



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUNDAY BRUNCH
Sunday, March 5th



St. Mary's Cultural Centre
Following the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Divine Liturgies
The Knights Would Appreciate your Support!
Everyone Welcome !

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST	GREETERS
SAT FEB 25	5:00 pm English	Dan MacLean		John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha		
SUN FEB 26 <i>Sunday of Cheese-Fare Forgiveness</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Harry Kardynal	Lorne Stechyshyn	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Doug Falconer	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Doug Falconer Len Niedzielski	Iris Skehar	
SAT MAR 4	5:00 pm English	Peter Kobylka		Dennis Benko Carl Pacholka		
SUN MAR 5 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Ivan Bachynskyy	Lorne Stechyshyn	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Eleanor Shumay	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Henry Shumay Ed Lischynski	Iris Skehar	

SUNDAY COLLECTION FEB 19 2017	Received in 171 Regular Envelopes	\$ 3,018.00
	Loose Collection	\$ 120.00
	Received in 15 Other Envelopes	\$ 195.00

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PARISH BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Христос Посеред нас !
Є і буде !

Christ is Among Us !
He is and will be !



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
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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

WEEKDAYS

8:00 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am Saturday

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

7:00 pm Wednesday & Friday English

WAY OF THE CROSS

7:00 pm Sundays English/Ukrainian

Dear Beloved of St. Mary's,

The **HOLY SEASON OF GREAT LENT** commences tomorrow – and it should be a “**HOLY**” time for all of us – a forty (40) day preparation for the Holy Resurrection – **EASTER!!!**

Please take time as a “**family**” to pray together at home and also with us here in church.. be it the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies, the Sorokousty (*Requiem services*), the Stations of the Cross or the Lenten Akaphist, etc... a time to reflect and to pray...

- so then Lent really isn't a time for parties, for Socials, for dancing... this is the only time that Holy Mother Church asks us to “**to tone down**” and “**be around**” more for each other... and also for God!

That we may truly properly enter into the spirit of Lent and be more spiritually disposed to receive God's generous blessings, we will celebrate a short **FORGIVENESS SERVICE** during each of this weekend's Liturgies.

At the end of the service, we turn to each other and sincerely ask forgiveness of one another. Then you all are encouraged to approach the priests (*like at Holy Communion*) and we have an opportunity to ask for forgiveness - for our failures and sins and God willing, be forgiven by you.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ПОЧАТОК ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ

Великий Піст починається в понеділок. Це є важлива пора року для кожного з нас. Це є час ласки, час віднови і надзвичайна нагода на зближення з Богом та одних з другими.

Щоб ми могли якнайкраще скористати з духовних ласк цієї святої пори року, Церква у свій люблячий спосіб впродовж останніх п'ятьох тижнів приготувала нас на це надзвичайне духовне пережиття.

Щотижня літургічні відправи зосереджували нашу увагу на ті важливі елементи які потрібні нам до духовного розвитку. Перший тиждень підкреслював важливість бажання, сильного бажання на злуку з Богом, показано нам у прикладі Закхея. Другий тиждень показав нам підставову потребу покори у прикладі притчі Митаря і Фарисея. Третій тиждень наголошував необхідну потребу на примирення з Богом як бачили очима блудного сина. У четвертий тиждень нам нагадано про істотну потребу братерської любови. І остаточно, у день перед Великим Постом нам наказано прощати один одному та молитися і постити.

Ми скромно просимо Всевишнього Бога, щоб поблагоословив наше зусилля на постійну віднову свого духовного життя. Ми просимо Його благословення, щоб наші скромні спроби зростали у завзяттю та любові з тижня на тиждень. З Його ласкою а нашою співпрацею, наше зусилля досягне мети та дасть наслідки. А на кінець ми молимося, щоби нас перетворити у “Світла Світу”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5	First Solemn Holy Communion Class <i>for Children & Parents</i>	9:45 am
March 5	Knights of Columbus Brunch	10:15 am & 12:15 pm
March 6	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
March 6	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
March 11	All Souls Saturday - Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty	9:00 am
March 13	Holy Rosary Hour	
March 13	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:30 pm
March 18	All Souls Saturday - Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty	9:00 am
March 19	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am
March 20	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
March 21	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
March 25	Feast of the Annunciation	
March 26	St. Mary's Parish Annual General Meeting	2:00 pm
March 29/30	St. Mary's UCWLC Easter Bread Bake Sale	5:00 pm
March 30	Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries	1:00 pm
April 6	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:30 am

ST. MARY'S CULTURAL CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Cultural Centre



Everyone welcome to attend

CO-MISSIONARY FUND 2016 -17

OUR TARGET FOR THIS YEAR IS \$3000.00

\$3,000		
\$2,500		
\$2,000		
\$1,500		
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	2016	2017

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*.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

For the week of February 27 - March 3

	SACRED HEART	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. MARY'S	ST. MICHAEL'S	ST. PAUL'S	ST. THEODORE'S
MON	Classes Resume			Lent Begins for Ukrainian Catholics Gr. 4 Swim 12:30 pm		
TUES	Catch the Spirit Day (St. Al's Gr. 8)	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast 7:30 - 8:45 am		Girls' Basketball Tournament 4:00 pm	Girls' Basketball Tournament 4:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch
WED	Catch the Spirit Day (St. Mary's Gr. 8)	Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard's		Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard's	Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard's Gr. 4 Swimming	SCC Mom's Pantry Fundraiser
THURS	Pep Rally 11 am Telemiracle Auction Monthly Awards	Girls' Basketball Tournament 4:00 pm		Girls' Basketball Tournament 4:00 pm	Girls' Basketball Tournament 4:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service 10:45 am
FRI	Catch the Spirit Day (St. Paul's & St. Theodore's)	Telemiracle Talent Show 12:30 pm			Gr. 4 Swimming	

CHRIST THE TEACHER

Roman Catholic Separate School Division #212 ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

will be held at

St. Henry's Senior School

1255 Prince Edward Street, Melville

on Tuesday February 28, 2017

commencing at 7:00 pm

The business of the meeting will be conducted in accordance with Section 97 of The Education Act, 1995.

Delmar Zwirsky, Chief Financial Officer

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

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

CALDER	Sunday, February 26	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, March 26	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy



SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE / FORGIVENESS

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

*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 27-28 in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.
Next Week's Readings: Epistle - Hebrews 11:24-26;32-12:2 Gospel - John 1:43-51*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	2:00 pm	St. Mary's Cultural Centre Annual Meeting
MON	First Day of Great Lent	
TUE	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
WED	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
THU	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home
FRI	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
SAT	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy

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.**

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin is Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.

OFFERINGS - to assist the Parish Accountant in recording your offerings correctly, please write the amount of your offering on the outside of your envelope.

SOROKOUSTY - If you wish to have your deceased family members remembered during Sorokousty on the All Souls Saturdays, please use your yellow Sorokousty envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Sorokousty is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy on "All Souls Saturday". **This year, the dates are: February 18, March 11 & 18 and June 3.**



EMAIL BULLETIN If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: cssrmonastery@sasktel.net

GREAT LENT - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (English)	Wednesdays & Fridays - 7:00 pm
Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty (English & Ukrainian)	Saturdays (Mar. 11 & 18 only) - 9:00 am
Way of the Cross (English & Ukrainian)	Sundays - 7:00 pm

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Sunday of Cheese-Fare/ Forgiveness

Romans 13:11-14:4 ~ Matthew 6:14-21

MON Feb 27 First Day of Great Lent

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 ~ Luke 21:8-36

8:00 am Health for Fr. Len Ratushniak, CSsR..... Michael & Gerardine Woitas

8:00 am  Health & God's Blessings for Steven & Adline Hrynkiw.....Sophia Pisiak

8:00 am Health for Mike Chopty.....Alice & family

TUE Feb 28 Confessor Basil

Romans 8:14-21 ~ Matthew 6:1-13

8:00 am +John Zatwarnitski.....Adella & son John

8:00 am +Ron Hoekema.....Glen & Lena Tymiak & family

8:00 am +Deceased Members & Families, +Deceased Clergy & Religious.....UCWLC

WED Mar 1 Venerable Martyr Eudoxia

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 ~ Mark 11:22-25

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

THU Mar 2 Priest Martyr Theodotus

Romans 15:30-33 ~ Matthew 7:7-11

8:00 am +Nettie & Alex Woychesko, +Mike Woychesko, +Lawrence Karapita.....John & Kathy

8:00 am +Deceased Members of Balaberda Family.....Audrey & Andy

8:00 am +Veronica Fedorowich.....Mike & Gladys Sobkow

FRI Mar 3 Martyr Eutropius

1 Timothy 2:1-7 ~ Luke 15:1-10

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

SAT Mar 4 Venerable Gerasimus

Hebrews 1:1-12 ~ Mark 2:23-3:5

9:00 am Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.....Blue Army

5:00 pm Members & Families.....Knights of Columbus

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

FASTING REGULATIONS FOR GREAT LENT

Simple Fasting requires the faithful not to consume meat, during all Fridays throughout the year, including the Holy Season of Great Lent, with certain exceptions.

Simple Fasting is recommended on Wednesdays, during the Holy Season of Great Lent for the intention of world peace, gratitude for the gift of life and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Strict Fasting requires the faithful not to consume meat, eggs and dairy products. Strict Fasting occurs on the first day of Great Lent, February 27th and on Good Friday, April 14th.

The following have been given a general dispensation from fasting:

- persons who are spiritually or physically ill
- pregnant women and nursing mothers
- those who have reached the age of 60 years
- sick and convalescent
- those who work strenuously

Bishops, pastors and confessors may grant a dispensation from the fasting guidelines in case of necessity, in conformity with the spirit of our Church.

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



N.N. \$5.00

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

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..."**

Attention Parish Council:

This is a reminder to get your annual reports
to the Parish Office
by **Monday February 27th**.

If possible, please submit by email to: st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net



ST. MARY'S CULTURAL CENTRE

Perogie Bee

Tuesday, February 28th 8:00 am

Please come out to help if you are able.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for all positions on Parish Council. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact **Fr. Bohdan** or **Fr. Ray** (306-783-4594) or one of the Nomination Committee members:

Dave Spelay (306-782-5320) **Doreen Rathgeber** (306-782-1527)
Bill Prybylski (306-782-5259) **Terry Ruf** (306-621-3154)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Annual General Meeting
will take place on: **Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 pm**
at St. Mary's Cultural Centre, Yorkton

All parishioners are urged to attend.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 7:00 PM

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (BY WATER TOWER)

Prepared by Women of Philippines the Theme:
Am I Being Unfair to You?



BIBLE STUDIES NIGHT: Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm

JOINT CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday, March 2nd

All women, men and children invited to attend.

For more information contact Jackie Sedley at 306-621-4589

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USHERING OR READING THE EPISTLE?? We are looking for volunteers to usher at Divine Liturgy on Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 11:00 am. We are also seeking volunteers to read the Epistle at the 11:00 am Divine Liturgy. Please call Andy Mathuik at 306-783-3835 for more information or to volunteer.

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank you for your continuous support. We'd greatly appreciate food items donations for St. Mary's School lunch program and for those in need in our community. Please see the list below:

granola/snack bars
dill pickles
ketchup
jello cups

canned soup
jam
Cheese Whiz
pudding cups

spaghetti sauce
pancake syrup
mustard
cereal

pork & beans
kidney beans
cookies
juice boxes

Non-perishable food items only, please. Bins are located at each entrance.
If you wish to give a monetary donation, please find the envelopes at the entrances.

MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Minutes approved at the last Parish Council Meeting are available for viewing on our website (www.saintmarysyorkton.com) . Please click on "**Organizations**" and then click on "**Parish Council**". Click on the link found on that page.

PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter.

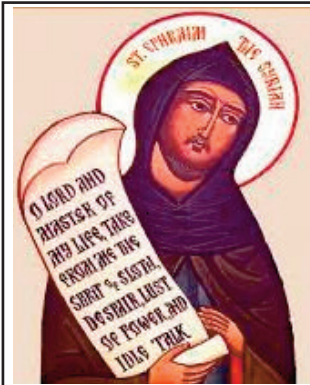
(Prostration)

Instead, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love.

(Prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed forever and ever. Amen

(Prostration)



St. Mary's UCWLC Easter Bread Bake Sale



St. Mary's Cultural Centre

Wednesday, March 29th & Thursday, March 30th

Starting at 5:00 pm

Traditional Ukrainian
Paskas, Babkas, Easter Butter Lambs and Pyrhi



Baked fresh same day!



Are you hurting because of an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Our next retreat in Saskatchewan will be held on April 7-9, 2017

To register, please contact Elaine at 1-306-480-8911
or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net



ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP



St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake is a Ukrainian Catholic Youth Camp for all to enjoy. We have a variety of camping programs for youth, teens and families for 2017:

YOUTH CAMPS (Age 8-13) - July 9-15 (co-ed); July 16-22 (co-ed)

TEEN CAMP (Age 13-16) - July 23-26 (co-ed)

LITTLE MIKE'S FAMILY CAMP (7 & under accommodate with family) - July 27-30 (co-ed)

CANA CONTINUES! 'EPARCHY OF SASKATOON' - August 13-19

For more information and to register online go to www.stmichaelscamp.com

Thoughts by Fr. John Sianchuk, CSsR about LENT

**days have been changed to reflect the practice here at St. Mary's*

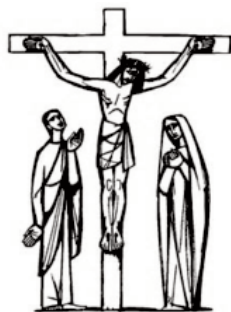
Today is "**Forgiveness Sunday**" - the day before Great Lent. Lent is often depicted as a journey. Before a major journey people will often settle their affairs. Before Lent it is important that we settle affairs of the heart, that is, that we be at peace with one another.



Often we hurt each other, even unknowingly. These hurts can fester and cause division. If we are to make this journey towards **Holy Week** and **Easter**, we must become free from anything that would separate us. We cannot celebrate the Risen Jesus, the Lord of Love, if our hearts are filled with resentment and rejection. Therefore, before we start this journey of preparation the Church offers us this Sunday as **an opportunity to make amends**, that is, to forgive each other. Let us not only do this within the Church, but also in our homes. It is hard to say "**I'm sorry**", but it is so necessary.

With Lent beginning, perhaps it would be proper to restate the **fasting laws** for Lent. We are asked to **abstain** from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. We are asked **to fast**, that is, to have only one meal, on the **First Day of Lent**, that is tomorrow and on **Good Friday**. And that on these two days we also abstain from all meat and dairy products. Abstaining from meat products applies to all who are between 14 & 59 years old and fast applies to all who are between 21 and 59.

The rest keep the spirit of the fast to the best of their ability. People who are sick, mothers, especially those who are nursing, those who in circumstances beyond their control, are all exempt from the fast and abstinence. The Church asks us to fast, first as a **sign of penance** for our sins and failings; and secondly, to help us temper our passions and inclinations, to gain some more self-control which becomes very important if we are to deal effectively with sin. May we all keep a good spirit of Lent.



The journey of Lent, however, is not just about giving up food, sweets, desserts, forms of entertainment, etc. The **real work of Lent is an interior one**. We are to look at our lives and see which areas, what attitudes, what actions, decisions, are

preventing us from truly following Christ. We then begin **to fast** from these actions. This is the fast that Christ wants to purify our lives, to refocus upon Him, to establish new patterns, new habits in our lives which promote charity - **love of our neighbour**.

Sorokousty

On March 11th, we will continue the Service called "**Sorokousty**". This is a service of intercession for our deceased ancestors and for all deceased. One of the Church's duties and a Christian's duty is to pray for the dead. God has included us in the mystery of His act of salvation. We participate through our intercession in bringing life to the deceased. It is through the prayers of the Church (*which are a sign of love for them*) that the deceased received the promised life from our Lord and it is through the prayers of the faithful that God's mercy flows upon them.

Our Church encourages us on **four** Saturdays of the year to gather and together pray for all the departed souls. If you have not yet done so, please inform the parish office of your intention that you wish to remember your deceased family members.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Lent is such a precious spiritual time of the year. So often we can go through Lent and not realize that we are in the season. One of the essential elements of this time is **prayer** and **spiritual renewal**. Our parish is offering you an opportunity for this. This year we will especially concentrate on the theme of "restoring God's Image in us", and seeking areas in our life that need to be changed.

Again we will be celebrating the **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy**. This is a Service that is done only during Lent in our Rite. It is a Communion Service to strengthen the faithful for their journey of Lent by the Eucharistic Christ. The Pre-Sanctified is a beautiful service with its unique music. It is a Communion Service in the context of Vespers. I really encourage you to come and experience the richness of our religious tradition.



(Here at St. Mary's, we celebrate this service at 7:00 pm on Lenten Wednesdays and Fridays.)

(On Sundays at 7:00 pm we will celebrate a special service - be it Akafist or Stations of the Cross.)