SOROKOUSTY - If you wish to have your deceased family members remembered during Sorokousty on the All Souls Saturdays at Divine Liturgy, 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 9:00 am Divine Liturgy on "All Souls Saturday".

The dates for this year are: February 11, March 4,11 & 18 and May 27.

DATE	Тіме	EPISTLE	CANTOR	Ushers	Organist
SAT FEB 4	5:00 pm English	Delores Oucharek	Delores Oucharek	Tom Abrametz Julie Abrametz	
Sun FeB 5 The Prodigal Son	9:00 am Ukrainian	Halyna Tsymbali	Colette Karapita	Mary Malin Dave Spelay	
	11:00 am English	Sandra German	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John Woychesko Kathy Woychesko	lris Skehar
Sat Feb 11	5:00 pm English	Bernadette Gabora	Bernadette Gabora	John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha	
Sun Feb 12 Sunday of Meat-Fare	9:00 am Ukrainian	Sr. Terry Ann Slota	Lorne Stechyshyn	Mary Malin Steve Popowich	
	11:00 am English	Kathy Rusnak	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Bob Rusnak Kathy Rusnak	lris Skehar

WE NEED YOUR HELP.. We are looking for volunteers to help with ushering duties at the weekend Divine Liturgies. Training is available if needed. Please call Gwen at 306-621-8725 for more information.

SUNDAY	Received on Jan 22 in 74 Regular Envelopes \$3,007.00
COLLECTION	Received on Jan 29 in 60 Regular Envelopes \$ 1,437.00
	Received in Loose Collection\$ 317.00
JAN 29, 2023	Received in 12 Other Envelopes \$ 330.00

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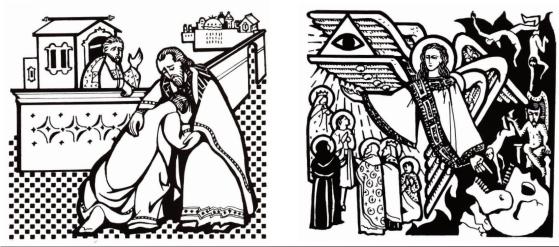
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Christ is Among Us ! He is and will be ! Христос Посеред нас ! Є і буде !



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. Leonid Malkov, CSsR - Pastor Fr. Yevhen Zadorozhnyi, CSsR - Assistant Pastor Most Rev. Peter Stasiuk, CSsR

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday - Thursday **9:00 am - 12:00 pm** Office is in the Church Basementuse Golden Agers Entrance on North side

Office 306-783-4594

Sick Calls - 306-229-1755

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

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

Ukrainian English

English

HOLY DAYS

9:00 am

WEEKDAYS

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

CONFESSIONS are available 30 minutes prior to each Divine Liturgy



Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Sviatoslav Shevchuk Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych

The UGCC declares a church-wide Day of fasting, prayer and almsgiving

A day of fasting, prayer and almsgiving will be held in all Eparchies and Exarchates of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church throughout the world on *February 24, 2023*. Such an initiative was announced by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the UGCC, on behalf of the Synod of Bishops.

On February 24, a year will pass since the beginning of the full-scale war that russia unleashed against Ukraine. According to the decision of the Bishops of the UGCC, the whole Church will spend this day in fasting, prayer and doing works of mercy.

On this day at 12:00 pm Kyiv time, a 12-hour prayer marathon will begin on "Live TV" (Zhyve Telebachennia), which will unite in prayer all the faithful on all continents. There are no separate prescriptions for fasting - it is about restrictions and self-discipline according to the capabilities of each believer.

"May this day be an opportunity for us to do good to someone: comfort the sad, clothe the naked, warm the frozen, feed the hungry (check this part in English Catechism Christ our Pascha-corporal deeds of mercy, at the end of the book, I don't have the one at home, or I can do it when I will be at the chancery)," explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav, speaking about the need not only to fast and pray, but also to do charity.

"On this day, let us sacrifice our spiritual efforts and our prayers for the victory of the Ukrainian people in this unequal battle, as well as for our army," urged the Head of the UGCC.

Information Department of the UGCC



ALTAR BOYS & CHILDREN OF MARY

Any children or youth with their First Communion Sacrament are invited to serve as an Altar boy or Children of Mary. Text Rhonda Falconer at 306-641-5333 for more information and training.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR CHURCH IS A SACRED SPACE...

Please refrain from speaking loudly in church. People are praying and need silence. Also, kindly silence your mobile devices during Divine Liturgy.



ST. MARY'S PARISH PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)

Thank you.

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.

Please support your parish by joining PAG

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

PCOMING EVENTS	
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February 6 February 8 & 9 February 12 February 20	Knights of Columbus Meeting Clergy Conference - No Divine Liturgies Knights of Columbus Brunch First Day of Great Lent	7:00 pm
February 20	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting at Cultural Centre	7:00 pm
February 21	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
March 1	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing	10:30 am
March 2	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
March 2	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
March 4/11/18	All Souls Saturday	
March 5	First Solemn Holy Communion Classes begin	
March 5	Sunday Schedule changes to ONE Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
March 9	Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors Residence	11:00 am
March 16	Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court	2:00 pm
March 17	Divine Liturgy at the Bentley	10:30 am
March 18	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
March 25	Feast of the Annunciation	



"GET ON BOARD!"

St. Michael's at Madge is looking for more board members and a board chair. We are seeking enthusiastic individuals that want to be a part of the growth of St. Michael's. Email us at camp@stmichaelscamp.com with your inquiry.

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW PARISH OFFICE

We hear that Parishioners are having a hard time locating our new Parish Office...

We are located in the former Golden Agers Centre. Please go past the end of the ramp on the north side of the church. Continue until you see the north wall of the church, if you walk toward the north wall, you will see an entrance to your right (the door faces west), please proceed down the stairs, turn left and you will find us. *Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.*



The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the harm that results.

To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) **Deborah Larmour**, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228; Cell: 306-222-1475 or email: **safeguarding@skeparchy.org** More information is available on the Eparchial Website, **www.skeparchy.org**.



Reconciliation & First Solemn Holy Communion 2023

First Holy Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Catholic person's life. It is the first time that a person receives the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is the eating of consecrated bread and drinking of consecrated wine.

The children will also be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament allows us to show them that God loves us and shows us mercy, and He is always ready to forgive, no matter what the wrong. It assures them that God already knows the secrets of our hearts and we can put our trust in Him. Your child will attend First Communion on the following Sundays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please

pack your child a water bottle and something to snack on during breaks. Class is from 9-11am with Divine Liturgy to follow. Your child can be picked up after church. I encourage you to attend liturgy as well to set an example for your child while they attend their Sacrament classes.

March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 13, 14

The dates on the Ukrainian dance competition weekends may be rescheduled if the students cannot attend because they are competing on that Sunday. Once you get your dance schedule for the competition, please let me know if your child dances on a Sunday morning that we have class. Rescheduling a class may include making up for it on a Saturday. All the classes are in a certain order according to the liturgy that is celebrated that Sunday. All classes are mandatory to complete the program and receive your First Holy Communion. Please try to make these three months a priority and a commitment on your part. Your child will do their First Reconciliation on May 7th. We will have a rehearsal for their First Communion on May 13th, followed by a closing party.

First Holy Communion will be held on May 14th. I will send detailed instructions about this event in a separate email. Please talk to your child about the upcoming classes and the expectations and outcomes. Preparing them to receive this sacrament will be very helpful. is a link you can read to prepare.

https://teachingcatholickids.com/five-ways-for-parents-to-prepare-children-for-first-holy-communion/

If your child cannot attend one of these dates due to illness or other issues, just email or text me ahead of the class day. They will have homework to catch up on at home before the next class.

Jasmine Rubletz Nagy stmarysfcprogram@gmail.com 306-621-2380



SASKATCHEWAN K OF C VOCATIONS ENDOWMENT

The Bishops of Saskatchewan have partnered withe the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation to create the Saskatchewan K of C Vocations Endowment. Every year the earnings from this Endowment will be disbursed equally to each seminarian

throughout all Saskatchewan Dioceses and Eparchy. These funds will help defray the estimated \$30,000.00 per year it costs to educate each Seminarian.

In support of the K of C Vocation Endowment, our Knights of Columbus, Council 5182 will participate with our Parish in a **fundraising campaign** during the month of **February**.

Live presentation will be made at the church by Dave Spelay.

Brochures and envelopes will be available at the main entrance, the response in the past has been excellent by the Parishioners and we hope this continues, we need more priests.

THE PRODIGAL SON SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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 the **Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings handout available at the entrances.**

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARY'S

SUN	F ев 5	The Prodigal Son 9:00 am	Divine Liturgy <i>Ukrainian</i>
		11:00 am	•••
MON	F ев 6	7:00 pm	. Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	Feb 8	* No Divine Liturgy - Clergy Cont	ference
THU	F ев 9	* No Divine Liturgy - Clergy Cont	ference
SAT	F ев 11	All Souls Saturday	
		9:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty
		5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
SUN	F ев 12	Sunday of Meat-Fare	
		9:00 am	Divine Liturgy <i>Ukrainian</i>
		10:15 am & 12:15 pm	. Knights of Columbus Brunch
		11:00 am	. Divine Liturgy <i>English</i>
THU	F ев 16	7:00 pm	••• •
FRI	F ЕВ 17	10:30 am	•
SAT	F ев 18	9:00 am	
		5:00 pm	0,

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

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE- There will be a priest available in the confessional 30 minutes prior to every Divine Liturgy.

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.** The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, February 19th. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information to st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net.



CHANGES TO SUNDAY MORNING DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE One Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am - Effective March 5th

As a result of lower attendance numbers and the strain felt by both choirs, Fr. Leonid and Parish Council have decided to combine the Sunday Morning Divine Liturgies into **one** liturgy at **10:00 am**. It will be celebrated with both English and Ukrainian. The Saturday evening liturgy will remain at 5:00 pm in English.

DIVINE	LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR	THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
The Prodigal	Son	1 Corinthians 6:12-20 ~ Luke 15:11-32
MON FEB 6	Venerable Bukolus	1 John 2:18-3:10 ~ Mark 11:1-11
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Sylv	ia KrywulakMorning Friends
TUE FEB 7	Venerable Partenius	1 John 3:11-20 ~ Mark 14:10-42
8:00 am		bers & FamiliesUCWLC
WED FEB 8		1 John 3:21-4:6 ~ Mark 14:43-15:1
8:00 am	*No Divine Liturgy - Clergy Con	
ТНИ ГЕВ 9	Martyr Nicephorus	1 John 4:20-5:21 ~ Mark 15:1-15
8:00 am	*No Divine Liturgy - Clergy Con	iference
FRI FEB 10		2 John 1:1-13 ~ Mark 15:22-25; 33-41
8:00 am 🗪		MacLeanGerry Smysnuik
SAT <i>Fев</i> 11 9:00 am	All Souls Saturday 1 Corinthia Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty	ans 10:23-28 ~ Luke 21:8-9; 25-27; 33-36
5:00 pm	Health & God's Blessings for Vi K	lukFriend
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Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations

In Memory of Harry Kardynal Evelyn Kardynal \$1,000.00

ST. MARY'S RENOVATION PROJECT Balance of the Fund to December 31, 2022 \$497,652.95 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...**"





GREAT LENT - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (English) Wednesdays & Fridays - 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty (English & Ukrainian) on All Souls Saturdays - 9:00 am Way of the Cross (English & Ukrainian) Mondays - 6:00 pm



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

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission. The suggested *stipend (offering)* for a Divine Liturgy Intention is *\$20.00*. You can find Liturgy Request Forms with envelopes at the Church Entrances. Once you have completed the form, place it in the envelope with your stipend, seal the envelope and drop into the collection plate.

TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 ~ THE PRODIGAL SON

Son fe Immortal,* (* When You en cried out:*

Sunday Tropar, tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Feast day Tropar, tone 1: Hail, Mother of God, Virgin full of grace.* From you has shown forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God,* shining upon those who are in darkness.* Rejoice also, you just Elder Simeon,* for you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls* who has given us Resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak of the Prodigal Son, tone 3: Foolishly I left the splendor of Your Fatherly home* and with wicked men wasted the wealth You gave me.* I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal:* "I have sinned before You, merciful Father.* Accept my repentance and make me as one of Your servants."

Prokimen, tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. **Verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle: A reading from the first Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6: 12 - 20 Brothers and Sisters! "Everything is lawful for me" -- but that does not mean that everything is good for me. "Everything is lawful for me" -- but I will not let myself be enslaved by anything. "Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will do away with them both in the end-" but the body is not for immorality; it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by his power. Do you not see that your bodies are members of Christ? Would you have me take Christ's members and make them the members of a prostitute? God forbid! Can you not see that the man who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? Scripture says, "The two shall become one flesh." But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. You must know that your body is temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within -- the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.

Alleluia Verses:

The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel: Luke 15: 11 - 32

At that time the Lord told this parable: "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' So the father divided up the property. Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of the pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: 'How many hired hands at my father's place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.' With that he set off for his father's house. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' The father said to his servants; 'Quick! bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' Then the celebration began. Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, 'Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.' The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him. He said to his father in reply: 'For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then, when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him.' 'My Son,' replied the father, 'you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost, and is found." "

Instead of 'It is truly right . . .': O Virgin Mother of God. Hope of Christians,* protect, watch, and save those who have placed their hope in you.* We, the faithful, see the figure of Christ in the shadow and the letter of the law* which says: Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.* Therefore, we extol the firstborn of the Eternal Father* and the Virgin Mother.

Communion Hymn: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 THE SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

Sunday Tropar, tone 3 : Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled

death by death; He became the first born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak of Meatfare Sunday, tone 3: O God, when You come to earth in all Your glory,* when all things will tremble, when the river of fire will flow before Your judgment seat,* when the books will be opened and when what is secret will be revealed;* then save me from the unquenchable fire,* and grant that I may stand at Your right hand, most just Judge.

Prokimen, tone 3: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. **Verse:** *Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.*

Epistle: Brothers and Sisters! Now food does not bring us closer to God. We suffer no loss through failing to eat, and we gain no favor by eating. Take care, however, lest in exercising your right you become an occasion of sin to the weak. If someone sees you, with your "knowl-edge," reclining at table in the temple of an idol, may not his conscience in its weak state be influenced to the point that he eats the idol-offering? Because of your "knowledge" the weak one perishes, that brother for whom Christ died. When you sin thus against your brothers and wound their weak consciences, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin I will never eat meat again, so that I many not be an occasion of sin to him. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? And are you not my work in the Lord Although I may not be an apostle for others, I certainly am one for you. You are the very seal of my apostolate in the Lord.

Alleluia Verses:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior. Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 - 46

The Lord said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon his royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. Then he will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right: 'Come. You have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me." Then the just will ask him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?' The king will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.' Then he will say to those on his left: 'Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort me.' Then they in turn will ask: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend you in your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one on these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.' These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to eternal life."

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!