### 2 February 2020

Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

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# The "Encounter" - The Presentation of Our Lord

Why do we love to use candles as part of our faith expression? Because they are so rich in symbolism and, well, just really cool all by themselves. Before we get into the religious "meaning" that they have, candles are wonderful. They give light! - giving brightness to a dark place. By lighting a candle - especially if it is dark and there are no electrical lights or the power has gone off we feel better and a bit more sure of ourselves, because we can see what's around us. The pattern of a flickering flame is fascinating - sometimes seemingly consistent and then suddenly, erratic. We like putting candles on birthday cakes, because they are colourful and mesmerizing and they signify the milestones of life that are being celebrated in a fun way.

In Scripture, Christ talks about us as being "the light of the world" and that we should let the light of our Faith shine "for all to see". Jesus first reveals Himself as "the light of the world. The one who follows me shall never walk in darkness" (John 8:13). But since we are all baptized into Christ and have become part of the mystical Body of Christ - the Church - we too are called to do our part in being the "light of the world".

We also use candles to express our own love and faith. How so? Well, we light candles as offerings or sacrifices. We buy or pay for a candle and offer it as a humble, prayerful sacrifice in honour of the Lord, the Mother of God or Saint before whose image we place it (this is a symbolic offering, of course as we know very well that an icon or a statue is only a reminder or representation of the one whom we are honouring). We also use candles as sort of extended prayers. We would love to be there in the church for hours and hours. We would love to spend hours praying to the saints and Mother Mary asking for their intercession. But... daily life needs call us away and so.. We want to at least leave something of ourselves there as a symbol that our hearts and payers remain there with the Lord and His 'Holy Ones'. We leave flowers at a grave. We erect a roadside memorial at the site where someone died. We

can not stay there forever, but a flower or, even better, a "live" flickering candle, let's our prayer remain there long after we have had to move on. And finally, as mentioned above, candles not only make us feel a bit more safe, but by lighting a candle, seeking the protection of the Lord, we receive that protection. This is especially true sometimes when there are special prayers of blessing for candles as "sacramentals" to do just that-keep our homes and those that reside in them safe in times of danger. This is a long standing custom among our people to light a blessed candle-especially one of pure beeswax—and to pray that the home, the property and especially everyone staying there is safe from harm due to storms, diseases or other threats. A candle is something special and a blessed candle is something extraordinary and even powerful.



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LITURGICAL SERVICE SCHEDULE Divine Liturgy — Божественна Літургія Sunday - Неділя* 8:00 am - Українська 10:00 am - English Weekdays - Будні (see inside page) Confessions - Сповідь - Prior to every Divine Liturgy Baptisms - Хрещення - Contact the pastor Weddings - Вінчання - Contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance * occasionally subject to change—see back page	U Si Si P

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quite unfair to wait until the person can not communicate or receive Holy Communion. Its

called Anointing of the Sick - not "last rites"

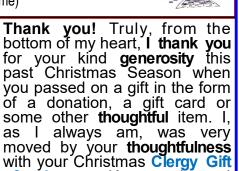
To request a Divine Liturgy or other service, please call the Parish Office.

The Miraculous Icon is available to be taken to your home. Imagine... the prayerful presence of our loving mother in the heart of your home for a full week! February 2, 2020 - Open Call Evelyn Tymchak 204-667-6791 today to reserve this beautiful experience for yourself and all who

Holy Eucharist BOOKSTORE (LOWER LEVEL OF CHURCH)

A wide range of spiritual and inspirational readings! Many beautiful gift ideas for ALL occasions! Gift Certificates available! For More Info: Liz 204-334-2081

Our Parish Bingo every Tuesday! Great fun, fellowship & Support! WANT A FUN EVENING OUT AND DO A GOOD DEED? COME VOLUNTEER! THE GANG WILL SHOW YOU WHAT TO DO! (Just come out by 5 pm first time)



of Love. Know that I remember you—each and every one - in my prayer - especially at the Divine Liturgy. (Okay the picture is kind of goofy. But your gesture of appreciation and/or respect and/or support of your clergy - including our Archbishop - goes a lot further than you might imagine. I hope that I will live up to your needs and the grace that the Lord gives me to serve as your parish priest.)

Fr. Michael

Holy Eucharist Busy Fingers Knitting Group. February 3,2020 at 10:00 am. Every-one Welcome to come join us in the new year!!!! Donation of wool is always accepted. Жертводавство "The portion of your blessings that you have returned to the Lord" January 26, 2020

1.	Envelopes	\$1480.00
2.	Open Collection	\$20.00
3.	Vigil Lights	\$32.10
4.	Initial Offering (Envelopes)	\$25.00
5.	Sacred Art	\$10.00
	Total	\$1567.10

## 100 Anniversary Book News

Our 100 anniversary book is now in print and should be in our hands this week. If so, on Sunday, February 2 and Sunday February 9 before and after the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy we'll have the books in our church auditorium downstairs. You will be able to pick up your prepaid books and buy books. Also one free book per family will be available to families who placed their family bios in the book.

Later, books also will be available for pick up and purchase at the parish office during office hours and at our Bookstore downstairs.

Attention all UCWLC Members monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the PC-Multi-purpose Room. All UCBC members—monthly meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm—PC Board Room.

Attention all Pastoral Council members there will be a meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Auditorium. Anyone not able to attend we ask to please email the parish office at heparish@gmail.com (regrets only please).

### Youth Winter Games - hosted by Knights of Ukr. Catholic Archeparchy 2020 Theme: "I can do everything Through Christ because He gives me strength"

WINTER CARNIVAL - Sat. Feb. 15, 2020 Immaculate Conception Church, Cooks Creek (68003 Cooks, Creek Rd., Hazelridge). Pancake breakfast 10 am, games 11:15 am, fire pit lunch 12:45 pm. Candy Scramble 3:30 pm. Events include, snowshoeing, snow hockey, wagon rides, snow horseshoes, big steaks bingo (inside).

**CURLING** - Sun. March 1, 2020 - Elmwood Curling Club, 300 Brazier St. Registration 3:00 pm. Curling and snacks 3:30—5:00 pm. RSVP required by Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 - 204-226-8165, James Rogowsky.

Mini Olympics - Saturday, March 21, 2020 Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 650 Flora Ave. Registration at 1:30 pm. Games and snacks from 2-5 pm. Clean indoor shoes please.

Indoor Soccer - Saturday, April 25, 2020 Seven Oaks Soccer Plex, 725 Kingsbury. Registration at 2:30 pm. Soccer and snacks 3—5 pm. Clean indoor shoes please.





Visiting our Parish? Just stepped in? Checking us out? Came with friends or family? That's great! **We are happy to have you with us** today! **Listen**, if you have questions or need help or just want to know more about us or want to join us formally just ask the person **beside you** and/or speak with our **Pastor**, **Fr Michael** and/or contact the **Parish Office**. **204-667-8866**.

PLEASE DO THIS! Please VISIT - Your visit will not only be MUCH APPRECIATED, it is, in fact, a corporal "Act of Mercy" 'Visiting the Sick is one of the works of mercy found in the teaching of Christ'

<u>At Home or in Hospital</u>: Mary Schurko, Alice Lapka, Steve Romas, Ollie Kowalski, Ollie Kostiuk, Mary Kozubniak, Julian Cherniak, Tony Hendricks, Gloria Kroeker <u>St. Joseph's Residence</u>: Mary Ruta <u>Donwood Manor</u>: Alex Lasota

 Health Science Centre:
 Oksana Bodie
 River East Personal Care Home:
 Liz Simcoe
 Seven Oaks Hospital:
 Bruce Smallwood

 Holy Family:
 Ollie Smerek, Mary Horbal, Irene Omeniuk, Bill Simcoe, Helen Babiniec, Jennie Huchko, Anne Wach, Fr. V. Yakowchuk

 St. Boniface Hospital:
 Milly Manitowich, Sam Sewell
 Middle Church:
 Olga Hnatiuk, Margaret Sawchuk

 Maples Personal Care Home:
 Joe Ewanochko
 Concordia Hospital: Elizabeth Boychuk

Call a priest (204-996-1310) for a Pastoral or Sacramental visit for yourself or family member, friend, or a fellow parishioner!

# Manitoba turns



May 12, 2020 will mark 150 years since the Manitoba Act received royal

assent, paving the way for Manitoba to become Canada's fifth province. The province of Manitoba has put together a 150 Host Committee. They in turn have come up with many creative ways for every Manitoban to participate in the yearlong celebration and momentous milestones.

One of these exciting events is going to be a Praznik at the Ukrainian Park, an initiative of the Archeparchy. It will take place on Saturday, June 13th, 2020. More information will follow...Start to make plans...car pools, bus rentals, etc.

The government of Manitoba has a great website with contests, activities and event schedules. For more information see website below.

https://manitoba150.com/en/programs/honour-150/#top

Immaculate Heart of Mary School a Kindergarten to Grade 8 Ukrainian Catholic school, that offers strong academic, spiritual, cultural, arts and athletic programs. Before and after school child care programs are available. IHMS now offers a full-time Kindergarten program! If you are interested in having your child educated in a Christian environment, please inquire to book your own personal tour. Phone: (204)582-5698 E-mail: ihms@ihms.mb.ca For more information about Immaculate Heart of Mary School visit: www.ihms.mb.ca Ordination to the diaconate of Sub-deacon Jay Korban. By the Grace of God and the laying on of hands of His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM Saturday, Feb. 15,

2020 1:00 p.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy St. Anne Parish,

35 Marcie St. More information to follow.



THE BLESSING OF CANDLES: ON THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE. A TRADITION OF THE BYZANTINE RITE

The blessing of candles on the Feast of the Presentation is closely related to the Gospel narrative, introducing Jesus as the "Light of the people" (Lk. 2, 32) The burning candle symbolizes the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the Christian community as He, Himself, had promised :

"Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst." (Mt. 18, 20) For this reason, the ritual of the Church prescribes that at least two candles be lit on the altar at all liturgical services, and the greater the solemnity, the greater the number of candles used.

The burning candles also create a more prayerful atmosphere in the churches. They remind us that our prayers should come from a heart burning with love of God and they should be directed toward heaven, where God abides in the "inaccessible light." In this manner, candles make a positive contribution to the fervor of our prayers. The burning of a votive candle in church, besides its sacrificial value (donation), has also a symbolic meaning, namely, the continuation of our prayers after we leave the church.

Lighted candles are also carried in procession for the "Glory of God" (cf. /I Prayer of Blessing) as well as for the support of our prayers, imploring Almighty God to show us His "mercy" (cf. I Prayer of Blessing).

From this "intercessory" character of processions, the protective power was ascribed to the candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation.

https://www.archpitt.org/the-blessing-of-candles-on-the -feast-of-the-presentation-of-our-lord-in-the-temple-atradition-of-the-byzantine-rite/

	Schedule of Li	turgies	- Розпорядок Богослуж	ΪНЬ	4
February 2, 2020; Presentation of Our Lo		00 am	Служба Божа	Blessings for Jerry Kochan, by friend	Blessing of
Heb. 7: 7-17; Luke 2: 2.	2-40 <b>10</b> :	:00 am	Divine Liturgy (English)	For all Parishioners	
Monday, February 3, 2 Simeon & Anne; Heb. 9: 11-14; Luke 2:			No Divine Liturgy	Please cons	
Tuesday, February 4, 2 Venerable Isidore; 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 1			No Divine Liturgy	Ukainian Catholic Church these days for daily Liturgy, or, if that isn't possble, then pray at home with	
Wednesday, February Martyr Agatha; 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 1			No Divine Liturgy		
<i>Thursday, February 6,</i> <i>Venerable Bukolus;</i> 1 John 1:3-2:6; Mark 1			No Divine Liturgy	family and fi	-
Friday, February 7, 20. Venerable Parentius; 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14		)0 am	Divine Liturgy	+Olha Hontar (6th Anniversary) +Lou Bowman, 40 days, by Family and Friends Health and healing for Christopher Fitzpatrick, by Dr. Mary Egan	
Saturday, February 8, Great Martyr Theodor 2 Tim. 3:1-19; Luke 20:	re of Tyre;	)0 am	Divine Liturgy		
February 9, 2020;		00 am	Divine Liturgy		
<b>34th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Cor. 6: 12-20; Luke 15: 11-32		:00 am	Divine Liturgy	For all Parishioners	
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, February 2, 2020	<b>4:</b> C. Hoffman		M. Bakan	S. Bar	an
8:00 am					
10:00 am	L. P. Sirski		D. Rewniak	V. Puri	ov
EMHC: C. Shupen			A. Tataryn		
February 9, 2020	<b>4:</b> C. Hoffman		J. Lewandosky	S. Bar	an
8:00 am					
10:00 am	L. P. Sirski		M & S Kowalchuk	V. Puri	ov
	EMHC: C. Shupenia				

Seniors will be the hosts.

Attention all Parish Organizations once again all dates needed for your events should be handed into the Parish office to insure they will be booked. Also all organizations interested in participating in our Weekly "Coffee Houses" are asked to call or email the office on their participation...the office is working on a schedule. (and it should be ready soon!). Although we are still putting away our Christmas trees we are already looking for organizations to help out with our upcoming Lenten Dinners. So please think about it and pick a Friday or two!...For more information just give the office a call. *Thank you*