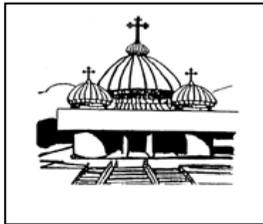


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DIVINE LITURGY:

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

SATURDAY : 4:00 pm (English)

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

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

Visitations & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

January 7, 2018 - Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ



ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ !
CHRIST IS BORN !

Блаженнішому Патріярхові Святославові, Високопреосвященнішим і
Преосвященнішим Владикам, усім нашим Парафіянам та всьому
Українському Народові

**РАДІСНИХ СВЯТ РІЗДВА ХРИСТОВОГО та ЩАСЛИВОГО НОВОГО
РОКУ**

Бажають о. Петро з родиною, Соня Павлюх з родиною, Парафіяльна
Рада, Управа Клубу Муштин, Управа танцювального ансамблю Наша
Родина.

MAY JESUS OUR SAVIOR, THE KING OF PEACE AND LOVE
BLESS YOU
WITH ANGELIC PEACE, HEAVENLY JOY AND DIVINE LOVE!

You and your Loved Ones shall be remembered in our
Christmas Prayers to the Child of Bethlehem!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. Petro Bodnar and family, Sonia Pawluch and family,
Parish Council, Men's Club and
Executive of the "Nasha Rodyna" St. Mary's Ukrainian School of Dance.

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7 see explanation on page
Gospel: **Matthew 2:1-12** see explanation on page

Prayer Intentions January 8-14

Monday	4:30 p.m.	Synaxis of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Feast of St. Stephen
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	+Rev. Roman Hrobelsky – Dr. & Mrs. Kozak
Thursday	4:30 p.m.	+Rita & Andrew Spak – Barbara-Ann Spak
Friday		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Teodor & Maria Pawluch – Nicholas & Catherine
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian – for Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	+Slawko Hucal – Sonia Hucal

PYROHY WORKSHOP: There will be a pyrohy workshop of Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

THANK YOU: To everyone who brought non-perishable goods for the Sudbury Food Bank. The goods were delivered last week and were much appreciated!

Jordan Dinner (Schedriy Vechir) January 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm: Tickets for the Yordan Dinner will be available only in advance from the parish office before January 12, 2018. They are \$20.00 per person. Students \$10.00, children under 5 – no charge. There will be no tickets sold at the door

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – like every year there will be a few groups going caroling for the Church. Please use the Christmas Caroling Donation Envelop for this purpose. If you are unable to receive the carolers, please bring the envelop and place on the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION – Anyone wishing to receive the Holy Communion should first go to the confession. Then the proper way to receive Holy Communion is to fold your arms over your chest, open your mouth wide and tilt your head back, (we ask not to cross yourself at the chalice, please do so earlier). Under no circumstances are you to take the host off the spoon. The priest will drop the host into your mouth.

ЙОРДАНСЬКА ВЕЧЕРЯ – відбудеться в середу о год 6:00 вечора 18 січня. Просимо купити квитки на Йорданську Вечерю з канцелярії до вівторка 12го січня.

Повідомляємо, що не буде можна дістати квитків на Йорданську вечерю при дверях. Квитки в ціні \$20 від особи, студенти \$10, діти до 5 років безплатно.

КОЛЯДНИКИ – як щороку колядники будуть відвідували з Різдяною Колядою наших парафіян. Просимо також вживати зелені конвертки з написом Коляда на ту ціль.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Anyone wishing to help off set the cost of printing our Sunday Bulletin is invited to place an advertisement in the Bulletin for the year 2018. Please contact the Parish Office at: 705-675-8244 or by email stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca. Ads will be printed from January to December 2018.

Catechesis of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for the General Audience

Continuing with the journey of catecheses on the Mass, today let us ask ourselves: why should we go to Mass on Sunday?

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the centre of the life of the Church (cf

Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2177). We Christians go to Mass on Sunday in order to meet the risen Lord, or better said, to allow ourselves to be encountered by Him, to listen to his word, to nourish ourselves at his table and in that way, we become a Church, his mystical body which is alive in the world.

From the very beginning, Jesus' disciples understood this as they celebrated the Eucharistic encounter with the Lord on the day which the Jews called the first of the week and the Romans called the day of the sun, for it was on that day that Jesus had risen from the dead and had appeared to the disciples, speaking with them, eating with them, and the day on which he had sent the Holy Spirit (cf Mt 28:1; Mk 16:9, 14; Lk 24:1, 13; Jn 20:19), as we heard in the biblical reading this morning.

The great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost took place on Sunday, the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus. For these reasons, Sunday is a holy day for us, made holy by the Eucharistic celebration, the living presence of the Lord among us and for us. Therefore, the Mass makes Sunday a Christian! A Christian Sunday revolves around the Mass. What would Sunday be for a Christian if there were no encounter with the Lord?

There are some Christian communities that unfortunately cannot enjoy Mass every Sunday; who nonetheless, on these holy days, are called to gather in prayer in the name of the Lord, to listen to the Word of God and to keep alive their desire for the Eucharist.

Some secular societies have lost the Christian meaning of Sundays illuminated by the Eucharist. This is a sin! In such a context, we need to revive this awareness in order to recapture the meaning of a feast, the significance of joy, of a parish community, of solidarity, of rest that restores the soul and the body (cf Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 2177-2188). Among all these values, the Eucharist is the best, Sunday after Sunday. For this reason, the Second Vatican Council wished to reiterate the fact that Sunday is the day of the primordial feast which must be proposed and infused in the piety of the faithful, in order that it may also become a day of joy and of abstention from work ([Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), 106).

Abstaining from work on Sunday did not exist in the first centuries: it is a specific addition adopted by Christianity. According to biblical tradition, the Jews would rest on the Sabbath, while Roman society did not allow for a weekly day of abstention from servile work. It was the Christian sense of living as children and not as slaves, animated by the Eucharist, that made Sunday - almost universally - the day of rest.

Without Christ, we are condemned to be ruled by daily tiredness, with its preoccupations, and fear of tomorrow. Our Sunday encounters with the Lord give us the strength to live today with trust and courage and to keep going with hope. This is the reason why we Christians go toward the encounter with the Lord on Sunday, in the Eucharistic celebration.

Eucharistic communion with Jesus, Risen and living for all eternity, anticipates the Sunday when there will be no sunset, when there will be no more tiredness or suffering or fighting or tears, but only the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord. The Sunday Mass also speaks of this blessed repose, teaching us throughout the flow of the week to entrust ourselves into the hands of our Father in heaven.

How can we reply to those who say that it is useless to go to Mass, not even on Sunday, because what is important is to live well, to love our neighbour? It is true that the quality of a Christian life is measured by our capacity to love, as Jesus said: By this, all will know that you are my disciples: if you love one another (Jn 13:35); but how can we practice the gospel without drawing the energy necessary to do so, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible font of the Eucharist? We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but in order to receive from Him that which we truly need. The Church's prayer reminds us of this when she says to God: You have no need of our praise, yet by the gift of your love, you call us to give you thanks; our hymns of praise do nothing to enhance your greatness, but obtain for us the grace that saves us (Roman Missal, Common Preface IV).

In conclusion, why do we go to Mass on Sunday? It is not enough for us to reply by saying that it is a precept of the Church; this helps us to keep its value but it is not enough. We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with his presence living within us and among us, can we put his commandment into practice, to be his witnesses in the world.



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