

The Future of the Eparchial News - Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR

A little history . . . With the blessings and leadership from the late Bishop Basil Filevich, and the determination of two faithful servants, William Berezny and Deacon Yurij Lazurko (and their families), December 1990 saw the birth of the Eparchial News with the first Christmas edition. Today, 27 years later, we bid farewell to the Eparchial News as we have grown to know it. However, I would be remiss in only discussing the future of the Eparchial News without first expressing our most sincere gratitude to William and Father Yurij for their hard work and perseverance in bringing this publication to fruition. Furthermore, I wish to thank Fr. Yurij who continued to believe in the importance of this publication to the faithful in our Eparchy for these past 27 years. He truly was the “*chief cook and bottle washer*” of the Eparchial News, serving as co-editor, editor and courier, seeing to it that each of the publications always got delivered to all the parishes in our Eparchy. All this was done with no cost to the Eparchy. TRULY A LABOUR OF LOVE! We also express our gratitude to Дობродійка (Dobrodijka) Dorothy and the Lazurko family for their support to Fr. Yurij’s work with the Eparchial News. May God Bless you Father Yurij, good and faithful servant of our Eparchy!

And now, what about the future . . . Chatting face to face with the Coordinator of the Communication Office of the Eparchy Chris Pidwerbeski the other day, different trends became apparent about communication in the Eparchy. I was surprised to learn the growing numbers of people accessing our Eparchial website, over 3.3 million hits this year to date, with over 80,000 visitors (first time visitors), and over 140,000 visits (people who return frequently). A recent meeting of the Communication Office with the web designer, Whole Wheat Web Design, and various staff and volunteers who contribute to social media, news and event stories to our websites, as well as to parish bulletins, brought to light the new challenges faced in keeping people informed. The news that reaches the faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon currently comes in various formats.

Websites, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Livestream, etc., have made the sharing of news more accessible as to how it is shared and with whom. Further, the methods available to share news have diversified. The various methods or formats for news have become more commonplace. For example, with some ease, video can be livestreamed, which offers people not able to attend an event in person the option of participating in it more personally by seeing and hearing a great deal live on a device such as cell phone, computer or tablet.

Others may prefer a news column style approach to the news, with a reporter who attended the event and covers it with photos as well as an intentional selection of highlights of the story. Some readers enjoy the summary of the event and the suggested significance of what took place. The perspective of the reporter comes through in the story. What the Eparchy needs is people who are willing to capture various aspects of what is happening in their parishes, districts and/or in the Eparchy, and then write about it, and then submit it to our Communications Office. This familiar relationship can be comforting to some when they turn their attention to what is the latest news out there. This is more significant when we hear that the Prairie Messenger will soon stop print and recent decisions about regularly printed news in the Moose Jaw area as well, to cite a couple of examples.

My concern is for the catechetical and faith-forming role that the written print has played in the lives of the faithful over the years. After all, good reporting of Catholic and Christian news should not be limited to merely informing people about events. It should have the intention of stirring something in the heart of the person digesting it, calling them to reflect on something that is meaningful, challenging (disturbing or comforting) and then evoking a response in the reader or viewer. News in the Eparchy should have the intention of evangelizing and forming those who access it.

The Eparchial News will continue online in some manner so that people from across the Eparchy can access it for its summarizing and celebration qualities. This can easily be downloaded and printed for those who prefer to handle the paper copy to read the Eparchial News. As we transition into a new chapter of an ever-changing aspect of what it means to be a missionary disciple, sharing news and passing it on again, we will become vibrant followers of Christ, which is everyone’s vocation and responsibility.

Yours in Christ,



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Ukrainian Catholic Church of Christ, the Lover of Mankind

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017 11:00 a.m.

Sunday After the Nativity

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Ushers: Colin and Heidi Spilchuk

Epistle Reader: Lorraine Slywka

Office Duty: Ted Semchyshyn, Nettie Lutz, Doyle and Shawna Zrymiak .

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 11:00 a.m.

Sunday After Theophany

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Ushers: Ernie and Michael Spilchuk

Epistle Reader: Heidi Spilchuk

Office Duty: Derryl and Paula Zenkewich, Zenon and Leona Shambel

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 11:00 a.m.

32nd Sunday After Pentecost

Post Feast of Theophany

Epistle: Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Ushers: Sylvia Tymiak and Doyle Zrymiak

Epistle Reader: Kris Spilchuk

Office Duty: Cec and Leona Krywulak, Danny and Barbe Kozak

Sacred Heart Church

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Pastoral Care of the Ukrainian

Redemptorists

Bishop Emeritus, Michael Wiwchar, C.Ss.R.
in residence

Administrator Father Ray Lukie

306 783-4594

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Parish Hall: 306 795-3597

Sick Calls: Anytime

Baptisms and Marriages: By

Appointment



Special Services for All

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

11:00 a.m. with Bishop Michael

Jan. 3 St. Ann's at 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 5 Feast of Theophany and Blessing of Water

5:30 liturgy with potluck supper to follow in the Parish Centre

9:30 every Monday at St. Ann's

10:00 every Tuesday at the Lodge

Church Cleaning

Captain Verna Bohach, Lydia Bulych, Diane Olech, Emily Yakimoski, Andrea Kohuch, Mildred Lekach-Ogrodnick

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council Monday, Jan. 8 6:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Monday, Jan. 15 8:00 p.m.

Goodeve Services with Bishop Michael

Jan. 14 and 28, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Support SCSBA's Schools You Can Believe In fundraising campaign. Help ensure Catholic education is available to all who choose it, no matter the reason, for future generations. Donate to support the legal appeal of the Theodore court-case ruling and keep resources in our classrooms. A permanent reversal through the appeals process (which will likely go to the Supreme Court of Canada) is needed to maintain funding for all who choose Catholic faith-based education. **Donate until Jan. 31, 2018 province wide. Drop off a cheque at your local division office, local school or go online at www.catholicedspirit.ca.**

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Dec. 17, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 2345.00
Candles	\$ 62.75
Total	\$ 2407.75

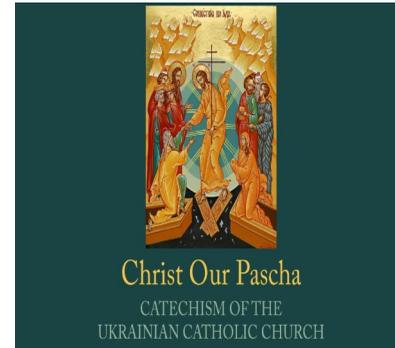
Dec. 24, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 1425,00
Candles	\$ 57.85
Total	\$ 1482.85

Bishop Andrew Roborecki Foundation was established in 1982 to accept donations from the Faithful for educational support of Seminarians or Priests who will serve our Eparchy. Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, has designated the month of **January** in which to make your donations. Please use your own church envelope and indicate "Donation for Roborecki Foundation" and deposit with your Sunday Collection. Make your cheques payable to your Parish, who will then forward all donations to the Foundation. Your donation will be receipted in your Parish records along with all your regular church donations. *Thank you for your continued support & prayers. ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ!*



The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon **Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol** is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, or Deb Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228. More information is available on the Eparchial Website, www.skeparchy.org



The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church

Christ — Our Pascha

now available online in English!

This is the perfect time to read the Catechism! As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas), read the Catechism as a family and learn more about the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, the Birth of our Lord and His Baptism in the Jordan. Learn more about the Christian vocation and why God created us and how much He loves us! Learn more about prayer and the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). Learn more about how to be a Christian family, and the domestic Church. It's all found in the Catechism—online starting December 1, 2017 at the Royal Doors website. See royaldoors.net

Join in praying the Rosary for your intentions every Sunday one-half hour before Liturgy.



St. Michael's Camp would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you at camp in 2018.

Winter Camp Dates

Little Mikes Family Camp

Feb. 16-19

Youth Camp Feb. 19-24

Summer Camp Dates

- Teen July 1-6
- Youth July 8-14 & 15-21
- Day Camp July 23-26

Little Mikes Family Camp

July 26-29

For more information, call Tracie Bugera @1-307-533-8229

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Because of the changing times and after some discussion, it has been decided that the Eparchial News will no longer be published in the fashion it has been over the years. I personally wish to thank the individuals, parishes and organizations who supported the publication financially over the years, particularly while I was the editor.

- Fr. Yuriy Lazurko

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