



On November 14th, we began our "Pylypivka" or **Advent**, the customary preparation for the Feast of the **Nativity of the Birth of Our Lord** and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Pope Francis reminds us that "every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and He himself is present in their lives. Every person is immensely holy and deserves our love".

Why are you here in this world? **Pope Francis** tells us so beautifully, that "If I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and open our hearts to others! We are called to live as missionaries who feel genuine happiness in seeking the food of others, in desiring their happiness. It is who we are!"

Jesus is born on Christmas day for us; may we, in turn, be born again this **Christmas** to bring **joy** and **love** and **peace** to everyone this wonderful Christ-mas season!

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST	GREETERS
SAT DEC 3	5:00 pm English	Peter Kobylka		Dan MacLean Lionel Fedorowich		
SUN DEC 4 <i>29th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Mykhaylo Zotov	Lorne Stechyshyn	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Doug Falconer	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Bill Krywulak Gerry Smysnuik	Iris Skehar	
SAT DEC 10	5:00 pm English	Julian Abrametz		Dennis Benko Carl Pacholka		
SUN DEC 11 <i>Sunday of the Holy ForeFathers</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Bernie Stephaniuk	Ed Pindus	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Sandra German	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Ed Lischynski Mike Smud	Iris Skehar	

SUNDAY COLLECTION Nov 27 2016	Received in 173 Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,719.00
	Loose Collection	\$ 79.00
	Received in 9 Other Envelopes	\$ 445.00

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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

DECEMBER 4, 2016

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
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

Beloved Parishioners of St. Mary's and Guests,

To be honest, I was surprised and a little disappointed when I arrived at St. Mary's here in Yorkton – this was my first church in almost 50 years where there were **no vigil candles** burning and no candle stands for parishioners to fulfill this wonderful prayerful tradition. My apologies for not reviving this precious custom sooner! Forgive me...

The **practice of lighting candles** is an important Ukrainian Byzantine ritual for this **“light”** has a very special place in our church - it symbolizes Christ who said, *“I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life.”* (John 8:12) Each time that we light a candle, we are called to remember that it is Our Lord and Saviour **Jesus Christ** who is the **True Light** and that He and only He will grant us True Life.

Every candle that we light should be a *“time of prayer”* in which we reflect upon God's great Love for us and a time of recommitment, where we renew our Baptismal vow that we, as children of God, are called to *“let our light shine before the world...”* The lighted candles, by their burning, should remind one of the Eternal Light which is Christ.

In lighting our candles, the first thing we should do is focus on our prayerful intention and lift our prayers to God on high. Next, we light the candle, remembering all of our loved ones who are sick or who have passed into the next life, or who we may just want to pray for, and we ask God to generously respond to our humble petitions. **Lighting a candle** is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is being offered. This is comforting and empowering, because even after church-goers leave, their prayers remain in the Church. Others may come later and pray before these burning candles.

We often light candles before icons of our Lord, the Virgin Mary and/or the saints. This is not to honor the image itself, but the one it truly represents. The **lighted candle symbolizes our prayer offering** as we ask the saints to pray for us and for those most precious to us. This light, as it is kept burning, also shows our desire to remain in God's presence as we go through our daily duties at home and in the workplace.

Of course, we should not use candles as a kind of magical substitute for our own prayers – we use candles as an expression of our own prayers in a personal loving way!

Let us, with our family and friends, truly prepare for the **Birth** of Our Lord Jesus who is the Light of the **world**. **May this be a most wonderful Christ-mas!**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	6:00 pm
December 13	Holy Rosary Hour	
December 15/22	Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence	10:30 am
December 18	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am
December 18	First Solemn Holy Communion Class <i>for the Parents</i>	9:45 am
December 18	Adult Faith Presentation (Golden Agers Centre)	10:00 am
December 19	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
December 20	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
December 21	Christmas Reconciliation(Confessions)	6:30 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 28	Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries	1:00 pm
January 1	<i>Circumcision of Our Lord - St. Basil's - New Year's</i>	

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CLEANING CONTRACT

Parish Council of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help (St. Mary's) is considering applications for the **contract services for the Church/Monastery cleaning**.

Church Cleaning Contract period would be from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

For a complete description of duties or to discuss further please contact Fred Schrader, Finance Committee Chair, at (306)621-7609.

Applicants are required to apply in writing outlining any experience and remuneration expectations to:

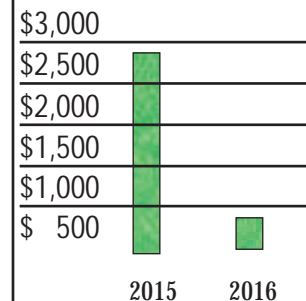
St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
155 Catherine Street
Yorkton, SK S2N 0B9

Attention: Fred Schrader, Finance Chairperson

All Applications must be received by: **December 12, 2016.**

CO-MISSIONARY FUND
2015 -16

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.

2017 CASH LOTTERY CALENDARS

COST \$20 EACH FOR 365 DRAWS

Available from : Parish Office 306-783-4594

Elizabeth Zahayko 306-783-6232 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



CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 9

	SACRED HEART	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. MARY'S	ST. MICHAEL'S	ST. PAUL'S	ST. THEODORE'S
MON		Advent Celebration Gr. 7 & 8 Christmas Dance			Advent Celebration	
TUES	Choir Concert	St. Nicholas Feast Day			SCC Meeting	
WED	Band Concert					
THURS						
FRI		Gr. 5 & 6 Christmas Carols at the Bentley			Deadline for donating old pairs of jeans	

EMAIL BULLETIN

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

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2016 Lottery Winners for December

\$20.00 Winners: Rebecca Wytrykush-Regina, Tony Harras-Regina, Vilma Velasco-Saskatoon, Michael & Lee Ann Romanchuk-Wakaw, Joe Bidulka-Vonda, Klarissa Komarnicki-Saskatoon, Sonia Zemlak-Vegreville(AB), Maude Hynes-Calgary(AB), Ruth Lechner-Regina, Robert Burak-Goodeve, Bob Antoshkiw-Wakaw, Tyler Herter-Saskatoon, Marlene & Garry Moshenko-Hudson Bay, Warren Yoner-Grenfell, Terry Sharonowski-Winnipeg(MB), Gladys Hrycak-Regina, Shirley & Ken Fullerton-Battleford, Anna & John Bomok-, Mr. & Mrs. Barney Solomon-, Colleen Hnatuk-Coal Dale(AB), Ann Kocay-Prud'homme, Bernadette Lukey-Calgary(AB), Audrey Bayduza-Saskatoon, Jean Moskwa-Prince Albert, David & Arlene Franko-Calgary(AB). **\$50.00 Winners:** Marion Mutala-Saskatoon, Mervin Bzdel-Regina, Jennifer & Myron Stadnyk-Yorkton. **\$100.00 Winners:** Al & Lori Burechailo-Domremy, Alice Kohut-Regina. **\$200.00 Winner:** Joanne Franko-Saskatoon.

Congratulations to all the winners!
Have you purchased your 2017 Calendar?
Lottery License #RR15-0282

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

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

BEAVERDALE	Sunday, December 25	10:00 am	Christmas Divine Liturgy
CALDER	Saturday, December 24	9:00 pm	God is with Us & Divine Liturgy

29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DECEMBER 4, 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 25-27 in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.
Next Week's Readings: Epistle - Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel - Luke 14:16-24*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN	Collection for Orphans in Ukraine
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	9:45 am	First Solemn Holy Communion Class
	10:00 am.....	Adult Faith Presentation (Golden Agers Centre)
	10:15 am & 12:15 pm.....	Knights of Columbus Brunch
	11:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy
MON	7:00 pm.....	Knights of Columbus Meeting
	7:00 pm.....	UCWLC Meeting
TUE	Feast of St. Nicholas, Wonderworker	
	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.....	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	1:00 pm.....	Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court
WED	11:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing
THU	10:30 am.....	Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence
FRI	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
	9:00 am & 7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
SAT	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	5:00 pm.....	Divine Liturgy

CONGRATULATIONS ~ SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION

Easton Nick Callin ~ Son of Brett & Rebecca (nee Kruda) Callin

Многая Літа

May God Grant Him Many Years

Многая Літа

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.**



THE CHRISTMAS MAILING

are available for pickup in the vestibule of 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 4

29th Sunday after Pentecost

MON Dec 5 Venerable Sabbas **Colossians 3:4-11 ~ Luke 17:12-19**
Galatians 5:22-6:2 ~ Matthew 11:27-30

8:00 am God's Blessings for Alexander & Violet Cherewyk (50th Anniversary).....Victor & Vickie Puchala

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Diane Stadnyk.....Adult Faith Formation

8:00 am God's Blessings for John & Cecilia.....Annie

TUE Dec 6 St. Nicholas, Wonderworker **Hebrews 13:17-21 ~ Luke 6:17-23**

8:00 am Health for Benson Rhinas.....Gordon & Gloria

8:00 am Health for Lena Tymiak.....David & Alvena Parnetta

WED Dec 7 St. Ambrose **Hebrews 10:1-18 ~ Mark 8:30-34**

8:00 am +Sophia Zarazun (100th Anniversary of Death)Glen & Lena Tymiak & family

8:00 am +Chris Grey.....Mike & Alice Chopty

THU Dec 8 Venerable Patapius **Hebrews 10:35-11:17 ~ Mark 9:10-16**

8:00 am +Dr. Stephanie Potoski.....MaryAnn Sebulski

8:00 am +Peter & Rose Brigidear.....Diana & family

8:00 am +Bernice Mandzuk.....Fran Uhryn

FRI Dec 9 **Galatians 4:22-31 ~ Hebrews 9:1-7**

9:00 am Feast of the Immaculate Conception **7:00 pm**

SAT Dec 10 Martyr Mennas **Ephesians 5:1-8 ~ Luke 14:1-11**

9:00 am Health for Fr. Len Ratuszniak, CSsR & Fr. Boris Kyba, CSsR.....Walter & Pauline Prystai

5:00 pm Health & God's Blessings for Sr. Marijka Konderewicz, SSMI...Adult Faith Formation

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

Christmas Reconciliation (Confessions)

will be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm with Divine Liturgy at 7:00 pm.

Bailey's Funeral Home Continuing Care Services

invites you to attend our annual

Christmas Service of Remembrance

Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 pm

Yorkton Memorial Gardens Family Centre (HWY #10 E)



This will be a non-denominational candle-lighting service to remember loved ones who have passed on. The service will include words of comfort, special music, time for reflection and suggestions for experiencing peace and hope during the holidays.

Please RSVP by calling 306-783-7552

If you need transportation let us know and we will arrange this for you.

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



In Memory of Veronica Fedorowich

Laurie Fedorowich & Family \$ 100.00

Alice Derow \$ 25.00

Iryma Fedorowich \$ 20.00

Balance of the Fund to date: \$ 316,445.75 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 Veronica Fedorowich (for Outreach)

Stephen & Jacqueline Byblow \$ 100.00

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..."**

COLLECTION FOR ORPHANAGES IN UKRAINE - 2016

THIS WEEKEND - DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH



We will have a collection for Orphanages in Ukraine on the weekend of December 3rd & 4th 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUNDAY BRUNCH

TODAY - Sunday, December 4th

St. Mary's Cultural Centre

Following the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Divine Liturgies

The Knights Would Appreciate your Support!

Everyone Welcome !



New!
PANCAKES
will be served!