



Saint Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish Парафія Св. Василя Великого УГКЦ



Parish Mission of All the Saints of Ukraine
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Parish Bulletin—Парафіяльний Вісник

Sunday, December 14 & 21 ,2025—Неділя, 14 та 21 грудня,



Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

First of all, on behalf of our parish, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Subdeacon—and now Deacon—Ivas on the occasion of his ordination. Having dedicated his life entirely to the service of Christ and His Church, may the Holy Spirit shower him with every gift and virtue needed for his ministry in the vineyard of Christ. Axios!

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who came to decorate our church for Christmas. Thank you to Pearl and your whole crew—our church is now beautifully prepared for the Nativity of our Saviour. A special thank you as well to Fr. Darren and Fr. Vasil for assisting with confessions, and to everyone who helped with coffee and hospitality during the ordination.

Please note that there will be no bulletin next Sunday, as we will have our Christmas Parish Bulletin available on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Christmas is also a joyful season of gathering and caroling. If you would like to join our parish kolyada group, please contact Natalia or speak with me directly. Together we will bring the joy of Christ's Birth to the homes of our parishioners—especially those who are alone, sorrowful, or ill. Let us glorify God. Let us sing with the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth."

And in this sacred time, please continue to keep Ukraine in your prayers, as this remains a crucial moment for the freedom and protection of the Ukrainian people. May God bless you all abundantly on your journey to Bethlehem.

~Fr. M

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

Дорогі улюблені у Христі,
Насамперед, від імені нашої парафії хочемо щиро привітати піддиякона, а тепер уже диякона Івася з його свяченнями. Він цілковито посвятив своє життя служінню Христові та Його Церкві. Нехай Святий Дух щедро обдарує його всіма дарами та чеснотами, необхідними для праці у винограднику Христовому.
Аксіос!

Також хочу висловити щирю подяку всім волонтерам, які прийшли прикрасити нашу церкву до Різдва. Дякую Перл та всій її команді — тепер наш храм чудово підготований до свята Різдва Спасителя. Особлива подяка отцю Даррену та отцю Василю за допомогу у сповіді, а також усім, хто допомагав із кавою та частвуванням під час свячень.

Звертаємо увагу, що наступної неділі бюлетеня не буде, оскільки різдвяний парафіяльний бюлетень вийде на Святвечір, 24 грудня.




Різдвяний час — це також нагода збиратися разом і колядувати. Якщо бажаєте долучитися до нашої парафіяльної коляди, будь ласка, зверніться до Наталі або до мене особисто. Ходімо разом нести радість Христового народження до домівок наших парафіян — особливо тих, хто є самотнім, сумним чи хворим.





Прославляймо Бога! Співаймо разом з ангелами:
«Слава во вишніх Богу і на землі мир!»

І в цей святий час закликаю вас продовжувати молитися за Україну, адже це надзвичайно важливий і вирішальний момент для свободи нашого народу.

Нехай Господь рясно благословить кожного з вас у вашій дорозі до Вифлеєму.

~о. М

		ST BASIL'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	
	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feast or Intention, requested by</i> 	
14 December, Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 8:00 PM	Children's Catechism Rosary Divine Liturgy 65th Birthday Blessings for Vasyl Korbylo by Family. No Coffee House . Christmas Pageant (Parish) Morden for all parishioners Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook	
15 December, Monday	<u>5:00 PM</u> <u>6:00 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of Margaret (20 years) & William (45 years) Folwark by Marlene Dunsford Parish Council Meeting Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
16 December, Tuesday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of Quintus & Neville Fernandes by Issigonis Family Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
17 December, Wednesday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy 65th Birthday blessings for Lynda-Mary Labay from Hotel Family Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
18 December, Thursday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of David Pinuta by Dennis & Joyce Maksymetz Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
19 December, Friday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of David Pinuta by Pearl & Gus Groen Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
20 December, Saturday	<u>4:00 PM</u> <u>5:00 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy God's Blessings for Bohdan & Hanna Khomitski & Orest & Olya Bezkorovayni by Leganchuk Family Pre-Christmas Windup Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
21 December, Sunday Before Nativity	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 8:00 PM	Rosary Divine Liturgy God's blessings for Khomitskyy Family by Walter & Adele Mychasiw followed by Coffee House -K of C Morden for all parishioners Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook 	

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22 December, Monday	9:00 AM 8:00 PM	Divine Liturgy <i>for all loved family, for New Years holiday by Lamothe & Kuryk Families</i> Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook 	
23 December, Tuesday	 8:00 PM	NO Liturgy Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook 	
24 December, Wednesday	 8:00 PM 9:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE PICT/ DAY OF FASTING FROM MEAT & DAIRY PRODUCTS Great Compline Christmas Divine Liturgy	
25 December, Thursday	 10:00 AM 2:00 PM 8:00 PM	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD РІЗДВО ХРИСТА Divine Liturgy <i>God's blessings for Cassie & Leganchuk Family by Khomitski Family</i> Morden For all parishioners—Різдвяна вечерея —Потлак Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
26 December, Friday	 10:00 AM 8:00 PM	THE SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD Divine Liturgy <i>for the souls of +Phillip & +Mary Rehaluk by Silvia Bohonos</i> Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook 	
27 December, Saturday	 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 8:00 PM	FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN Divine Liturgy <i>for the souls of Michael & Ann Tanchak by Tanchak Family</i> Christmas Clergy and Religious Gathering Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
28 December, Sunday after Nativity	 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 8:00 PM	Rosary Divine Liturgy <i>God's blessings for Khomitski Family by Cassie Leganchuk. No Coffee House</i> Morden for all parishioners Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook	



**God's Blessings for your
Happiest Birthday!!!
Margaret Coutts (16),
Curtis Downie (16),
Bill Morant (17),
Phyllis Fedorchuk (19),
Mary Shuraw (22), Gus Groen (27),
Sofiia Danylyshyn (27).**

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !!!

Ushers and Greeters Welcome

December 14/—Leona & Martin Nechwediuk

December 21/ 24/ 28—Nick Labay &

Marlene Dunsford

Knowing Jesus is the best gift you can receive.
His power and love can fill you when you encounter Him.

Please join Father Mykhaylo for the Lectio Divina/
Catechism classes and the teachings of the
church on Wednesdays at St. Basil's



Tatso counters

December - Tony Sklar, Noelle
Richardson & Marilyn Slobodian

January—Martin and Leona Nechwediuk, Phyllis
Fedorchuk



Church Custodians

December—Johanne Pitura &

Dennis Glowa

Dear Parishioners, Please contact me,
Diane Pinuta

204-774-1350 to help clean the church for
a month in 2025

EPISTLE READING Читання Апостола: якщо ви бажаєте читати раз у місяць в укр. м—прошу
повідомити до офісу чи священика. Це буде завжди 3-тя неділя місяця. Epistle readers:

December 14—Denys Lutsiv, December 21— Ivan Horodetsky, December 28—Ed Yaskiw,

January 4—Linda Labay, January 11—Gerry Skochyles, January 18 – Mariana Korbylo

**Next School of Catechism / Lectio Divina will be RESUMED on WEDNESDAY January
21st at 6:40 PM—** Let's grow in our faith together. Also we still keep on our online Zoom

meeting **Meeting ID: 860 6773 0650 Passcode: Jesus**



The Parish office is open according to this schedule:

- ⇒ **Wednesday (December 17) and Thursday (December 18)**
- ⇒ **Tuesday (December 23) and Saturday (December 27)**
- ⇒ **Monday (December 29) and Tuesday (December 30)**
from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

For any notices for the bulletin, please email to the parish office
by Wednesday.

Parish Office Email: parish@saintbasilwpg.ca. Parish Office: 204-837-4180



PEROGIES FOR SALE

Please call Phyllis at 204-832-0175 to buy your perogies.
\$8.00 per dozen for potato & cheese

SANCTUARY LIGHT burns eternally to indicate the presence of the Holy Eucharist. In the tabernacle.

For the souls of John & Anna Labay by Andy & Linda Labay & Family

The Sanctuary light can be reserved , please contact the office at 204-837-4180.

Health & Blessings for Family



Sympathies

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to **Betty Kolochuk** on the passing of Her auntue +**Ethel Masiowski (Chornoboy)** .

May God grant them eternal rest in His Holy & Heavenly Kingdom and His blessings and strength to all their families in the days ahead.

Вічна Пам'ять!



Choir Practicing

We will resume in 2026.

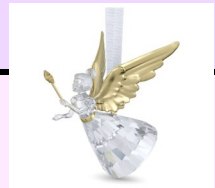
Tentative date Sunday February 8/26 in boardroom. All interested people are welcome!

Choir leader—Cynthia Zimrose. Please contact at 204-888-7793



HAMPERS FOR WELCOME HOME!!!! Please consider to donate not perishable food to our parish Food bank which is going to the Welcome Home. The hamper is located at the back of the church. One of the suggestions is a Gift Card for groceries; the recommended value is \$20.00 So that is a great opportunity to help those less fortunate. +++Пожертва їжі для потребуючих у WELCOME HOME!!!! Однією з пропозицій є придбати Подарункову картку у продуктового магазину; рекомендована вартість становить 20 доларів, тож це чудова можливість

допомогти потребуючим. Або, якщо ви бажаєте, у нас є корзина позаду церкви, ви можете принести продукти, які можуть довго зберігатися.



MARY'S ANGELS from UCWLC in memory of our loved ones are available in the church.



LAST WILL & TESTAMENT:

Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St. Basil the

Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church at 202 Harcourt St, Winnipeg, MB, R3J 3H3 the sum of \$ _____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and its needs and pastoral ministry.

Sunday, December 14 Sunday of the Holy Forefathers/ Post-feast of the Immaculate Conception

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!”

Tropar of the Forefathers, tone 2: O Christ, You have justified the forefathers by faith,* thus forming through them the Church of the Gentiles.* These saints are glorified because the Virgin who bore You descends from them.* O Christ God, through their prayers have mercy on us.

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

Feast Day Kondak, tone 4: Today the universe rejoices,* for Anne conceived in a manner caused by God;* and because the one born to her* will give birth to the Word.

Prokimen, tone 4: Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians. (3: 4 - 11)

Brothers and Sisters! When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner Scythian, slave, or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.

Alleluia Verses: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel, among those who called upon his name. They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Gospel: Luke 14: 16-24 At that time the Lord said this parable: "A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, 'Come along, everything is ready now.' But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, 'I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.' A third said, 'I am newly married and so I cannot come.' The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' The servant reported, after some time, 'Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.' The master then said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner. For many are called, but few are chosen.' "

O my soul, extol the glorious conception* of the Mother of God.* You are an inexhaustible source of life,* O Mother of God.* You are a radiant lamp of grace, a temple of the Holy Spirit,* an all-pure tent more spacious* than the heavens and the earth.* Therefore, we the faithful,* praise you.

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!

Неділя, 14 грудня

Неділя Святих Праотців/ Попраз. Непорочного Зачаття

Тропар воскресний, глас 2: Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив Ти сіянням Божества;* коли ж і померлих з глибин підземних Ти воскресив,* всі сили небесні звивали:* Життєдавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

Тропар Праотців, глас 2: Праотців, задля їхньої віри, Ти, Господи, визнав праведними,* і через них зібрав Ти церкву з усіх народів.* Тепер вони сподобилися слави святих,* бо їхнім потомком є преславний плід -- та що Тебе породила.* Їх молитвами, Христе Боже, помилуй нас.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак празника, глас 4: Вселенна сьогодні святкує зачаття Анни,* яке подав їй Бог,* бо вона породила ту,* що чудесно привела на світ Боже Слово.

Прокімен, глас 4: Благословенний ти, Господи Боже Отців наших, і хвальне і прославлене ім'я твоє на віки.

Стих: Бо праведний єси у всьому, що сотворив ти нам.

Апостол: До Колосян послання святого апостола Павла читання. (3: 4 - 11)

Браття і Сестри! Коли з'явиться Христос, ваше життя, тоді й ви з ним з'явитесь у славі. Умертвлюйте, отже, ваші земні члени: розпусту, нечистоту, пристрасті, лиху пожадливість, зажерливість -- що є ідолопоклонство. За все це падає гнів Божий на неслухняних. Ви самі нещодавно поводитися так само, коли жили в тому. Тепер же відкиньте й ви все те геть від себе: гнів, лютість, злобу, наклеп, сороміцькі слова з ваших уст! Не говоріть неправди один одному, бо ви з себе скинули стару людину з її ділами й одягнулися в нову, що відновлюється до досконалого спізнання, відповідно до образу свого Творця. Тим то немає грека, ні юдея, ні обрізання, ні необрізання, ні варвара, ні скита, ні невольника, ні вільного, а все й у всьому -- Христос.

Стихи на Алилуя: Мойсей і Арон в ієреях його, і Самуїл у тих, що призивають ім'я його.

Привзвали Господа, і він вислухав їх.

Євангелія: Від Луки 14: 16-24

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Один чоловік справив велику вечерю і запросив багатьох. Як настав час вечері, послав він слугу свого сказати запрошеним: 'Ходіть, усе готове.' І зараз же всі вони стали відмовлятися.' Перший йому сказав: 'Я купив поле і мушу піти на нього подивитись; вибач мені, прошу.' Другий сказав: 'Я купив п'ять пар волів і йду їх випробувати; прошу, вибач мені.' А інший мовив: 'Я одружився, тому не можу прийти.' Вернувся слуга і розповів це панові своєму. Розгнівався тоді господар і каже до слуги свого: 'Иди чим скоріш на майдани й вулиці міста і приведи сюди вбогих, калік, сліпих, кульгавих.' Озвався слуга: 'Пане, сталось, як ти велів, і ще є місця.' Сказав пан до слуги: 'Піди на шляхи та огорожі і силою їх увійти, щоб дім мій наповнився. Кажу бо вам: Ніхто з тих запрошених не покуштує моєї вечері. Бо багато покликаних, та мало вибраних.' "

Замість 'Достойно -- ": Величай душе моя,* преславне зачаття Божої Матері.*

Невичерпне джерело життя,* блискучий свічник ласки,* храм в якому мешкає Святий Дух,* пречиста skinія, більшою ніж небо і земля.* Богородицю,* ми вірні величаємо.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах.

Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who went in November to assist residents @ Holy Family Home to chapel :

Lillian, Jean, Marilyn, Wanda, Alan, Tony, Marusia, Bev., Leona, Robert, Elliott, Jeremy, Talia, Elizabeth, Veronica, Cassidy, Curtis, & Amanda!

May God bless you all for your helping and generosity!

Leona Solomon



**ORDINATION TO
(CANDELBearer, LECTOR, CAN-
TOR) SUBDIACONATE of Br. Ivas**

**Dec 5 PRAYER OF BISHOP FROM OR-
DINATION:** "O LORD our God, who,
through one and the same Holy Spirit,
distribute your gifts to each of those
whom you have chosen, who have given
your Church different orders and different
degrees or ministry for the service of your
holy and pure mysteries, who in your un-
speakable foreknowledge foreordain that
your servant Ivas be made worthy to serve
in your holy Church, grant him to love the
beauty of your house, to watch over the
doors of your holy temple, to light the
lampstand of the dwelling-place of your
glory, render
him perfect,
so that in the
time of your
coming he
may receive
the reward of
those who
strive at all
times to
please you.
Amen.



SOPILKA
UKRAINIAN DANCE SCHOOL
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

55th Anniversary Gala

Save the Date!

SATURDAY | 7 | FEBRUARY 2026

GRAND BALLROOM CANADIAN INNS POLO PARK

Performances by Sopilka Ukrainian Dance Ensembles
with Special Guests

Dinner and Zabava
featuring music by SLOOHA!

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to our mailing list for event information

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TESTIMONIAL BANQUET СВЯТКОВИЙ БЕНКЕТ





Honoring Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM
Вшанування Митрополита Лаврентія Гуцуляка, ЧСВВ

April 14 | 14 квітня, 2026
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Center,
Winnipeg, MB, R3H 0G3

49 years as a Priest
29 years as Bishop
20 years as Metropolitan
75th Birthday

More information to follow



Project: Replacing the Church Windows (Portage Avenue Side)

Our parish has begun the project of replacing the church windows on the Portage Avenue side, with a total cost of \$20,000.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who have already contributed so generously toward this important project.

Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated. We continue to collect donations for this purpose.

May the Good Lord bless all our donors and those who will continue to support this work for the beauty and care of God's house. Thank you, and God bless you all!

Проект: Заміна вікон у нашій церкві (зі сторони Portage Avenue)

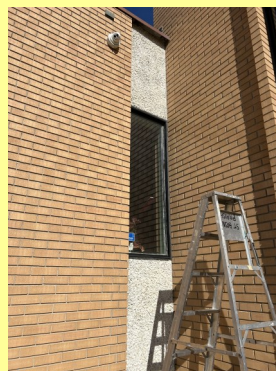
Наша парафія розпочала проект заміни вікон у церкві зі сторони вулиці Portage

Avenue.

Загальна вартість робіт становить 20 000 доларів.

Щиро дякуємо всім, хто вже пожертвував на цю важливу справу. Ваша щедрість і підтримка — це велике свідчення любові до Божого дому. Ми продовжуємо збір пожертв на цей проект. Нехай Милосердний Господь благословить усіх жертводавців і тих, хто ще долучиться до цієї доброї справи. Дякуємо щиро!

Нехай Господь благословить вас!



Christmas Bake Sale by UCWLC



Many thanks to the ladies from the UCWLC and to all parishioners who helped with the preparation of our Christmas Bake Sale. Your hard work, your time, and your talents are greatly appreciated. May the Good Lord reward you abundantly for everything you do for His Church.



IT'S CALLED CHRISTMAS FOR A REASON

Two sayings you have no doubt heard over the years during Advent are, “Jesus is the reason for the season” and “You can’t spell ‘C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s’ without Christ.” Unfortunately, this true message of Christmas – that a miracle took place 2,000 years ago when our Savior was born – is getting more and more difficult for kids to hear this time of year because the culture has removed religious significance from the event. Unless their parents make an extra effort to get across this fundamental point and/or unless the youngsters attend Mass weekly, kids will only be “preached to” by legacy media and secular society, thus learning more in December about Santa and Rudolph than about Jesus and the Nativity. The Media Research Center has shown that in studying the network news stories (of ABC, CBS, and NBC), only 1% of their Christmas-related coverage mentioned God or Jesus. In one recent year, the three major TV networks aired 527 Christmas stories in their nightly news broadcasts, but only seven had any connection to Christianity. Instead, the Christmas stories they produced focused on the secular impact of the holiday, such as store sales, vacation travel, and weather. Knowing that their sons and daughters will not be learning Christ-centred knowledge of the Christmas and Advent seasons from the culture, Catholic parents need to be counter-cultural by diligently focusing on the historical arrival of Jesus and the future anticipation of His second coming. While it is natural and fine for children to have visions of toys, trees, and nutcrackers dancing in their minds this time of year, parents should ensure there are moments dedicated to contemplating and celebrating the true reason for the holiday, the miracle of Jesus’s birth. Some suggested actions parents can take include: You and your young ones kneeling in front of your church’s Nativity scene before or after each Mass these weeks of Advent and the succeeding Sundays of Christmas-time, praying in thanksgiving for God becoming a man in the form of Jesus via the Incarnation. Listening as a family to famous Christmas hymns and pointing out the significant lines. For example, the expressive lyrics to “We Three Kings” have these meaningful words that most kids might have never understood and most adults might have never meditated on: “Born a babe on Bethlehem’s plain; Gold we bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.” Making it a point to naturally and enthusiastically say, “Merry Christmas!” in return to all the store clerks and people you meet in the coming weeks who are so intent on being politically-correct that they will only greet you with a “Happy Holidays!” Let your counter-cultural actions help spread the Good News to them while witnessing for your children how proud you are to be a Christ-follower. Finally, moms and dads act counter-culturally when they make weekly Mass attendance a priority for their family, and don’t settle for only going to church on Christmas, Easter, and a few other Sundays of the year when it’s “convenient.” Whereas I’m confident everyone reading this will be attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, how many will attend the **Sunday after Christmas, the Holy Day of the Solemnity of Mary (New Year’s Day)**, and the Sunday after that? The more difficult action for busy families in today’s hectic world is to go to Mass on a weekly basis, as Catholics are called on to do, and to not give priority to sports events, family projects, and sleeping-in. Most self-identified Catholics do not attend Mass weekly, with many mothers and fathers saying they’re simply too tired to argue with their children about attending. Just as tedious and difficult as it is to say “no” to your daughter when she asks to wear the latest low-cut fashion or to refuse your son who wants to buy that popular video game rated “M” (Mature), good parents will remain firm and not give in out of exhaustion or tiredness. This same dedication should be applied to ensuring your kids attend Mass as a family every weekend – not just on Christmas or now and then. **Just as Saint Paul told the early disciples about the challenges of being a Christian, no one said parenting would be easy either. Stick to doing what you know is right, even if it means going against what society in general and the media tell you is normal. For this Advent and Christmas season, this means keeping CHRIST in CHRISTmas.** Then, for the whole of 2025, it should mean making Sunday Mass attendance the most important thing your family does together each week.

Source: <https://catholicstand.com/its-called-christmas-for-a-reason/#comments>

Deacon Ivas



Свята вечеря перед Різдвом: суть, традиції та приготування

Чому ми постимо цього дня?

Святий вечір — це останній день перед народженням Спасителя, коли ми готуємо серце до зустрічі з Христом. Пост навчає нас стриманості, тиші й внутрішньої чистоти. Він допомагає відкласти все земне, щоб у духовній тиші прийняти Небесного Гостя.

Чому ми сідаємо до Святої вечері як родина?

Бо Бог приходять у світ через сім'ю — через родину Ісуса,

Марії й Йосифа. Спільний стіл єднає нас, збирає під одну зорею, нагадує, що ми — Божі сім'я, покликана жити в мирі, любові та взаємній підтримці.

Чому ми ділимося просфорою?

Просфора символізує єдність, прощення та готовність розділити свій хліб і своє серце з іншими. Ділячись, ми визнаємо: Христос — серед нас, і любов є найвищим даром.

Чому важливо прийти на Святу Літургію — ввечері чи на саме Різдво?

Літургія — це зустріч із живим Христом, Який народжується для кожного з нас. Ми приходимо не лише згадати подію з минулого, але **увійти** в таїнство Божої любові, прийняти євхаристійний хліб і світло Різдва у своє життя.

Чому важлива коляда?

Коляда — це наша молитва в радості. Співаючи, ми звіщаємо світові про народження Спасителя, несемо благу новину до домівок, сердець і спільнот. Коляда є нашою проповіддю віри.

Чому важливо чинити добро в цей час?

Бо народження Христа — це прихід Любові у світ. Добро, милостиня, допомога потребуючим є нашою відповіддю на Божий дар. Коли ми допомагаємо іншим, ми стаємо співучасниками Вифлеємського чуда.

Christmas Eve Supper: Meaning, Traditions, and preparation

Why do we fast on this day?

Christmas Eve is the final moment of preparation before the birth of the Saviour. Fasting helps purify the heart, quiet the soul, and detach from what is earthly so we may welcome Christ with humility and clarity.

Why do we gather as a family for the Christmas Eve supper?

Because God entered the world through a family — Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Sharing a meal unites us, strengthens our bonds, and reminds us that we, too, are God's family, called to live in love, peace, and mutual support.

Why do we share the prosphora?

The prosphora symbolizes unity, forgiveness, and the willingness to share our bread and our hearts with one another. By sharing it, we proclaim that Christ is among us and that love is the greatest gift.

Why is it important to come to the Divine Liturgy — on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day?

The Liturgy is our encounter with the living Christ, who is born anew for each of us. We come not only to remember a historical event, but to **enter** the mystery of God's love and receive the Eucharistic Christ into our lives.

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Why is caroling important?

Caroling is our prayer in joy. By singing, we proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth, bringing His light into homes, hearts, and communities. Caroling is a living expression of our faith.

Why is it important to do good at this time of year?

Because Christmas is the feast of Love entering the world. Acts of kindness, charity, and support for those in need are our response to God's generosity. When we help others, we participate in the very miracle of Bethlehem.

Pope Leo meets with Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

Pope Leo XIV welcomes Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to the papal residence at Castel Gandolfo to discuss the war in Ukraine and the return of Ukrainian children taken to Russia.

Pope Leo XIV welcomed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the papal residence in Castel Gandolfo on the morning of 9 December.



The Holy See Press Office issued a statement describing the cordial meeting, saying discussions centered mainly on the war in Ukraine.

During their talks, the Pope reiterated the importance of ongoing dialogue and once again stressed his “urgent hope that ongoing diplomatic efforts will lead to a just and lasting peace.”

The two heads of state also spoke about the issue of prisoners of war, calling for ensuring the safe return of Ukrainian children to their families.

Exactly five months ago, the President met with Pope Leo at the residence at Castel Gandolfo for a private audience—during which similar topics were discussed.

In the July meeting, Pope Leo—elected just two months prior to the papacy—expressed his sorrow for the victims of the war and assured the people of Ukraine of his ongoing prayers for them.

The Holy Father had also reiterated the Vatican's willingness to host both Ukraine and Russia for potential negotiations.

Following the meeting, President Zelenskyy addressed journalists in English, expressing his gratitude for the audience and the Pope's support especially regarding the return of Ukrainian children—calling it “a very important question.”

Source: www.vaticannews.va





Help to Ukraine

Earlier this fall, we supported a project initiated by the parish priest of the UGCC parish in Kamianske, Ukraine, Father Mykhailo, to build a shelter for the children of his parish — a place where they can have catechetical lessons, and also a safe refuge during the time of war.



Today we received another photo update showing that the area designated for the shelter has now been fully prepared. Father Mykhailo has begun working on all the necessary documentation in order to start the construction of the building.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project.

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HELP TO UKRAINE!

We continue to received words of gratitude from Ukraine where UCWLC and private donors sent money for St. Nicholas!

Слава Ісусу Христу! На УГКЦ-парафії у місті Кам'янське відбулося свято святого Миколая! Подарунки були вручені дітям катехитичної школи та дітям загиблих військових, якими опікується місцева організація «**На щиті**», що займається гідним похованням наших воїнів. Завдяки вашій підтримці подарунки отримали понад **60 дітей**! Щира подяка всім жертводавцям!

At the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Parish in the city of Kamianske, the celebration of St. Nicholas took place! Gifts were given to the children of the catechism school and to the children of fallen soldiers who are cared for by the local organization “**On the Shield**,” which is responsible for the dignified burial of our warriors. Thanks to your support, more than **60 children** received gifts! Sincere gratitude to all benefactors!

Fr. Mykhaylo Neizhmak Parish Priest, Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine



As part of our School of Catechism, I would like to share the following resources with you:

Family Support Center

Crisis Pregnancy Center

Crisis Response Center

Recently, I also received additional information about local food banks, community centers, Health Links, mental-health supports, and other helpful services. We will share these resources with you as well. If you know someone who is struggling or in need of assistance, please pass this information on to them. *Fr. M*

The Mental Health Crisis Response Centre in Winnipeg is creating a central point of access for adults experiencing a mental health crisis, accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week within an atmosphere that promotes healing and recovery. This Centre of Excellence in crisis resolution ensures expert short term clinical treatment and support services are available through walk-in services, mobile services and scheduled appointment services, combined with planned linkage and referral to appropriate services and supports.



Collaborative teams of professionals are committed to work in partnership with individuals, families and other support systems as they work through their mental health crisis. Our purpose is to deal with acute distress and instability that individuals experience in a crisis and assist with strategies that focus on purposeful crisis resolution, promotion of resiliency, and restoration of coping.

Call the Crisis Service

*Our team can respond to individuals and/or families and service providers to assist with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Over-the-phone assistance with our mental health experts can also help put people back on track. **More info here:** <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/services/mental-health/mha-services/crisis-response-centre>*



The Family Support Centre offers a wide range of supportive services. All of our services are free of charge and completely confidential.

*If you're struggling or need some support, please reach out. We're here for you. **More information here:** <https://www.familysupportcentre.ca/how-we-can-help>*

ASSINIBOIA RESOURCES & SERVICES

FOOD BANKS	Harvest Manitoba (MB Health Card required) New Clients: 204-982-3671 Returning Clients: 204-982-3660	Salvation Army - Emergency Food 825 School Road 204-889-9205
	Maranatha Evangelical Church 910 Sturgeon Ave 204-832-1371	Soup Program - St James-Assiniboia 55+ Centre 3rd Floor - 203 Duffield St 204-987-8850 for info
COMMUNITY CENTRES	Heritage Victoria Community Centre 950 Sturgeon Rd 204-837-9653	Assiniboia West Community Centre 861 Buchanan Blvd 204-837-2820 info@awcc.ca
	St James Assiniboia 55+ Centre 203 Duffield St (Third floor) 204-987-8850	211 Manitoba - Community Resources : Mental Health, Addictions, Older Adults, Housing, Debt Help, Children & Youth, Advocacy
HEALTH LINKS - INFO SANTE	Nurses available 24/7 204-788-8200	Grace Hospital 204-837-0111
	ACCESS West (Public Health Nurses) 204-940-2040 280 Booth Dr	Dial a Dietician 204-788-8248

Christmas Prosphora The sacrificial bread — the prosphora — carries deep Christological symbolism: it is made of two parts, representing the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ.

The prosphora consists of two separate pieces of dough that are prepared independently and then joined together. On the top portion a seal is stamped, depicting an equal-armed cross with the inscriptions above the horizontal bar: IC XC (“Jesus Christ”), and below it NI KA (“Victory” in Greek).

During the Holy Supper on Christmas Eve, the family shares one prosphora with all who are present at the table as a sign of unity in Christ.



How do we eat the prosphora during the Holy Supper? When the first star appears in the sky, the family gathers at the table. Before the meal begins, the head of the household lights a candle, and all pray aloud together. After the prayer, the family remembers those who, for various reasons, could not be there—friends, loved ones, and family members who have passed away.

Then the grandfather or father—the elder of the family—approaches each person with the blessed prosphora from the church. The prosphora is divided into pieces according to the number of people present and placed on a plate with honey. The grandfather offers each person a piece of the honey-dipped prosphora, extending heartfelt wishes to each family member.

Prosphora at Home Let us make every effort to be present for the Holy Supper, so that we do not lose the bond of family unity and so that, through prayer and Christmas traditions, we may more fully enter into the mystery of the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior.

On behalf of our parish, I would like to express sincere gratitude to Iryna and all the women who helped bake our Christmas prosphora. All donations received for the prosphora will be directed to people in great need. Here in the city of Winnipeg there are individuals — and especially children — who require financial assistance, since some do not even have the means to purchase lunch at school. These funds will also be used wherever there is need among children, whether here in Canada or in Ukraine. Wherever the greatest need arises, that is where your donations will go — and along with them, a piece of your kindness, generosity, and love.

May this prosphora, through your hands, warm the hearts of many who have perhaps lost hope, who have perhaps lost trust, and remind them that God is near.

PROSPHORA NOW IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH, or ask Fr. Mykhaylo or Iryna

ПРОСФОРА Є ДОСТУПНА У ЦЕРКВІ кожної неділі після Літургії, або питайте о. Михайла чи Ірину



Sympathies

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to **Ron & Kathy Trakalo Family** on the passing of **+Iris**. May God grant her eternal rest in His Holy & Heavenly Kingdom and His blessings and strength to all her family in the days ahead.

Вічная Пам'ять!

St. Andrew's Pence Collection This month!

Our parish will participate in the annual "St. Andrew's Pence" collection. Established by the late Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, this fund provides the Head of our Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, with the resources to respond immediately to emergencies. Your donations directly support:

Humanitarian aid for victims of the war in Ukraine (food, medical supplies).

Support for Ukrainian Catholic military chaplains and priests serving in war zones.

Mission parishes, clergy and seminaries in need.

Please give generously to support the works of our Church during these difficult times. **SPECIAL ENVELOPS "St. ANDREW'S Pence" are located at the back of the church. We will collect all Sundays during the month of December. You can place into the Sunday collection box!**

"The task of the Head of the Church is to support those who need help the most, including financial support. Such a resource from which the Head of the Church can draw funds to serve those in need is the "Andrew's Pence" fund. By making donations to this fund, you are not helping the Head of the Church personally, but are transferring into his hands the elements of rapid service and response, urgent assistance for those who are in the greatest need" (His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk).

We sincerely encourage our faithful to support our Patriarch. A special Liturgy will be said for our benefactors at the Patriarchal Sobor in Kyiv.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS COLOURING CONTEST

****FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF ST. BASIL'S****

MAKE A FREE HAND DRAWING OR COLLAGE, no larger than 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.

Magazine pictures, fabrics, glitter, sequins, leaves, bark, wool or any other medium may be used together to create a total look. On the back of the page include your name, age, school and grade level.

IDEAS: Where/how was Baby Jesus found? Is Jesus part of your own Christmas celebration? Does this Christmas celebration help you love Jesus more and does it make you grow in your faith? Draw a picture or an Advertisement that would help people remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

ENTRIES TO BE HANDED IN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4, 2026 TO BROTHER KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS CURTIS DOWNIE (OR PLACE IN THE FOLDER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH).



CHRISTMAS FOOD, BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

with Silent Auction

Sunday

December, 14

11:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location
Parish hall
(115 McGregor St)

Free admission, donations for Ukraine are welcome



Вифлеємський Вогонь Миру (ВВМ) з місця народження Ісуса Христа передає організація української молоді Пласт. Австрійські скаути кожного року (від 1986), передають ВВМ з Вифлеєму по всій Європі. Пласт в Україні від 1998 року розповсюджує ВВМ по всій Україні. Цього року ВВМ не зможе бути переданий від Вифлеєму. ВВМ буде запалений від ліхтаря який горить ще з минулого року у Відні, Австрії. **Вінніпезькі пластуни** займаються передачею ВВМ українським католицьким та українським православним церквам у Вінніпезі, у **неділю, 21-ого грудня, 2025**. Головний церемоніал відбудеться в Метрополітій Катедрі Свв. Володимира і Ольги о **годині 9:00 рано**. **ДОЛУЧАЙТЕСЬ ДО СВІТЛА ВИФЛЕЄМСЬКОГО ВОГНЮ МИРУ І ВИ!**

Якщо бажаєте взяти Вифлеємський вогонь додому для Святої вечері, просимо принести з собою лампадки у неділю, 21 грудня. Дякуємо! З Богом!

БЕТЛЕНЕМ PEACE LIGHT 2025 ВИФЛЕЄМСЬКИЙ ВОГОНЬ МИРУ

*The official lighting of the Lantern
by members of Plast Ukrainian Youth Association*



*will take place at the
Metropolitan Cathedral of Sts. Volodymyr & Olha
on Sunday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m.
115 McGregor St, Winnipeg, MB
COME JOIN US IN SHARING THIS
SYMBOL OF PEACE, LOVE AND HOPE!
Bring a lantern!*

KOLYADA AT ST. BASIL'S— КОЛЯДА У ЦЕРКВІ СВ. ВАСИЛІЯ

As Christmas approaches, and in keeping with our beautiful and rich Ukrainian tradition, we will once again go with *Kolyada*—Ukrainian carols—from home to home, carrying the Good News of Christ's Incarnation to all our families. We warmly invite you to join us and become part of one of the groups that will go caroling during the Christmas season. If you wish to participate, please contact **Father Mykhaylo** or **Natalia Hotel**.

З наближенням Різдва, відповідно до нашої прекрасної й багатой української традиції, ми знову підемо з колядою — українськими різдвяними піснями — від хати до хати, несучи добру новину про Воплочення Христа до всіх наших родин. Щиро запрошуємо вас долучитися та стати частиною однієї з груп, які в часі Різдвяних свят ходитимуть з колядою. Якщо бажаєте приєднатися, будь ласка, зверніться до **о. Михайла** або **Наталі Готель**! **God bless you! Fr. M**



SUNDAY LITURGY

9:00 a.m. Children's Catechism

9:30 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. English/Ukrainian

Office Hours (Weds& Thurs.)

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CONFESSIONS Before Liturgies

BAPTISM By appointment

FUNERALS By arrangement

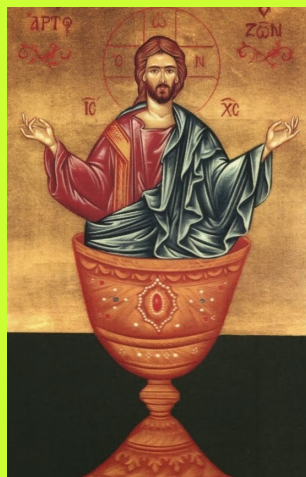
MARRIAGES: By appointment at least six months in advance

All our Church services are live-streamed to Facebook page and YouTube channel regularly. Photographs from special Parish events will be submitted to our website & other social media sources. If you have any questions or disagreements, please contact our Parish Office. Thank you for understanding. Respectfully ~ Fr. Mykhaylo



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion

You are a member of the Catholic Church; You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; You attend Divine Services regularly; Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. ***If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*** For those who are divorced and living common-law the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist cannot be received. You are welcome to come for a blessing. (If you are divorced with a Church annulment, and remarried in the Church you are more than welcome to receive the Holy Sacraments.)



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Dobrodiyka Olga, Ed T., Stanley S, ALL UKRAINIANS in time of WAR, John S., Fran C, David K., Ed & Sylvia P., Mary P., Luba H., Jack M., Alexander Z., Virginia M., Mary I.Z., Bryce G, Alex Z., Shane M., Ruthie P., Ed T, Wayne G., Rose O. Tillie Z., Charlene G., Natalie B , Olga B, John C., ... and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends, neighbors, governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **REMINDER for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as per privacy legislation.**

