

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 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
SAT DEC 22	5:00 pm English	Tom Abrametz	Saturday Evening Group	John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha	
SUN DEC 23 <i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</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

SUNDAY	Received in 155 Regular Envelopes	\$ 5,629.00
COLLECTION	Loose Collection.....	\$156.75
DEC 9, 2018	Received in 11 Other Envelopes	\$ 600.00

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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 16, 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

Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

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

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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,

At this time of year, as we stand on the threshold of Christmas, let us feel the *"magic of the season"* by focusing on the fact that we will be celebrating the greatest Gift that the world has ever received, the **birth of God's Son!**

Let us not be taken in by the standard gift-giving that is so popular all around us. Instead, let us plan wonderful gifts of the *heart* and the *spirit*... let us give people that which our materialistic society needs most: **acts of virtue, such as kindness, consideration, compassion and love** that can be obtained in no other way, except through voluntary giving and sacrifice of self.

Please reach out to family members and also reach out to the needy and lonely outside your family – visit them, phone them, write to them – a simple gesture on your part can mean the world to someone who is deeply hurting and painfully all alone. Remember that there are many organizations that reach out to those in need. Contribute generously to them as they warmly serve those in much need and are able to reach out to the most abandoned...

As you prepare for Christmas, plan to give **gifts of time & patience. Bring** gifts of joy and peace, of **friendship** and **understanding**. Don't just talk about Christmas, but truly live it! Receive Jesus Christ into your life as Saviour and Lord. Remember that you are not alone in this journey, which we call *'life'*. God is giving us His Son Jesus, who is born in Bethlehem, to stand beside you. It is He, who will give you the strength and the desire to give true meaning to Christmas and to life!

Yes, prepare for the birth of Christ by re-examining your priorities but also do so by sincerely praying. Let your **Christmas Divine Liturgy** truly be greatly enhanced by making a special promise to join your fellow parishioners on a regular basis throughout **2019**.

I, too, am praying for you, my dear parishioners. I pray that your preparation for this Christmas be just a beginning, that you accept God's Son into your hearts and that He bring you a beautiful **peace** and **joy** that you will want to share with both family members and strangers to whom you will bring kindness, consideration, compassion and genuine love....

We are most delighted, and even ecstatic, to celebrate this wonderful, joyful and faith-filled *"festive"* season with you and all your family and guests!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful peaceful Christmas!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24	Christmas Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence	2:00 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>	
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	5:00 pm
January 5	Theophany Parish Potluck Supper	6:30 pm
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 (<i>Church Basement</i>)	10:10 am
January 14	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
January 14	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
January 15	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
January 21	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
January 31	Golden Agers Birthdays	1:00 pm
February 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO A BEAUTIFUL PARISH CELEBRATION



Your presence is requested
on Saturday, January 5th, the vigil of the Feast of Theophany
For Divine Liturgy & the Solemn Blessing of Water
beginning at 5:00 pm
to be followed by

A Parish Theophany Supper (Potluck) at St. Mary's Cultural Centre (6:30 pm)
Kutia will be prepared by the Cultural Centre, Everyone is asked to bring your favourite Potluck Dish to Share.
Please remember it is a Fast Day.

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 17 - 21

	SACRED HEART	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. MARY'S	ST. MICHAEL'S	ST. PAUL'S	ST. THEODORE'S
MON		Advent Celebration led by Grade 2/3	Advent Service 10:45 am	Advent Celebration 9:00 am	Advent Celebration 9:00 am Christmas Concert 1:00 & 7:00 pm	
TUES						
WED		Christmas Concert 1:00 & 7:00 pm Spirit Day - Formal Dress Up Day	Pre-K Class Christmas Pageant 10:45 am			
THURS		Spirit Day - Christmas Spirit Colouring Contest Due	Gr. 7 & 8 Christmas Dance @ St. Paul's 7:00 - 10:00 pm	Gr. 7 & 8 Christmas Dance @ St. Paul's 7:00 - 10:00 pm	Gr. 7 & 8 Christmas Dance @ St. Paul's 7:00 - 10:00 pm	
FRI	Channel 22 Rockband Concert 1:30 <i>Last Day of School</i>	Advent Celebration led by Grade 7 Spirit Day - PJ Day	Pajama Day Advent Service 10:45 am	Christmas Sweater Day Advent Celebration 11:15 am St. Mike's vs MC Knoll B-ball game 1:00 pm	Christmas Liturgy 10:30 am	



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 23	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Monday, December 24	8:00 pm	God is with Us & Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, January 6	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FORE-FATHERS

DECEMBER 16, 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 - Hebrews 11:9-10;17-23;32-40 Gospel - Matthew 1:1-25*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN	9:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy
	9:45 am.....	First Solemn Holy Communion Class * * with Parents' Class
	11:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy
MON	6:00 pm.....	Cultural Centre Board Meeting
TUE	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.....	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
WED	6:00 pm.....	Parish Council Meeting *Note change of date
THU	11:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence
	6:30 pm.....	Reconciliation (Confessions)
	7:00 pm.....	Divine Liturgy
SAT	9:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy
	5:00 pm.....	Divine Liturgy

CONGRATULATIONS

Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Aubree Victoria Buzinski ~ Daughter of Travis & Kalandra (nee Haas) Buzinski
Многая Літа May God Grant Her 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.**

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**.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of
+ Mary Kurulok who passed away recently.

Вічная Память God Grant Her Eternal Rest Вічная Память

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Monday of the Holy Fore-Fathers		Colossians 3:4-11 ~ Luke 14:16-24
MON Dec 17	Prophet Daniel	Hebrews 11:17-23 ~ Mark 9:42-10:1
8:00 am	Health & Salvation for Brothers, Sisters & families.....	Family
8:00 am	Health for Diane Stadnyk.....	Prayer Partner
TUE Dec 18		Hebrews 12:25-26;13:2-31 ~ Mark 10:2-13
Martyr Sebastian		
8:00 am	+Tom, +Lena, +Mike, +Mabel, +Doug & +Sharon.....	Sandi & Brian Gulash
8:00 am	+Paul Huska.....	Metro Lukie
WED Dec 19		James 1:1-18 ~ Mark 10:11-16
Martyr Boniface		
8:00 am	+Ivanka & +Dmytro Bilatchuk.....	Ron & Cynthia Misko
8:00 am	+Harry Szukaylo.....	Mike & Gerardine Woitas
THU Dec 20		James 1:19-27 ~ Mark 10:17-27
Priest Martyr Ignatius		
8:00 am	+Ervin Krywulak.....	Mom & Dad
8:00 am	+Mary Pacholko.....	Family
8:00 am	+Steve & +Nettie Mysko.....	Judy & family
FRI Dec 21		James 2:1-13 ~ Mark 10:23-32
Martyr Juliana		
8:00 am	+Mary Kurulok.....	Fatima Apostolate of Prayer
8:00 am	+Peter Gulka.....	Jackie Gulka
SAT Dec 22		Galatians 3:8-12 ~ Luke 13:19-29
Saturday before the Nativity		
9:00 am	+Rosie (H) Lazurko (40 Days).....	Zahayko Family
5:00 pm	Health & God's Blessings for John Pacholka.....	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

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**.

Christmas Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

A Traditional Ukrainian Christmas Liturgy Broadcast

From St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
GX94: 940 AM
Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25th at 10:00 am

The program will include: The Christmas Compline (Povecheriye),
the Divine Liturgy, Ukrainian Carols and Christmas greetings on behalf of the parish.

If you are not in the listening area, tune in to: www.gx94radio.com (<http://cjgx.streamon.fm>)

We hope you will tune in to our program.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH DONATIONS



In Memory of Rosie Lazurko
Orest & Elizabeth Zahayko \$ 75.00
Michelle Zahayko \$ 40.00

In Memory of Irvine Orzynski
Grace Chorney & Family \$ 25.00

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..."**



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.



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

PARKLAND RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

held on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month
at St. Gerard's Basement (CWL Room) at 7:30 pm
(please enter East Door)

Next meeting is Thursday, December 20th

For further information call 306-783-6240.



A REQUEST FROM THE PARISH OFFICE:

Help us keep our records current:

- If you are new to our Parish and would like to receive offering envelopes please contact the Office.
- If you are moving or have a new phone number please contact the Office (306-783-4594).

Thank you.



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.



It wasn't easy... continued

In that moment I realized that God knew all about Bethany's condition. He had alerted me of the emergency 10 minutes before my wife had a chance to call me.

We went to Montreal at high speed. A Quebec police officer pulled us over and heard our story about why we were speeding. He told us to wait for 5 minutes to calm down. Then he personally led us down the main street of Montreal with his siren wailing and the flashers on.

He who has ears to hear, think about God's communication and care for Bethany and ask: "Did not God treat this Down Syndrome child as a beloved person even before she was born and as a precious human even after her birth?"
by Don Flumerfelt, St. Thomas More Parish, Edmonton



Lucas Warren
2018 Gerber "Spokesbaby"
the first who had Down syndrome

GOOD RESOURCES

Has "termination of pregnancy"/abortion been suggested? Get more information and practical help. A warm voice on the line at:

- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, <http://www.saskatoonpregnancy.com/>; call: 306-655-7550; text 306-261-2760 or email spoc@sasktel.net
- Options Regina, <http://www.reginapregnancy.com/> or call 306-757-3344
- For information and testimonies: <http://fountainofhopeonline.org/>

Concerns about end of life care? Wondering about euthanasia or assisted suicide?

- See a priest for information about the Catholic Church's guidance and wisdom in life and death matters.
- Euthanasia and assisted suicide FAQs: caedm.ca
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition: 1-877-439-3348
- Canadian Physicians for Life www.physiciansforlife.ca
- www.colf.ca – Euthanasia and Assisted suicide FAQs
- Consider attending a **Dying Healed Seminar**.
contact Deborah Larmour, uwitness2family@skeparchy.org

Troubled by a previous abortion - yours or another's?

- Talk to your parish priest.
- Call Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre--above
- Read stories of women who have suffered post-abortion trauma:
<http://www.priestsforlife.org/post-abortion/need-healing.aspx>
- Sign up for a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat see: <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/contact>:
Elaine Webster; 306-480-891; r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net



PRAY FOR THE UNBORN

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Safely tucked under her heart our Savior sleeps.
But Mary weeps for those "not wanted".

You formed my inward parts; You knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me, Wonderful are your works! (Psalm 139:13-14)

Delight in a Down Syndrome Daughter

The number of babies born with Down syndrome has greatly decreased across Europe and North America. But few countries have unfortunately come as close to ending Down syndrome births through pregnancy termination as Iceland. Since the early 2000s close to 100 percent of women who received a positive test for Down syndrome have had an abortion. In view of this, the following beautiful testimony was written...



It wasn't easy getting me to birth! But I made it!!



Bethany was born March 21, 1982; she was given one day to live. She was too weak to feed and had four major defects in her heart. Five months before Bethany was born, her mom, Julia, had already had a conversation with God. He simply asked her, "If she is born with Down syndrome, will you love her?" Julia's answer was swift and firm, "Of course I would!"

On the day after her birth I was 20 miles away having a celebration breakfast for the first of my three children to be born a girl. Suddenly I was overcome with tears and an urgency to leave the house immediately and go to the hospital.

I was obedient to the Holy Spirit's urging. I rushed to the obstetrics ward and found Julia holding Beth in her arms and weeping. She cried out, "I've been calling you for 20 minutes! Bethany is dying! We have to transfer her to Montreal Children's Hospital NOW!"

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

Порядок Богослужень 2018-2019 Schedule of Services



MONDAY DECEMBER 24 ГРУДНЯ ПОНЕДІЛОК

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

Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence	2:00 pm	
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. Богородици

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

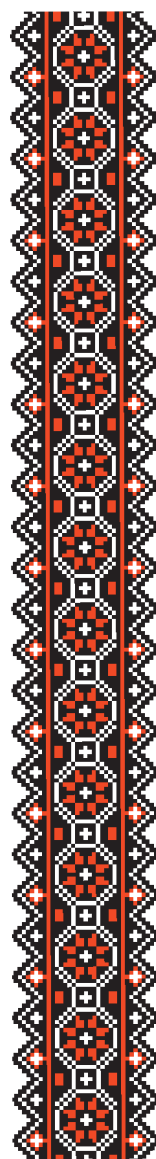
Divine Liturgy (Regular Saturday Morning)	9:00 am
Divine Liturgy (With Solemn Water Blessing)	5:00 pm
Parish Potluck Supper	6:30 pm

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 !