

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 2019

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Most Suitable time to visit: Morning ___ Afternoon ___ Evening ___

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT DEC 8	5:00 pm English	Lori Keller	Saturday Evening Group	Ann Musey Jean Kitsch	
SUN DEC 9 <i>29th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Ivan Bachynsky	Lorne Stechyshyn	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	11:00 am English	Eleanor Shumay	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Bill Krywulak Ed Lischynski	Iris Skehar
SAT DEC 15	5:00 pm English	Doreen Clark	Saturday Evening Group	Tom Abrametz Julie Abrametz	
SUN DEC 16 <i>Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Mykhaylo Zotov	Lorne Stechyshyn	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	11:00 am English	Sharla Schrader	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Robert Rusnak Kathy Rusnak	Iris Skehar

SUNDAY COLLECTION DEC 2, 2018	Received in 144 Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,581.00
	Loose Collection.....	\$319.20
	Received in 27 Other Envelopes	\$ 450.00
	Received in 84 "Orphans in Ukraine" Envelopes.....	\$ 2,000.45

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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PARISH BULLETIN

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Christ is Among Us !
He is and will be !

Христос Посеред нас !
Є і буде !



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
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Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday
10:00 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

WEEKDAYS

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

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Guests,

In South Africa, people used to light candles and place them in their windows. **They were a sign of Hope**, a sign that one day racial discrimination would be overcome. Afraid that this practice might incite rebellion, the authorities made it illegal to have lit candles in the windows.

Eventually, apartheid was overcome. Reflecting on what contributed to its downfall, it is apparent that **lit religious candles** were more powerful than firearms or any army. We cannot underestimate the **power of Hope**.

Hope is powerful because it is based upon a promise of God that justice, peace, love and graciousness will eventually prevail. To light a candle, then, is to say that these ideals are more powerful than threats, torture, guns and a secular society. To light a candle is to proclaim to everyone that our real allegiance, trust and hope are given to Someone beyond them.

Lit candles are an integral part of our Byzantine Ukrainian religious tradition. Many of us go to the votive stand when we come to church and light a candle. We usually light it for someone who needs our prayers, if not ourselves, or just plainly to acknowledge and honour our Lord. The candle burns for a period of time and is really an extension of our personal prayers.

We need not look far for lit candles. They light up the main altar, the tetrapod, and our homes in times of storms, our tables at times of celebration, and our religious icons.

The lit candles have a deep significance. **They symbolize our great Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world.**

As we prayerfully prepare for Christmas and the welcoming of Jesus, *the Sun of Righteousness, our world is made brighter and more hopeful. A lit candle or Advent wreath in our window or a special decorative light can elegantly portray our expectancy and embrace of the **Prince of Peace** who will be born for us. Moreover, this is a personal sign inviting the spirit of Christ-mas to grace our home - **"Come, Lord Jesus!"***

Now as we count down the days before the wonderful celebration of the Jesus's Birth, let us all give thanks for the bountiful blessings we have all received and let us happily praise our God and Saviour!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16	First Solemn Holy Communion Class *with Parents' Class	9:45 am
December 17	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	6:00 pm
December 19	Parish Council Meeting *Note change of date	6:00 pm
December 25	<i>Nativity of Our Lord</i>	
December 26	<i>Sobor of the Mother of God</i>	
December 27	<i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>	
December 27	Golden Agers Birthdays	1:00 pm
January 1	<i>Circumcision of Our Lord - St. Basil's - New Year's</i>	
January 5	<i>Vigil of Theophany</i> Solemn Water Blessing & Divine Liturgy	
January 6	<i>Feast of Theophany</i>	
January 13	First Solemn Holy Communion Class *with Parents' Class	9:45 am
January 13	Adult Religion DVD Program (Church Basement)	10:10 am
January 14	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
January 14	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
February 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon



Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2018 Lottery Winners for November

\$20.00 Winners: Nick Boyko-Meadow Lake, St. Basil's UCWLC-Regina, St. Athanasius UCBC-Regina, Cassandra Prochera-Revelstoke(BC), Loricia Pacholko Matheson-Winnipeg(MB), Carole & Bill Dutchesen-Kamsack, Chris Buhs-Wadena, Isabel Lychak-Saskatoon, Eugene Pantella-Wakaw, Jeannette Soroka-Saskatoon, Timothy Jelinski-Saskatoon, Greg & Julie Chornay-Cold Lake(AB), Eugene Ross Sanchuk-Dauphin(MB), Roxanna Gabruch-Saskatoon, Jim Dozorec-Regina, Alvin & Sylvia Rodrigue-Edmonton(AB), Wally Hook-Regina, Duane Beeler-Asquith, Brittany Lasko-Winnipeg(MB), Bertha Fedyk-Regina, Mary Bartoshewski-Wynyard, Lavinia Dusyik-Regina, Randy Shumay-Regina, Christina Obariaryk-Regina. **\$50.00 Winners:** Alex Solar-Saskatoon, Elesha & Mahada Samaraweera-Saskatoon, Joe & Jenny Costa-Inuvik(NWT). **\$100.00 Winners:** Linda & John Klapak-Montmartre, Darci McLashen-Saskatoon. **\$200.00 Winner:** Wayne & Linda Harris-Regina.

*Congratulations to all the winners
Have you purchased your 2019 Calendar ?
Lottery License #RR17-0035*

COVENANT OF CARE ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT PROTOCOL

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) **Geraldine Koban** at 306-782-0270 or **Deb Larmour**, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)653-0138 ext. 228 or email: covenantofcare@skeparchy.org

More information is available on the Eparchial Website, www.skeparchy.org





CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EVENTS DEC 10 - 14

	SACRED HEART	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. MARY'S	ST. MICHAEL'S	ST. PAUL'S	ST. THEODORE'S
MON	Band & Choir Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	Advent Celebration led by Gr. 4/5 10:00 am	Advent Service 10:45 am	Advent Celebration 9:00 am Gr. 1 & 7 Dental Check ups Gr. 8F Spin Class	Advent Celebration 9:00 am	
TUES			Family Christmas Program Doors open 6:45 pm	Concert Practice Gr. 1 & 7 Dental SCC Mtg 6:30 pm		
WED		Public Health Dental Program PreK, Gr. 1,2, 7		Gr. 7/8E Spin Class 12:30-1:30 pm Gr. 8 Full Band	Gr. 8 Band joins SHHS band for Full Band @ 8:00 am	
THURS		Public Health Dental Program PreK, Gr. 1,2, 7 SCC Perogie Lunch		Christmas Concert Day 1:00 & 7:00 pm		
FRI			Senior Band performance 9:30 am	PJ Day SHHS Christmas Band Concert 1:45 -2:30 pm	Gr. 8 Band @ Full Band 8:00 am St. Paul's Choir sings at St. Gerard's 7:00 pm	

ST. MARY'S PARISH

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)



The Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program enables you to make donations to the parish on a monthly or semi-monthly basis right from your bank account. It eliminates the need of having the correct amount of cash on Sunday and/or from having to write a cheque.

For more information or to enroll, please see the pamphlets at the church entrances or at the Parish Office.

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

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

BEAVERDALE	Tuesday, December 25	10:00 am	Christmas Divine Liturgy
CALDER	Tuesday, December 25	10:00 am	Christmas Divine Liturgy
MELVILLE	Sunday, December 9	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, December 23	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Monday, December 24	8:00 pm	God is with Us & Divine Liturgy

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DECEMBER 9, 2018

*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 in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.
Readings for Next Sunday: Epistle - Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel - Luke 14:16-24*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God</i>
	9:00 am..... Divine Liturgy
	10:10 am..... Adult Religion DVD Program (Church Basement)
	11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy
	2:00 pm..... UCBC Annual & Regular Meeting
TUE	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm..... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
WED	10:30 am..... Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing
THU	10:30 am..... Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home
	12:00 Noon..... Holy Rosary Hour
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.

JUST A REMINDER... All contributions and donations that require a tax receipt for 2018 must be in the Parish Office by **Thursday, December 27th.**



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

Offering Envelopes



**2019
CHURCH OFFERING
ENVELOPES**

**ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP
AT THE EAST ENTRANCE.**

**THE
CHRISTMAS MAILING**



is available for pickup in the east entrance. If you know of others who aren't able to pick up their mailing, please pick up for them. Thank you.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception / 29th Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 3:4-11 ~ Luke 17:12-19

MON Dec 10	Martyr Mennas	Hebrews 8:7-13 ~ Mark 8:11-21
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Eugene & Violet Hnatiuk.....Henry & Eleanor, Iris & Ed	
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for John Pacholka.....Walter & Pauline Prystai	
TUE Dec 11	Venerable Daniel	Hebrews 9:8-10;15-23 ~ Mark 8:22-26
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for All Apostolates.....N.N.	
8:00 am	Members & Families.....UCWLC	
WED Dec 12	Venerable Spiridion	Hebrews 10:1-18 ~ Mark 8:30-34
8:00 am	+Rosie Lazurko.....Helen Halushka	
8:00 am	+Michael & Sophie Rodych.....Family	
THU Dec 13	Martyr Eustatius	Ephesians 6:10-17 ~ Luke 21:12-28
8:00 am	+Irving Ortynski.....Saturday Evening Group	
8:00 am	+Peter Gulka.....Olga Sakundiak	
FRI Dec 14	Martyr Thyrcas & others	Hebrews 11:8,11-16 ~ Mark 9:33-41
8:00 am	+Eunice & +Jerry Mathuik.....Madeline Dorosh	
8:00 am	+Anna Peeskar.....Pauline Leciuk	
SAT Dec 15	Priest Martyr Eleutherius	Ephesians 5:1-8 ~ Luke 14:1-11
9:00 am	Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.....Apostolate of Fatima	
5:00 pm	Health & God's Blessings for Athen & Emily.....N.N.	

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

In accordance with the New **Eparchial Stipend Schedule (effective November 1, 2017), the suggested **stipend (offering)** for a Divine Liturgy Intention is now **\$20.00**.



Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God

The doctrine of the immaculate Conception of the Mother of God reached its peak and triumph during the reign of Pope Pius IX (1846-1878), who by his Bull of the 8th of December, 1854, proclaimed the Immaculate Conception a dogma of faith. In this Bull it was declared "that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted to her by almighty God through the merits of Christ Jesus, Saviour of mankind, was preserved from all stain of original sin - this is a doctrine revealed by God and, therefore, must be held firmly and constantly by all faithful Christians." Four years later on the 25th of March, 1858, the Most Pure Virgin Mary, in her apparition to St. Bernadette Soubirou, when asked what her name was, declared to the whole world: "I am the Immaculate Conception." The Latin Church celebrates this feast on the 8th of December. (In the Eastern Rite, we celebrate on December 9th)

*excerpt from *A Byzantine Rite Liturgical Year*, Julian J. Katrjij, OSBM

ST. MARY'S CHURCH DONATIONS

St. Mary's UCWLC \$ 3,000.00

Thank you very much



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...*"

Christmas Reconciliation (Confessions)

will be held on Thursday, December 20th at 6:30 pm with Divine Liturgy at 7:00 pm.



MUSÉE UKRAINA MUSEUM INC. 2019 CASH LOTTERY CALENDARS

COST \$20 EACH FOR 365 DRAWS

Available from : UCWLC - Elizabeth Zahayko 306-783-6232 UCBC - Peter Moroz 306-783-6293
Parish Office 306-783-4594

Makes a great birthday, anniversary or Christmas gift.

BISHOP BUDKA EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY INC

"SHARE THE SPIRIT" 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW (LOTTERY LICENSE - #LR18-0067)

THANK YOU very much to all who have participated by purchasing tickets in the "**Share the Spirit**" 50/50 Lottery Draw. As of Wednesday, December 5th at noon, the **WINNER'S SHARE** of the 50/50 Lottery was already at **\$18,750**. We still have 4 more days to go, so this amount will continue to grow until the closing date of the lottery, which is December 9th, 2018.

THIS IS IT - your final chance to participate in the "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw. The closing date of sales is **TODAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2018**. You still have a great opportunity on a chance to win some extra cash for Christmas, but also financially help your Parish/Mission or designated Eparchial Organization. To date we have sold 1,875 number of tickets which means that your odds of winning will be very good, certainly way better than those of Lotto Max.

THE DEADLINE DATE FOR RETURNING YOUR TICKETS IS DECEMBER 9, 2018. YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE MUST BE POSTDATED **DECEMBER 9TH, 2018** TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAW, OR YOU CAN RETURN YOUR TICKETS TO YOUR PARISH OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9TH, 2018, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAW.

It is important to remember that under the Lottery License rules ALL tickets, SOLD OR UNSOLD TICKETS, must be return to the BBESSI Office in the self-addressed envelope provided in your package and post-marked by December 9th, 2018 or earlier. You can also return your tickets to your Parish Office or place them in the Sunday Collection Basket.

3. Better Together: We as parents are the models our children follow but we can learn to pray together. On the flip side of this page is a simple method of prayer popularized by Pope Francis. I would be happy to speak with you individually about other types of prayer if you need more ideas on how to grow prayer in your personal and family life.



As a family you might try having certain prayers that you pray together such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, Guardian Angel Prayer or the prayer to St. Michael followed by giving each member of the family an opportunity to give voice to one intention in each (or even one or two) of the 5 categories, if they can think of one. Very young children may initially need help but they learn very quickly especially when we remind them about how much Jesus loves to hear their prayers. The prayers of children are very close to His heart and therefor they are very powerful!

May God bless you and your family. I pray that we all grow closer to Jesus as we prepare for the great celebration of His birth, so we might truly experience that God is With Us!

Eparchy of Saskatoon Family and Life Office Bulletin: December 2018



“The future of the world passes through the family”

St. John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, 79

“You cannot give what you do not have” is a commonsense principle. We struggle with this when it comes to passing on our faith as we may feel that we need a super-hero sort of faith to pass it on to our kids—especially in the world today where we feel very little support in this endeavor. However, there are some practical things we can do to make a difference in our spiritual lives and those of our children.

Deborah Larmour, Family and Life Office”

Giving the gift of prayer this Christmas:

One of the most significant things about passing on the faith to our children, is passing on the ability to pray. Some of us have negative experiences of being forced to pray and there are others for whom prayer was not a part of family life at all. For both those groups the question remains is how do I develop a real relationship with God in prayer and pass that on to my kids. I may want my children to know God’s love and presence in their lives--but I may not have a clue of how to do this.

My own experience has taught me a few things about this struggle and how to overcome the obstacles in the way of personal and family prayer. These are a few of my thoughts:

1. **Just Do It!** Prayer, like good communication, does not necessarily come naturally and requires work. This does not mean it needs to be unbearable or painful but it does require a dedicated time and discipline, especially to get started. So, the Church Fathers have told us to have ‘rule of prayer’. What that is for you and your family is something you must decide, but without some kind of commitment, and desire to overcome inertia and distraction we will not make progress. Small achievable goals are usually best, growth is always possible.

2. **HELP!** In order to be meaningful, we need to be completely honest with God and not overly complicate the process of developing a relationship with Him. That is not to say that we might not use formulas such as the Rosary or the Jesus Prayer but is to affirm the need to pray from our heart with complete honesty. If I am worried about something but fail to mention it to God I may find my experience hollow and just one of going through the motions. It is only through faith that we can come to a place where we believe God cares. But, actually bringing our needs to Christ can build our faith as well. No, God may not always answer our prayers the way we want but He will always answer us and bring good from every situation if we let Him. (Rom. 8:28) As we experience these answers it builds our faith. It affirms our faith in who God is—the almighty and all powerful who loves me and you. Personal understanding of this is what leads to worship and thanksgiving as well as the desire to love and follow Christ and the teachings of His Church.

This is power of God, working in our lives, that can transform us.



Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Порядок Богослужень 2018-2019 Schedule of Service



MONDAY DECEMBER 24 Грудня ПОНЕДІЛОК

Christmas Eve (Fast Day) - Навечер'я Різдва (Піст)

God is With Us Service (Eng)	7:00 pm	Велике Повечеря (Анг)
Divine Liturgy	7:30 pm	Служба Божа (Анг)
God is With Us Service (Ukr)	9:30 pm	Велике Повечеря (Укр)
Divine Liturgy (Ukr)	10:00 pm	Служба Божа (Укр)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25 Грудня ВІВТОРОК

Christmas Day - Різдво

Divine Liturgy (Eng)	10:00 am	Служба Божа (Анг)
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26 Грудня СЕРЕДА

Sobor of the Blessed Mother - Собор Прес. Богородиці

Divine Liturgy	9:00 am	Служба Божа
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THURSDAY DECEMBER 27 Грудня ЧЕТВЕР

Feast of St. Stephen - св. Стефана

Divine Liturgy	9:00 am	Служба Божа
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SATURDAY DECEMBER 29 Грудня СУБОТА

Divine Liturgy	9:00 am	Служба Божа
Divine Liturgy (Eng)	5:00 pm	Служба Божа (Анг)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30 Грудня НЕДІЛЯ

Divine Liturgy	9:00 am	Служба Божа (Укр)
Divine Liturgy (Eng)	11:00 am	Служба Божа (Анг)

TUESDAY JANUARY 1 СІЧНЯ ВІВТОРОК

Circumcision of Our Lord - Обрізання Г.Н.І.Х.

St. Basil the Great - Св. Василя Великого

Divine Liturgy	9:00 am	Служба Божа
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SATURDAY JANUARY 5 СІЧНЯ СУБОТА

Theophany Eve (Fast Day) Навечеря Богоявлення (Піст)

Solemn Water Blessing Врочисте Водосвяття

Divine Liturgy (<i>Regular Saturday Morning</i>)	9:00 am
Divine Liturgy (<i>With Solemn Water Blessing</i>)	5:00 pm

SUNDAY JANUARY 6 СІЧНЯ НЕДІЛЯ

Theophany (Jordan) - Богоявлення (Йордан)

Solemn Water Blessing Врочисте Водосвяття

Divine Liturgy (Ukr)	9:00 am	Служба Божа (Укр)
Divine Liturgy	11:00 am	Служба Божа (Анг)



Христос Раждається !

Christ Is Born !