

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

YORKTON DEANERY

January – June, 2016 September – December, 2016

Friday night to Saturday evening (Live In Program)

St. Mary's Redemptorist Monastery - Yorkton, SK

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DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST	GREETERS
SAT Nov 21	5:00 pm English	Peter Kobyłka	Peter Kobyłka	Norman Yasinsky Eleanor Yasinsky		
SUN Nov 22 <i>26th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Mykhaylo Zotov	Ed Pindus	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Susan Willson	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John Uhryn Heather Uhryn	Iris Skehar	Bob Rusnak Kathy Rusnak
SAT Nov 28	5:00 pm English	Bernadette Gabora	Peter Kobyłka	Ann Musey Jean Kitsch		
SUN Nov 29 <i>27th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Ivan Bachynsky	Lorne Stechyshyn	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Terry Ruf	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Terry Ruf Nadia Ruf	Iris Skehar	Linda McCulough

SUNDAY COLLECTION Nov. 15 2015	Received in 170 Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,825.00
	Loose Collection	\$ 194.25
	Received in 9 Other Envelopes	\$ 96.00

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

155 Catherine Street, Yorkton, SK S3N 0B9

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PARISH BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Христос Посеред нас !

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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 Fax 306-782-4214

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
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WEEKDAYS

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

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Guests,

We are most pleased that over **45** parishioners have chosen to participate in our **Adult Religious Program** that we are hosting in the Golden Ager's Center every second Sunday – like today! As they testify, it is a fascinating *'journey of faith'* and what an opportunity to experience and learn more about our Catholic faith. Also, we are most delighted to have **11** children preparing for **Solemn Holy Communion**.

Happily St. Mary's parish is most flexible and we often must adjust our schedules and locations – be it for Catechism, the Adult program, the choir practices, meetings, etc. Thank you for being patient and considerate. God will bless us all

On November 15th, our Ukrainian Church commenced our **'Christmas Fast.'** It is also called the *'Fast of St. Philip'* because it is immediately preceded by the feast of this Apostle (*November 14*). This time of expectation and of preparation corresponds to *Advent*.

Since the **Nativity/Theophany** events hold less importance than **Pascha** - the Feast of Feasts (**Resurrection/Easter**), a detailed structure never evolved for **Pylypivka**. Yet the Philippian Fast is an ancient religious tradition in preparation for the Incarnation and Theophany of the Lord Jesus Christ. This 40 day Fast can help us to better understand and appreciate all of God's saving plan – for you and me!

This is a little heavy, but stick with me! Theologically, the Birth and Public Ministry of Christ are inextricably linked. The *Philippian Fast* was created by the church to prepare us to receive Jesus into the world and begin His saving mission. They are two sides of a single coin. The Fast (*Advent*) prepares us to celebrate Our Savior's birth and then His Baptism on the Feast of Theophany (*Jordan*).

On arriving at Bethlehem and the Nativity on December 25th, we thus begin to prepare for the Epiphany. We do not stop at the Nativity. In our joy of the Messiah's arrival, we press forward and happily celebrate the Feast of Jordan in which we experience the great mysteries of God. Most important of all, this event points out the Mystery of the Holy Trinity – **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**, a mystery long hinted at in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible. (*Are you still with me? Hope so!*)

During this Advent season, each of the parish organizations hosts a Christmas gathering to express appreciation and gratitude for all the volunteer hours of dedication and devotion to our parish of St. Mary's and beyond. Truly this is a wonderful time of fellowship – a time to enjoy one another's company and to spiritually prepare our celebration of **Christmas** as a family of God.

As your pastor, I personally thank each and everyone of you for your generosity and your commitment and your loving support of us, your priests. God bless you all!




**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

UPCOMING EVENTS

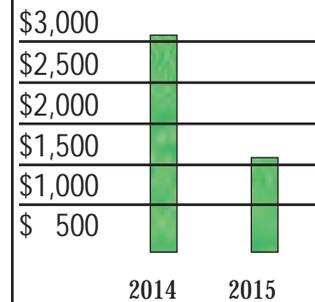
December 3	Knights of Columbus Bingo	1:00 pm
December 6	Feast of St. Nicholas	
December 6	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am
December 6	Adult Faith Formation Program	10:00 am
December 6	Knights of Columbus Brunch	10:15 am & 12:15 pm
December 7	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
December 7	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
December 8	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo	7:00 pm
December 9	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
December 14	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
December 14	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:30 pm
December 15	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
December 17	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
December 25	Nativity of Our Lord	
December 26	Sobor of the Mother of God	
December 27	Feast of St. Stephen	
December 31	Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries	1:00 pm
January 1	Circumcision of Our Lord - St. Basil's - New Year's	
January 1	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo	12:00 Noon
January 5	Vigil of Theophany Solemn Water Blessing & Divine Liturgy	
January 6	Feast of Theophany	
January 6	Knights of Columbus Bingo	1:00 pm
January 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon
January 17	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am

UKRAINIAN CHOIR:

- ◆ Thursday, November 25 practice (change of time?)
- ◆ Sunday, November 29, 9:00 am 4-voice choir

**CO-MISSIONARY FUND
2014 -15**

**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*.

**MUSÉE UKRAINA MUSEUM INC.
2016 CASH LOTTERY CALENDARS**

COST \$20 EACH FOR 366 DRAWS

Available from Peter Moroz - UCBC (306-783-6293)



Listen for the UKRAINIAN HOUR

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

BBESSI SCHOLARSHIPS

Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. (BBESSI) has two scholarships available to students completing post-secondary education at either the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina or any campus of Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

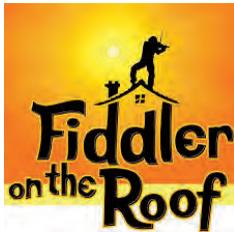
The Walter & Frances Hnatiuk Scholarship in the amount of \$200.00 will be awarded to a student who is a Ukrainian Catholic and has demonstrated financial need and academic achievement. Must have completed at least one full year of studies.

The Walter Petryshen Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$200.00 will be awarded to a student who is a Ukrainian Catholic and has demonstrated financial need and academic achievement. Must have completed at least one full year of studies.

Deadline date for applications will be December 31, 2015. Please submit your applications to:

Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc.
214 Avenue M South
Saskatoon SK S7M 2K4
Attention: Scholarship Committee

If you require further information, please email the Scholarship Committee at admin.skeparchy@sasktel.net



Sacred Heart's Drama Club is performing the musical

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Friday, December 4th & Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$15

Available at the SHHS office, Loucks Pharmacy and M&M Meats.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HEALING

At Christie's Funeral Home understand that following the death of a loved one, each day is difficult and when the pressure of the Christmas season is added those days can be even harder.

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Service of Remembrance and Healing on **Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 pm** in the **Chapel of Christie's Funeral Home**. This non-denominational service is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of loved one through death, and will offer words of comfort, opportunities to express our sorrow, a time to remember loved ones who have died and some suggestions for getting through this holiday season.

For more information call **Christie's Funeral Home** at 782-2312.



YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

BEAVERDALE	Sunday, November 22	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
CALDER	Sunday, November 29	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy
MODEL FARM	Sunday, November 22	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Wednesday, November 25	1:00 pm	Annual Meeting

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

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 page 22-24 in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings

booklets which are located at the entrances of the church.

Next Week's Readings: Epistle - Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel - Luke 13:10-17

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN	9:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy
	9:45 am.....	First Solemn Holy Communion Class
	10:00 am.....	Adult Faith Formation Program
	11:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy
	11:00 am.....	Little Angels Class
TUES	8:30 am - 4:00 pm.....	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
THUR	1:00 pm.....	Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries
	6:45 pm.....	Ukrainian Choir Practice
SAT	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	5:00 pm.....	Divine Liturgy

WEDDINGS 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.**

PEW SHELVES - Please leave prayer books and song books stacked neatly in the pew shelf and return the tropar books to the baskets at the entrances before you leave the church. This would be greatly appreciated by the ushers. It is a sign of respect for the house of God.



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

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of **+James Sarada** who passed away recently.

We also express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of **+Art Gazdewich** for whom funeral services will be held on Sunday (7:00 pm) and Monday (10:00 am) at St. Mary's Church.

Вічная Память God Grant Them Eternal Rest Вічная Память

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

26th Sunday after Pentecost

MON Nov 23 St. Amphilocheus **Ephesians 5:8-19 ~ Luke 12:16-21**

8:00 am Health for Sandra Boyda.....Genie & Theo Trotz

8:00 am Special Intentions.....N.N.

TUE Nov 24 Great Martyr Catherine **1 Timothy 5:11-21 ~ Luke 17:26-37**

8:00 am God's Blessings for Bella Gulka.....Mary Lazurko & Mary Tratch

8:00 am Health for Christine.....N.N.

WED Nov 25 Pope Clement **1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 ~ Luke 18:15-17,26-30**

8:00 am God's Blessings for Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR.....Bella Bilan

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Violet Harasymuk.....Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

THU Nov 26 Venerable Alypius **1 Timothy 6:17-21 ~ Luke 18:31-34**

8:00 am Birthday Blessings for Geraldine Koban.....Prayer Partner

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Pauline Dziaduck.....N.N.

FRI Nov 27 Great Martyr James **2 Timothy 1:1-2,8-18 ~ Luke 19:12-28**

8:00 am +Nick Wasylynka.....wife Alice

8:00 am +Iris Smud (1 Year).....Mike & family

SAT Nov 28 Venerable Stephen **Galatians 5:22-6:2 ~ Luke 10:19-22**

9:00 am +John Achtemichuk.....Family

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

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

 **PLEASE REMEMBER** the church in your estate when making out your will.

As we look at the various unfortunate events that are happening in the world around us, it seems obvious that we need the help of someone greater than man himself. It is at times such as these that we need the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother Mary. It behooves us, then, to increase our petitions to Her who can intercede on our behalf, for the safety of our country, for the welfare of our families, for our Catholic Church....the list can be endless. Let us increase our prayers to Her who has promised that "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph".



On November 27th, the **Feast of the Miraculous Medal**, Mary identifies herself as the Immaculate Conception. On December 9th (Ukrainian Catholic), December 8th (Roman Catholic), is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

A **Novena**, (a prayer of one's choice) begins 9 days before the actual feast day. Let us all increase our prayers for the conversion of sinners and the good of all mankind.

In unity of prayer,
The Prayer Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army)

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



N.N.	\$ 5.00	
	<i>In Memory of Mervin Bilyk</i>	
Roger & Doreen Rathgeber	\$50.00	Mike Smud \$10.00
Steve & Sonia Popowich	\$20.00	

(Expense: Repairs to St. Mary's Church Dome & Roof \$ 38,193.00)

Balance of the Fund to date: \$300,120.74 **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

<i>In Memory of Mervin Bilyk</i>			
John & Geraldine Koban	\$50.00	Larry & Sandra German	\$20.00
Orest & Elizabeth Zahayko	\$25.00	Sonja Pawliw	\$20.00
John & Heather Uhryn	\$20.00	Lorne & Elsie Stechyshyn	\$20.00
Emil & Delores Strutynski	\$20.00	Mike & Gladys Sobkow	\$20.00
Victor & Vickie Puchala	\$20.00	Bob & Kathy Rusnak	\$20.00
Dennis & Irene Novak	\$20.00	Sophia S. Pisiak	\$20.00
William & Mary Oleynik	\$20.00	Fred & Nettie Jemieff	\$10.00

COLLECTION FOR ORPHANAGES IN UKRAINE - 2015 DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH



We will have a collection for Orphanages in Ukraine on the weekend of December 5th & 6th during the Divine Liturgies.
(If you wish, you may use the special envelope in your offering envelopes)

The Sisters will purchase the required gifts for the children in the Orphanage. A tax receipt can be given out if you include your envelope number with your donation.

Please make your cheques payable to: St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church.
Please give generously, as these children are in need and appreciate their Canadian Gift.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Bailey's Continuing Care Services invites you to attend their annual **Christmas Service of Remembrance** on **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm (Yorkton Memorial Gardens Family Centre)**. Take time for yourself this season to remember, reflect and learn about ways to cope with grief during the holidays. This service is free of charge and open to anyone who has lost someone loved.



Please RSVP by calling 306-783-7552.
If you need transportation let us know and we will arrange this for you.

Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple

The feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple praised and glorifies God for His plan of salvation. God prepares for Himself a holy dwelling place.

The Presentation or Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple (November 21st) does not belong to the most ancient festivals of the Church. St. Andrew of Crete had known it at Jerusalem in the 7th century. It seems that it was introduced at Constantinople a century later, under the Patriarch St. Tarasius. It was adopted in the West under Pope Gregory XI, who had it celebrated for the first time at Avignon in 1374.



The mystery of this marian festival leads us into the very treasure-house of Tradition; the Church breaks the silence of the Scriptures and shows us the incomprehensible ways of Providence, which prepares the receptacle of the Word, "the Mother predetermined before the ages", "preached by the prophets", now introduced into the Holy of Holies, like a "Hidden Treasure of the Glory of God".

The theme of the temple is developed in the liturgy and iconography of the Presentation. He who welcomes the Holy Virgin, the priest Zacharias, the future father of the Forerunner, reunites in his person the two traditions- priestly and prophetic. If he allows the Virgin to go in behind the second veil, which is contrary to the law, it is because he sees in her the new Ark of the covenant, "the living Ark". "The angels were astonished to see the Virgin enter the Holy of Holies". It is the secret presentation of the humanity of Christ: in the temple of Jerusalem the chosen Virgin will prepare herself to become later "the Temple of His Body", that which will be destroyed and in three days raised up.

Many have used the symbolism which likens the three parts of the temple to the three stages of spiritual life- purification, illumination and union, to which correspond the three books of Solomon - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs. The court of the temple corresponds to active life. The veil of "the Holy" opens the way to "natural contemplation" - knowledge of God in creation. "The Holy of Holies" corresponds to contemplation or knowledge of God in the Logos. We find the three parts of the temple in the iconography of the Presentation of the Mother of God. Thus, in our icon the scene unfolds in the inner court of the temple, near the entrance to "the Holy". The priest, Zacharias, clothed in his priestly robes, stands before the veil of "the Holy", on the first step of the staircase. The Holy Virgin, outstretching her arms toward Zacharias, starts to mount the steps which lead towards "the Holy of Holies". At the top, she is seen again, already there, sitting on the highest step, where an angel comes to assist her. It is the degree of contemplation, the "pre-engagement with God", the start of the way of union during which the Holy Virgin will be nourished by heavenly bread. The Holy Virgin, represented twice on our icon, has nothing of the child about her despite her small size, which must indicate her young age (three years old). She is already a perfected person - the Mother of God clothed in the maphorion.

Behind the Holy Virgin, in the center of the court, St. Joachim and St. Anna advance towards the priest Zacharias, presenting their daughter to him. They are followed by young girls, who "with tapers in their hands" accompany the Virgin consecrated to God. Unlike St. Anna and the Mother of God, the virgins of the temple have their heads uncovered. The background is occupied with temple buildings.

The Church honours the Virgin Mary as the God-bearer (in Greek : Theotokos) the one who, in God's plan of salvation, would give birth to God the Word. Thus, Mary, the young girl, is not only presented but also participates in the very task of her temple life. Through the icon, we celebrate and share the mystery in the life of the Virgin.