086.74 Thank you very much**

Donations may be given anytime.  
 All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church.  
 Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH DONATIONS**

*In Memory of Deceased Family Members*

Doreen Pohorelic \$ 100.00

**CHURCH DONATIONS**

To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque **"In memory of..."** or **"On the occasion of..."**



*A Special Invitation to  
 a Beautiful Parish Celebration*

Your Presence Is Requested on the Eve of  
**The Feast of Theophany, January 5th**  
 For Divine Liturgy & The Solemn Blessing of Water Beginning at 6:00 pm  
 to be followed by a Parish Theophany Supper (Pot Luck)  
 at St. Mary's Cultural Centre *Kutia will be prepared by the Cultural Centre.*  
*Everyone is asked to bring your favorite Potluck Dish to share. Please remember it is a Fast Day.*



**THEOPHANY WATER BLESSING**

Parishioners are reminded to bring their own containers for the blessed water.



**A Traditional  
 Ukrainian Christmas Liturgy Broadcast**

From St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
 GX94: 940 AM  
 Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th 10:00 am

The 90 minute program will include the Divine Liturgy, Ukrainian Carols and Christmas greetings on behalf of the parish.

If you are not in the listening area, tune in to: [www.gx94radio.com](http://www.gx94radio.com) (<http://cgjx.streamon.fm>)

*We hope you will tune in to our program.*



**PASTORAL LETTER of the EPARCH of SASKATOON  
ON THE OCCASION of THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 2016**

Ref # BB-161130  
December 5, 2016

To the Very Rev. Clergy, Religious, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Saskatchewan:  
**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

What is the purpose of a minute or a second? As small as it might seem, seconds make up minutes which make up hours, days, weeks and so on. Consider the accuracy of a clock or a calendar when it involves people interacting around the world.

Likewise, the world is changed with the birth of every single person. Every person makes the world a different place, a better place. Socially, some people have a broader impact in the world than others, yet in the very least, every person dramatically changes the lives of their mother and father, their brothers and sisters as well as the lives of their friends. Interacting with other people throughout life contributes to making the person who they are in the same way a fraction of a second changes a race, a specific gene affects your body or a vote effects an election.

Since every life means something, let us ponder the significance of the birth of Jesus Christ.

*O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger. A strange and glorious mystery do I behold: The cave is heaven; the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim; the manger, a dwelling place in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain. Singing His praises, we magnify Him. [Imos of the Nativity]*

The paradoxical meaning of His birth makes the seemingly most insignificant birth of a person infinitely important. The birth of Jesus changes the significance of human dignity and every person has an infinite dignity in Christ. The significance of who you are is given to you first by God since he created you. Jesus is the source of human dignity. Your family celebrates the significance of who you are. As an infant, you come to learn of this in a wholesome family environment. Unfortunately, in some instances, because of the sinfulness of people, your human dignity is not always recognized by others. But ignoring a fact doesn't make it any less true.

Let us bring to mind the significance of every person, then, when we talk about suicide, when abortion is discussed, when those who are poor don't have a name in our conversations; when education and ignorance are addressed, employment or joblessness impact dignity, when addiction or mental health and incarceration rates are considered.

Not having a proper understanding of the birth of a person leads to misunderstanding the meaning of their lives and their deaths. The meaning or meaninglessness of a person's life can never be left up to the decision of one person. The value of every life affects the value of every other life. How every life is lived affects how everyone else lives their lives. One suicide affects every human being in the same way one courageous gift of life to save another life (rescue, war) affects the worth of every person. We continue to be grateful to those who gave their lives for us, who died for our freedom. We continue to be inspired by those who face huge challenges daily in their lives and thus witness to us of how we should embrace the crosses we bear.

Similarly, the dignity of every family and how it is recognized, celebrated or defended affects the dignity of every family in your parish and in society. The Holy Family gives dignity to your family. The birth of Christ among us dignifies every human relationship. This Christmas season, let us reach out to those we know and to strangers in need, be they from Ukraine or from Syria, be they in prisons or homeless on the streets, be they sick or jobless, be they alone and near death. The birth of Jesus establishes that you are infinitely important. Celebrate that in every relationship you are in. Then we can truly sing with the angels: *Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. [Lk. 2:14]*

In Christ,

**PASTORAL LETTER**

**FROM THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
2016/2017**



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)*

At the Complines service on the Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we sing out "Z Namy Boh! God is with us!" This beautiful hymn evokes in us faith, hope and joy in the awareness that the eternal God loves us so much that He sent His Only-Begotten Son to be with us. God became man, in the person of Jesus Christ, who, in all his works and actions, showed us the unending LOVE and MERCY of His Father.

When Pope Francis opened the Year of Mercy, he expressed his hope that all faithful of the Church would be able to rediscover and experience in their lives this unending love and mercy of God. Reflecting on this past year, however, we see that much has happened that troubles our hearts. We have seen the photos of wildfires destroying thousands of homes in Fort McMurray. We weep for Ukraine, where fighting continues, with staggering loss of life. We sympathize with the millions of refugees who have fled Syria, fearing for their lives. We shudder to think that our own government has recently legalized medically assisted suicide. Perhaps we have personally experienced some tragedy or sadness in our own lives. We may be tempted to ask ourselves: Is God truly with us? If He is, where is His love and mercy?

When God became man – when Jesus Christ was born– it was in a lowly hidden cave in the dark of the night. The light of God-With-Us illuminated that cold dark cave and gave warmth to all those present – Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and even the animals. And so it is today in our troubled world with all its challenges. God has not abandoned us! The light of God-With-Us continues to shine forth in humble surprising ways. We see God's mercy in the people who, in many and wonderful ways, gave assistance to the victims of the fires in Fort McMurray and in those who offered refuge or assistance to the refugees from Syria. We see it in the actions of our faithful who send help to the families of fallen soldiers in Ukraine and support the chaplains at the front. We see it in our priests who visit the dying and offer them comfort and hope through the Sacrament of Holy Anointing. We see it in those who pray for peace in the world and those who strive to bring peace, forgiveness and love to others. We see it in priests, nuns and catechists who teach the faithful about God and help them grow in faith. We see it in the humble everyday actions of mothers and fathers who work for a living and care for their children. And we see it in all concrete acts of love offered by ordinary people who heed the words of Jesus Christ: "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was sick or in prison, you visited me."

Then let our hearts not be troubled! This Christmas, let us sing out God is with us! more fervently than ever! And then let us continue to make it true by allowing the light of Christ to shine through us, in all our words and deeds, so that the Love and Mercy of God may transform our world and bring forth hope, peace and joy.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please accept our greetings and best wishes on this feast of Nativity of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ! May every day of the coming year be filled with His light and peace. Just as a newborn baby brings much joy and love to a family, may the birth of Emmanuel God-with-us bring joy and love into your family and your lives.

**+Lawrence Huculak, OSBM**

Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg

**+David Motiuk,**

Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton

**+Bryan Bayda, CSsR**

Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon

**+Stephen Chmilar,**

Eparchial Bishop of Toronto

**+Michael Wiwchar, CSsR**

Eparch Emeritus of Saskatoon

**+Ken Nowakowski,**

Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster

**+Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM**

Eparch Emeritus of New Westminster