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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

**Sunday before Christmas;
Holy Fathers**

**December 18,
2022**

**Неділя перед Різдом
Св. Отців**

“... Jacob, the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary...”

Have you every been on a long pilgrimage - or even just a long trip - and your tired legs bring you to point where you see the shrine or your destination on the horizon? You are very close now, and that gives you the encouragement to keep going the last stretch. In fact, you start to think about what are the first things that you will do when you arrive. You start to feel grateful in your heart and... maybe a bit anxious... Will it be what you expected or hoped for? Will you and you fellow travellers be greeted as you would like? Will you greet those at the destination as you and they would like? Well, we are a week (only a week) away from Christmas. In seven (*really six*) days we will greet the Lord Who is come! Let us take time to prepare in a bold and heartfelt way - a good sincere Confession, a bit of discussion with family and friends as to what Christmas is all about (*remember the Charlie Brown Christmas specials way back in the day?*) and what are YOUR expectations from this Christmas. You might be surprised that the discussion is not only about gifts and meals and decorations and, maybe gifts, but also about... peacefulness, family all together, remembering those who are no longer here, asking that God would touch us with His grace for healing, reconciliation and, at least understanding and good will among us all. Let these latter things also be at the top of our Christmas 2023 wish-list. We have become very passionate in our discussions and our attitudes, because the issues of our day are real “deal-breakers”... life and death,... embracing God and His Word or rejecting Him,... truth and deception, etc. However, Christmas is a perfect time to come together in humility and acknowledge that there is something going down here that is infinitely greater than our problems and our issues... God has come to be among us to achieve for us our salvation. How? By humility, self-sacrifice, honesty, and seeking to do the will of God at all times in every circumstance. That is why grand kings and dirt-poor shepherds can come together, that is why angels and men come to the same stable, that is why God can agree (*nay, choose*) to be born into extreme poverty. God’s love for us! And, as today’s Gospel tells us, by God’s love, this was all in the works for many generations until the time had come according to His Will! **FrM**



Welcome Jesus into your home!

Remember! When you come forward for the festal ‘Myrovannya’ anointing on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day be sure that at least one member of your family takes

up a Baby Jesus for the special place that you have been preparing in your home to receive the **Newborn Baby Jesus, our Saviour!**



[We believe that there will be enough that each child may also take one as well)

[BTW If you would like to take a picture or share a little “report” of how you set up your household nativity scene,

we would love to share these over the Christmas Season!

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Parish News:

1. **Tonight.** Catechism every Sunday night at 7 PM via ZOOM link: please call Teresa at **204-334-4298**. Tonight: last class before Christmas; we resume in January. Watch the bulletin!
2. **Tomorrow**, the **Monsignor Dobriansky Ukrainian School of Music and Dance** is holding a mini concert for family and friends of the School. Monday at 6:00 PM. Come by to our church auditorium for some Ukrainian dance performances by the children! You will not only be supporting them, you will have a great time!
3. Please keep in your prayers +**Stephanie Demkiw** who died this past Sunday night at Holy Family Home. As she had no family remaining on this earth who might pray for her, let us, then, be generous with *our* prayers for the repose of her soul. Funeral arrangements are still pending; Father will have more information soon. Вічна її пам'ять!
4. Ongoing: **Mary's Angels** are being sold after **Divine Liturgy** at the back of the church, as a project to commemorate our deceased loved ones at Christmastime. Each angel is \$5. Proceeds help our catechism program, as well as going to the Marian Hour on CKJS Radio. **A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated**, with the "Angel Tree" nearby, on Dec. 27 (St. Stephen's day) at 10 AM.
5. Calling all girls: The next **Children of Mary** meeting is scheduled for Wed. night, Dec. 21. 6:30 to 8 PM. All Boys to step forward to serve as **Altar Servers** at the various Christmas season services! And all **Singers** to also step forward to sing at all the Christmas/Yordan services and Carolling events!
6. All are warmly invited to our **Parish Christmas Dinner -- Jan. 15th BY TICKET ONLY**. Please buy your tickets in advance in our office... more info on p. 4.

7. It is always so heart-warming to hear (*usually by chance*) how many of our BVM parishioners have done well in their jobs, and in prep for their future careers. Keep sending us photos and news snippets when you can of your child, grand-child and other family members. We apologize for the times when things are lost or remembered awkwardly-late for bulletin insertion, but the immense pride and gratitude to God are always there. Some recent examples are: 1) **Nadia Gorbay**, a teacher at Happy Thought School in E. Selkirk who helped organize a wonderful St. Nicholas concert last week, 2) **Ivanka Hryndzio**, who just received her nursing pin last Thursday, having graduated from the RRC BN program (see the stirring ceremony on Youtube), and 3) **Andrew Kutcher** who landed smack in the middle of the summer cover of AMT magazine as one of the top under-40 maintenance professionals world-wide, and on his way to be a Chief Inspector. May God help each one of us make the right decisions daily. And may we always put God first, in our life decisions.



Other Events/News:

- 8.. Plast Ukrainian Youth Association of Winnipeg is facilitating the **Bethlehem Peace Light 2022 – Вифлеємський Вогонь Миру** effort again this year. A lit flame will be brought to Winnipeg all the way from the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem to our Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral **TODAY**. **Representatives of our parish will bring that flame to OUR Parish Church, where it will remain lit at least until Christmas. You will be able to take that flame right to your own home to have that unique link to Bethlehem as you celebrate Christmas in your home.**
9. A free **Christmas Lights Drive-through** is being hosted by Grant Memorial Baptist Church every night from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Lights, hot chocolate and snacks. All free! "From the warmth and comfort of your vehicle, by tuning your radio to 106.5 FM, you will experience an 8-minute drive around the Grant Memorial Church building and be amazed by a show of lights, videos and music telling the original story of Christmas. Everything starts just by the tallest Christmas tree in Manitoba." Starts at 877 Wilkes Ave. here in Winnipeg.
10. **Koliada!** A group of carolers from four parishes in the Winnipeg Archeparchy will be going caroling beginning in the afternoon on **Thursday December 29** to share the joy of Christmas and to continue a wonderful tradition. Donations are accepted but not required and will be given to the parish of your choosing. To have carolers visit your place or any questions please call Jonathan at 204 805-1151. **З Різдвом Христовим!**
11. Here is a newsletter we ask you to take time to read online. (If we Catholics don't spread the word, how will Manitobans know what the Catholic viewpoint is in Manitoba healthcare?) There are excellent articles, many webinars and other meetings to attend, etc. that may help with your own well-being as well as someone you know. <https://www.cham.mb.ca/media/news/Cham-Newsletter-Summer-2022.pdf>
12. News about what is happening in **Ukraine** has been moving of the front pages of our newspapers, but let it not leave our hearts and souls. **Pray daily** for an end to the war and a true victory for Ukraine of a new phase in history of God's will and grace in every aspect of society - that the nation may shine as a beacon of faithfulness to the Baptism Ukraine received in 988!

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямп: For the **Children** and **Youth** of our City

Christ Icon – Heart of Jesus, revive hearts hardened by life

Mother of God Icon – Mary, you interceded at **Pochaiv** under siege. Please intercede for **Ukraine!**

Request your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention.



“I had a dream, Joseph.

I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Jesus!

The people in my dream had been preparing for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for Jesus. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right inside their homes! They'd decorated the tree with sparkling ornaments.

There was a figure like an angel on the top of the tree. Everyone was laughing and happy. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew him. They never mentioned his name.

I had the strangest feeling that, if our Jesus had gone to this celebration he would have been intruding. How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday party!

I'm glad it was only a dream. **How terrible Joseph, if it had been real!”**



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- Sunday collections: **\$2075** (42 env.)
- Candles: **\$90.30**
- Seminary \$-
- Christmas carolling: **\$115**
- Vichna Lyampa. **\$1**
- Ukraine: **\$20**
- Christmas flowers **\$50**
- in memoriam (+Fr. Ed Kwiatkowski), **\$40**
- Donations for Nativity Scene **\$360**
- Expenses: **\$ 22,214** (Insurance, Cathedralicum, Calendars, Supplies, Etc.)

Thank you for your generosity!
Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

Just a thought... Planning to leave your wealth to some recipient AFTER your death? maybe support your parish now... so it's still around to pray for you...

Schedule of Services Dec. 18 - Dec. 25, 2022

Sun., Dec. 18 **Sunday before Christmas; Holy Fathers** НЕДІЛЯ ПЕРЕД РІЗДВОМ
о год. 8:00 - Служба Божа ... For all parishioners
9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy...for those more lonely, hurt or forgotten than we are

Mon., Dec 19 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyr Boniface; Pre-festive 8:00 a.m. - Divine LiturgyFor +Rev. Nestor Yakiwchuk (9th ann. of death)
Hebrews 3:5-11;17-19 and +Nicholas Zemliak (birthday remembrance)
Luke 20:27-44

Tues., Dec. 20 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Priest-martyr Ignatius; Pre-festive 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +Jean Michasiw
Hebrews 4:1-13 by Maria Gorbay
Luke 21:12-19

Wed., Dec. 21 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyr Juliana; Pre-festive 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +Poor souls in Purgatory
Hebrews 5:11-6:8 by Dmytro Sikora
Luke 21:5-7, 10-11,20-24

Thurs., Dec. 22 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Great martyr Anastasia; Pre-festive 8:00 a.m. - Divine LiturgyFor +Rev. Walter Shumski by
Hebrews 7:1-16 by Ted & Penny Parzyjagla
Luke 21:28-33

Fri., Dec. 23 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
10 martyrs of Crete; Pre-festive 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +Wilfred Krawchuk
Hebrews 7:18-25 by son Terry Krowchuk
Luke 21:37-22:8

Sat., Dec. 24
Christmas Eve 5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy For all parishioners and benefactors!
Hebrews 1:1-12 9:30 PM - Confessions
10:30 PM - Great Complines with Lytia
Luke 2:1-20 11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy For all parishioners!

Sun., Dec. 25 **Christmas Day!** РІЗДВО ГОСПОДА НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА
9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners

Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish family, and be in touch with them when you can (cards, short telephone conversations, visits).

"Lord God, please be present to all the ill, infirm and elderly of our parish. You love each and everyone and so do we, but we become busy with little things, help us to reach out to each of our fellow parishioners as best we can - certainly by our prayer, but also by human contact. Bless each of the following...."

Holy Family Home: Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko

Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

Beacon Hill Lodge: Helen Naherny

River East Personal Care Home: Edward Holowich



We invite our parishioners, family & friends to our "Prosphora" parish Christmas Dinner, with your parish family on Sunday, January 15, 2023, after the 10:00 Divine Liturgy. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children between the ages of 5 - 12 years, and free for children 4 years and younger. We are trying a new approach this year to avoid food wastage. We will be selling tickets for the dinner ahead of the day so that we know how much food to purchase and prepare. Tickets can be purchased before or after the Sunday Liturgies or by contacting Janet @ 204-582-5932 or jkuchma@mymts.net. We hope to see you there.

The members of the UCWLC wish to thank those parishioners who purchased bakings or raffle tickets on Sunday, Dec. 4th. We want to send out a special thank you to those parishioners who donated bakings or a monetary donation towards the Bake Sale. Also thank you to those parishioners who purchased cabbage rolls or helped with the preparation.

A \$200.00 donation was made to Agape Table. They feed 500 people every weekday from 7 am to 11 am with a bagged lunch that consists of a sandwich, cup of soup, pastry, piece of fruit, a vegetable, and a drink. For every \$1.00 donated, they are able to purchase \$15.00 worth of food. That means that our donation is worth \$3,000.00 of food. The money for this project was collected by donations made in the Poor Box at the back of the church and monies collected at UCWLC meetings. We thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate.

May God bless you this Christmas Season!

Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC