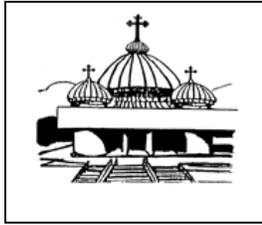


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**DIVINE LITURGY:**

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

**SATURDAY :** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confession:**

**Baptisms & Marriages:**

**Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:**

Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

**December 13, 2015 - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 see explanation on page 463

Gospel: **Luke 14:16-24** see explanation on page 177

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: **Page 333**

**Prayer Intentions (Dec.14-20)**

MONDAY:	No Divine Liturgy
TUESDAY:	No Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY:	No Divine Liturgy
THURSDAY: 9:30 a.m.	+Melania Mazurenko(40 <sup>th</sup> day) – Buba Family
FRIDAY: 5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners – Peter Samborski
SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian
10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - +Slawko Hucal - family

*We forget that God didn't come to make our lives easier but to make us holier.*

**Liturgical Schedule for Christmas 2015** - December 24 – Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.

**РІЗДВЯНІ І БОГОЯВЛІНСЬКІ БОГОСЛУЖЕННЯ 2015 р.** 24 грудня Навечеря Різдва Христового Літургія

о год 4:00 вечора

**РІЗДВЯНІ ПРОБИ ХОРУ** –у кожна неділю після Служби Божої о год. 10:00 ранку у церковній аудиторії. Всіх щиро запрошуємо.

**ПОТРІБНА ПОМІЧ** - Просимо всіх бажаючи помочи робити пироги- у вівторок 10 грудня о год 9:00 ранку.

**FOOD WORKSHOP:** Help is needed to make cabbage rolls on Monday, Dec.14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. Everyone is welcome! A hot and delicious lunch will be served.

**UKRAINIAN CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE NATIVITY DIVINE LITURGY:** Choir practice will take every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am in the church hall. All interested are invited.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD:** Christian charity is always needed, especially so during the Christmas season. Next weekend, a box will be placed in the narthex where parishioners will have the opportunity to donate non-perishable food. All donations will be brought to the Sudbury Food Bank.

**Altar Boy Dalmatic Special Donations:** As our church needs new dalmatics for the altar boys to wear when helping with Divine Liturgy eight new dalmatics, "*Mother of God blue*, and also *gold*," have been ordered. The estimated cost for all the dalmatics will be \$4000.00. If you are interested in helping out by making a special donation towards this project, we would really appreciate it. May God Bless you and your family abundantly for your generosity!

**Did you Know?** You do not need be a Facebook user to see St Mary's Facebook Page. Type in:  
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**Year of Mercy:** The passage from sin to grace. The Pilgrim Audio Guide is designed to accompany pilgrims on their journey through the Mercy Door by delving into and explaining the abundant mercy of the Father, made visible and attained through Jesus Christ. Our hope is that the audio guide will not only aid pilgrims in this particular experience, but also as they continue on their journey of faith, bearing witness to the mercy they have received. To listen to the 6 minute audio guide click on, <https://misericordia.media/en>

**BREAK FOR JESUS -2016** Catechetical Camp: Attention children in grades 3-8! Application forms for this year's camp (March 13-19, 2016) are now available from the church office. The program is bilingual (Ukrainian and English). Space is limited so please register soon.

**SAINT NICHOLAS** accompanied by angels will visit all eager children on Sunday December 20, 2015 at 12 noon. Please, make sure you drop off one gift per child clearly labeled. Also, bring a toonie for a local Food Bank. Come join us for family and fellowship celebration.

**CONFESSION:** In the Byzantine church Advent is called St Philip's Fast and this started on Friday Nov 27. It's the time we as Catholics prepare ourselves for birth of Jesus. Opportunity for a confession is available every Sunday before the Divine Liturgy.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** Anyone wishing to help offset the cost of printing our Sunday Bulletin is invited to place an advertisement in the Bulletin for the year 2016. Please contact the Parish Office at: 705-675-8244 or by email [stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca). Ads will be printed from January to December 2016.

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES:** Sunday envelopes and wall calendars for 2016 will be distributed next Sunday. If you wish to have envelopes issued, please call the Parish office

**NOVEMBER FINANCES:** Please pick up a bulletin at the church to see financial information.

**Here is a riddle for you: he is the most influential person in the Bible, yet not a single word of his is recorded.**

**Can you guess who this is?**

If you answered Joseph, the husband of Mary, you're right! Of course, we honor Joseph on his feast day of March 19. And many schools, churches, and hospitals are named after him. But by and large, Mary gets most of our attention at Christmas. Sometimes even the shepherds, the Magi, or the angel Gabriel capture our imagination more than Joseph.

But Joseph played a crucial role in the Gospels, and we can learn a lot from him. We can see in him someone who is obedient, humble, and generous. We see a man willing to make major sacrifices for his family and for the Lord. We see someone humble but courageous, a man God could rely on. So let's take a look at this silent servant of the Lord to see what he can teach us during this Advent season.

**The Right Man for the Job.** Most employers know how important it is to find just the right person to fill a key position in a company. They look for people with the best qualifications, a good work ethic, and an ability to work well with the other employees. So what do you think would be a good job description for the role of “foster father” to the Son of God? What kind of person was God looking for?

If we look at the criteria God used with other people in the past, we might get a good idea of who could become the “earthly father” of his Son. In the past, God chose people like Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and David. We look to these men as great heroes of the faith, yet each of them had their flaws. Abraham lied about his wife, Sarah, and let the king of Egypt take her into his harem (Genesis 12:10-20). Jacob was a master manipulator (31:1-21). Moses killed a man and then fled the country to avoid prosecution (Exodus 2:11-15). David committed adultery and murder (2 Samuel 11:1-27).

If they were so flawed, why did God choose them? Because despite their flaws, they tried their best to live by faith. They loved God and sought to live in obedience to him. It wasn't their talents and gifts that won God over; it was their open, trusting hearts. The Bible calls Abraham “the friend of God” (James 2:23). It tells us that God spoke to Moses “face to face, as a person speaks to a friend” (Exodus 33:11). And it tells us that David was “a man after God's own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14).

In other words, God knew what kind of men these were. He knew that despite their weaknesses, they would stay with him and try to be faithful. And this is exactly how God saw Joseph. He knew that Joseph was “a righteous man” whose heart would always be in the right place (Matthew 1:19). And so he chose him for this noble but demanding task.

**A Man of Faith.** God chose Joseph to protect, care for, and lead the Holy Family because he was a man of faith. When Mary told him that she was pregnant, Joseph was deeply hurt, but instead of exposing her, he decided to divorce her quietly. Imagine that! As hurt or confused or angry as he might have been, he still knew he should try to shield her from gossip and cruelty.

But when an angel confirmed what Mary had told him—that she was, in fact, pregnant by the Holy Spirit—Joseph changed his mind. He stepped out in faith and embraced the new role God had for him. He had no idea how the future was going to play out, but it didn't matter. God had made his will known, and Joseph accepted it.

After Jesus was born, the angel warned Joseph that his family was in danger and that he had to flee Israel. Again, Joseph gave up his whole world—his plans, his friends, his home, and his work—and moved the family to Egypt on a moment's notice. He didn't have a job there, he probably didn't know anyone there, and he likely didn't have much money. Still, Joseph obeyed.

We can say that Joseph's faith had already been emboldened by everything that had happened: Mary's surprise pregnancy, the angel's message, Jesus' birth, and the visit of the Magi. But we all know how easy it can be to lose

sight of past blessings when present troubles crop up. Joseph may or may not have been afraid, but he didn't let fear control him. Instead, he trusted that God would take care of him and his family. He never allowed himself to look back and regret his decision because he never forgot who was behind all of these events. *More next week.*

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