

# 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 2016

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

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

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST	GREETERS
SAT JAN 2	5:00 pm English	Dan MacLean	Peter Kobylka	Tom Abrametz Julie Abrametz		
SUN JAN 3 <i>Sunday before Theophany</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian		Lorne Stechyshyn	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Terry Ruf	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Terry Ruf Nadia Ruf	Iris Skehar	Phyllis Lazaruk
SAT JAN 9	5:00 pm English	Sr. Suzanne Kokuruds	Peter Kobylka	Norm Yasinsky Eleanor Yasinsky		
SUN JAN 10 <i>Sunday after Theophany</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Mykhaylo Zotov	Ed Pindus	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Eleanor Shumay	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Henry Shumay Bill Krywulak	Iris Skehar	Terry Ruf Nadia Ruf

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Received in 142 Regular Envelopes .....	\$ 3,207.00
<b>COLLECTION</b>	Loose Collection.....	\$ 832.00
<b>DEC. 27</b>	Received in 23 Other Envelopes .....	\$ 1,426.00
<b>2015</b>	Received in Christmas Church (Gift to Church) Envelopes.....	\$ 6,672.00

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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

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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 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

## Christ is born! Let us praise Him!

**Beloved Parishioners and Guests,**

Last weekend we joyously celebrated the **Birth-Day** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus - and we continue for the next few weeks in a festive mood - reminding one another, over and over again, of God's Goodness to all of us! How much we are encouraged to perpetuate the "**Spirit of Giving**" - especially the "*giving of ourselves*" as Jesus did!

May we express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped prepare our Church for Christmas - the decorators, the cleaners, the cantors, the choir and all of you who happily and personally participated in our celebration! Дякую! Дякую!

On behalf of all the Fathers, a personal "**thank you**" for the generous gifts, the greeting cards and the promises of your prayers and your love! Дякую! Дякую!

The **New Year 2016** is a blank page in our daily life. Each additional year is a **gift** of God. It is a heavenly ladder that should lead us closer and closer to God - **one step at a time!** Since each year is a Gift of God, every yearly gift of life requires us to make a positive act of **thanksgiving** and **appreciation**. Gratitude is empty sentiment unless it is accompanied by positive acts of virtue and love.

There should be a great difference in us spiritually from year to year as we grow nearer to the end of our earthly pilgrimage. Each year we should show a marked improvement in our spiritual life based on our annual experiences. The **Imitation of Christ** suggests that, if we were to eliminate an least one habit of sin each year, we would become truly holy. To accomplish this requires discipline and cooperation with God's graces.

Therefore, we should commence the new year with **faith** and **hope**, knowing that God truly loves us. Christmas, Holy Friday and Easter Sunday are incontestable proofs for this. Our Lord can be trusted and loved.

We are to face the future with **love**. We are God's children. He gave us a **heart** with which to love Him, a **soul** to devote Him and **talents** and **strength** to labour for His honour and glory. Love is proven by sacrifice. Keeping the commandments is a strong indication of our love. **Love for others** is part and parcel of our love for God. We are, therefore, to face the **New Year** with love for God and one another.

We do not know what the future holds in store for us. We only ask that God continue to light our paths and give us the grace to see the '**light**' of His ways and the strength and courage to be His loyal children.




## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:30 pm
January 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon
January 18	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
January 19	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
January 17	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am
January 17	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
January 28	Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries	1:00 pm
January 30	<b>Feast of the Three Holy Bishops - Gregory, Basil &amp; John</b>	
February 1	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
February 1	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
February 2	<b>Feast of Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple</b>	
February 6	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo	7:00 pm
February 7	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am
February 8	First Day of Great Lent	
February 11	Knights of Columbus Bingo	1:00 pm
February 16	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes	

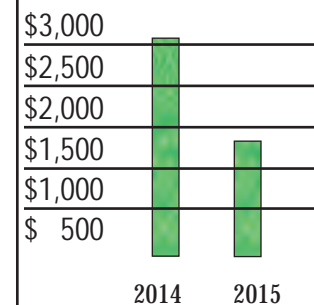
### BISHOP ANDREW ROBORECKI FOUNDATION

was established in 1982 to accept donations from the Faithful for educational support of Seminarians or Priests who will serve in our Eparchy. Each year approx. \$20,000 is being made. Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, has designated the month of January in which to make your donations. Please use your own church envelope and indicate "Donation for Roborecki Foundation" and deposit with your Sunday Collection. Make your cheques payable to the Parish, who will then forward all donations to the Foundation. Your donation will be receipted in your Parish records along with all your regular church donations.

**Thank you for your support & prayers.**

### 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**.

## Christmas Caroling

If you would like the carolers to visit your home please call:

Elsie Stechyshyn (306-783-4862)

or Steve Popowich (306-783-5441)

\*\*Anyone interested *going out caroling* during the Christmas season may contact Elsie 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



## Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. (BBESSI)



When: Saturday, January 23, 2016

Time: *Registration* - 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm *Annual General Meeting* - 2:00 pm

Where: 210 Avenue M South (Church Auditorium) Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Who: All members of a Ukrainian Catholic parish or mission within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon who are 18 years of age or older are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

Purpose: This meeting is being called for the purposes of:

- Approving the Financial Statement Reviewer's Report and the Annual Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.
- Appointing a Reviewer of our financial records for the next fiscal period
- Approving Bylaws or Amendment to the Bylaws – none to consider for this Annual Meeting.
- Reporting of activities and motions of the Directors to the membership
- Electing Directors
- For transacting such other business as may properly come before an Annual General Meeting.

Access to Documents: The Financial Statements will be posted on the Eparchial website

– <http://www.skeparchy.org/events/eparchial-events/bishop-budka-eparchial-stewardship-society-inc.-notice-of-annual-general-meeting-january-23-2016.html>.

You may also pick up copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements at the Chancery Office at 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon Saskatchewan. *This information will be available commencing January 8th, 2016.*

### Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. (BBESSI)

#### Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors of Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc.

BBESSI is searching for people who are interested in serving on our Board of Directors. To qualify, a person must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of Canada and a member in good standing with a Ukrainian Catholic parish or mission within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon.

If you are interested or want more information, please call one of the members of our Nominating Committee: Andriy Lazurko - (306-789-8054); Father Ivan Nahachewsky - (306-961-1390); Bernadette Popowych - (306-249-2432); Morris Smysnuik - (306- 280-8514).

**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.

#### UKRAINIAN CHOIR:

\* Sunday, January 3, 2:30 pm: carol at Gladstone Senior's Residence (old Sacred Heart), & 7:00 pm at Clements Court

\* Friday, January 8, 7:00 pm : carol at the Bentley

\* WEDNESDAY, January 13 practice (to be confirmed)

## YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

### Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

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Дорогі Парафіяни!

Новий Рік є незаписаною сторівкою щоденника нашого життя. Кожний додатковий рік є Божим даром. Це небесна драбина, яка веде нас ближче і ближче до Бога – ступінь за ступенем. Кожний рік є "даром Божим". З кожнорічний дар життя треба його цінити і за нього дякувати. Вдячність є безвартісна і тільки настроєва, якщо не получена з готовістю до дії.

З кожним роком, як наближуємося до кінця нашої земною мандрівки, повинна зростати наша духовність. Кожний рік, як зростає наш життєвий досвід, повинен виявляти значну поправу нашого духовного життя. НАСЛІДУВАННЯ ХРИСТА натякає, що коли б ми могли кожного року позбутись хоч одного гріха, ми стали б дійсно святими. Щоб це досягнути треба дисципліни і співпраці з Божою ласкою.

Починаймо Новий Рік з вірою і надією, бо знаємо, що Господь дійсно любить нас. Різдво, Страшна П'ятниця і Великдень є незаперечними цього доказами. Довіряймо Богові і любім Його.

Глядім у будучину з любов'ю. Ми Божі діти. Він дав нам серце – щоб ми любили Його, душу – щоб ми присвятили себе Йому, здібності й силу – щоб трудитись у Його честь і славу. Любов доказується жертвою. Додержування заповідей є виявом нашої сильної любови. Любов для ближніх є частиною нашої любови до Бога. Стрічаймо Новий Рік в любові для Бога і нашого ближнього.

Не знаємо, що заховане для нас у будучині. Благаймо Всевишнього, щоб роз'яснив наші стежки й уділив нам ласку бачити світло Його шляху, та силу й відвагу, щоб бути вірними Його дітьми.

Найщиріші вітання з нагоди Різдвяних Свят і Нового Року. Миру, душевного спокою, віри і світла у наступному році. Хай Божа аска і благословення завжди супроводжують Вас у житті.

o. T. Doron

Якщо не знаєте, що кому подарувати на Різдво, радимо Вам: дайте ворогам прощення, противникам толеранцію, дитині любов і добрий приклад, батькам увагу, приятелям серце, собі ресpekt, а людям милосердя!



## Йорданське благословення домів

Традиція свячення домів походить з часів творення світу, коли Бог благословив все, що створив. Після Великого Потопу Ной одержав Боже Благословення, яке він передав своїм дочкам.

За стародавнім християнським звичаєм голова родини уділяє своє благословення цілій родині. Цей звичай прийнявся серед українського народу, однак тепер багато родин його закинуло.

Ми сильно закликаємо повернутися до цього старого звичаю. Ми просимо взяти Йорданську Свячену Воду до Ваших домівок, і коли вся родина збереться разом, кожний благословить один одного і всю хату, просячи Божого благословення і всіх Його ласк.

1 Хай діти і кожний член родини держить свічку.

2 Відмовте спільно молитву.

3 Голова родини благословить всіх присутніх.

4 Спільно зробіть обхід в середині хати, благословляючи всі житлові приміщення, а опісля один одного.

5 При благословенню є вказаним співати коляди або відповідні релігійні пісні під час обходу по кімнатах.

З Божою поміччю Ваш парох або його сотрудинок зможе Вас відвідати і особисто Вам уділити Боже Благословення та помолитися з Вами і Вашою родиною.

## JORDAN FAMILY HOME BLESSING

The “**Act of Blessing**” can be traced back into Salvation history. The practice of the “head” of the family bestowing a blessing upon his family was once a traditional **Ukrainian** custom.

We strongly encourage the RE-Introduction of this beautiful tradition, especially at the commencement of the New Year. We invite you to take the **Jordan Holy Water** home and when the whole family can gather together (if possible), bless one another and your home for God’s blessing and graces.

1) Let the children or each person hold a candle.

2) With the “head” of the family leading, pray this Blessing Service and proceed throughout the house, blessing with the Holy Water....

And God willing, with time, your priest will visit you to offer the blessing of the Church and to pray with you and your family....



## SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

JANUARY 3, 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 3-4 in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.  
Next Week’s Readings: Epistle - Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel - Mathew 4:12-17*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S

<b>SUN</b>	9:00 am..... Divine Liturgy
	11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy
	11:00 am..... Little Angels Class
<b>MON</b>	7:00 pm..... Knights of Columbus Meeting
	7:00 pm..... UCWLC Meeting
<b>TUES</b>	<b>Vigil of Theophany (Epiphany)</b>
	5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy & Solemn Water Blessing
	6:30 pm..... Parish Potluck Supper
<b>WED</b>	<b>Feast of Theophany (Epiphany)</b>
	9:00 am..... Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing
	1:00 pm..... Knights of Columbus Bingo
<b>FRI</b>	7:00 pm..... Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo
<b>SAT</b>	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.**

**HOME BLESSINGS -** if you wish to have your home blessed in the new year please fill out the form on the back of the bulletin or a request slip (green) located at the entrances and drop it in the collection plate or drop it off at the parish office.

**THE 2016 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES -** are available for pickup at the East Entrance.



**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)

### 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 & Water Blessing beginning at **5:00 pm**  
to be followed by a Parish Theophany Supper (Pot Luck)  
at St. Mary’s Cultural Centre (6:30 pm)

*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.*



## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

**Sunday before Theophany** **2 Timothy 4:5-8 ~ Mark 1:1-18**  
**MON Jan 4** **Plenary Memorial of the 70 Apostles** **1 Peter 2:21-3:9 ~ Mark 12:13-17**  
 8:00 am +Felix & Jean Wlock.....Daughter  
 8:00 am +Mary Yaworski.....Fran Uhryn

**TUE Jan 5** **1 Corinthians 9:19-27 ~ Luke 3:1-18**  
 **5:30 pm** **Vigil of Theophany & Solemn Water Blessing**

**WED Jan 6** **Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7 ~ Matthew 3:13-17**  
 **9:00 am** **Feast of Theophany of Our Lord - Jordan**

**THU Jan 7** **Plenary Memorial of John the Baptist** **Acts 19:1-8 ~ John 1:29-34**  
 8:00 am Health for Brothers, Sisters & Family.....Family  
 8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Mary Kurulok.....Sophie & Mary

**FRI Jan 8** **Venerable George, Confessor Emilian** **2 Peter 1:1-10 ~ Mark 13:1-8**  
 8:00 am  Members & Families.....UCWLC  
 8:00 am Health for Michael Medvid.....St. Nicholas Parish, Insinger


**SAT Jan 9** **Saturday after Theophany** **Ephesians 6:10-17 ~ Matthew 4:1-11**  
 9:00 am +Sophie Madarash (40 Days).....Family  
  
 5:00 pm Health for Mary Kurulok.....Family

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

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Vatican City, 2015 (VIS) – *The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for January 2016 is:* "That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice"

*His intention for evangelization is:* "That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions".



## Thank you....

We wish to express our gratitude to **Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR & Bishop Emeritus Michael Wiwchar, CSsR** for blessing our temporary holy doors and to the **Sisters of St. Joseph** for writing the icons and providing us with the enlarged icons for our doors.

## Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



*In Memory of Victor Fedorowich* N.N. \$5.00  
 Laurie Fedorowich \$300.00

**Balance of the Fund to date: \$310,071.92** **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 Sophie Madarash*  
 Bill & Karen Bobyk \$ 100.00  
 Procor Social Club, Regina \$ 50.00

#### THEOPHANY WATER BLESSING

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

**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** from Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> until Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> inclusive. It will resume on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Thank you...

to our musicians - harpist Analyn Riley, barisax player Jessica Riley, violinist Peter Kobylka & our choirs for the lovely music during the Christmas weekend services. You truly enhanced our Christmas celebration with beautiful music.

**HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED ??** Please notify the Parish Office if you have a change of address or a new phone number. This will help to keep our records current and ensure that tax receipts go to the correct address. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS RADIO BROADCAST

Thank You to those who gave generously to the December 25th Christmas Radio Broadcast. Because of your generosity, the organizations - UCWLC, UCBC and K of C #5182 will not have to pay for any Christmas advertising this year.



### ORPHANS IN UKRAINE

Thank You to everyone who donated to the "ORPHANS IN UKRAINE" Project. A total sum of \$5,375.45 was collected and will help the Sisters of St. Joseph's and Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate maintain their orphanages in Ukraine.

