

***Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Parishes of St. George, Prince Albert,
All Saints, Nipawin, and Holy Spirit, Melfort***

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

PRINCE ALBERT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- June 21st 10:00am: Services for those who sit on the East side of the Church up to 30
- June 28th 10:00am: Typica Service for those who sit on the West Side of the Church up to 30
- June 28th 1:30pm: Typica Service in Nipawin
- July Schedule will be sent soon.

In addition, the following link will provide access to online services:

<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/liturgy-live-in-our-parishes-of-the-eparchy-of-saskatoon/>

Parish Donations

If you are able to continue your weekly or monthly donations to the parish, to help offset the costs it would be greatly appreciated! Please send your donation to:

St. George's Parish,
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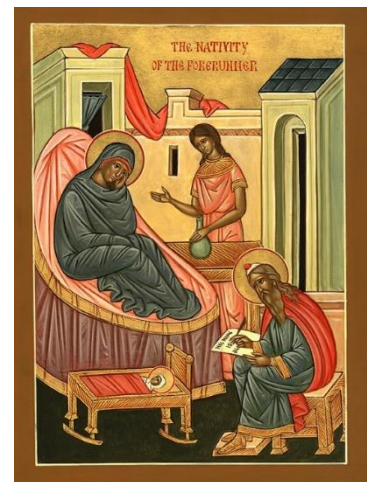
Church re-opening plans

Last week we offered a list of guidelines created in consultation with Bishop and the Chief Medical Officer. This is the protocol we will follow to ensure everyone's safety. Here is a brief summary of the protocol:

- If you are sick or been exposed to someone who is sick, please stay home. Bishop has provided a dispensation so no one should feel pressured to return. If you are unwell or feel the risk is too high, please stay home. There are ways to participate in worship by watching the services online and praying for spiritual communion.
- The safest way for us to operate is to ensure everyone follows:
 - hand hygiene (washing hands and using sanitizer often)
 - social distancing. This means that you may not be able to sit in your regular spot, but we must ensure everyone is safe and this comes from social distancing.
 - cover your cough or sneeze with your arm and avoid touching your face
 - at this time, we will not sing the services
- Avoid any frequently touched areas. Books are to be used then left in the pews. Candles are not to be lit. Holy water dispenser is not to be used. Church collections should be placed in a basket when you enter or leave.
- Bring a piece of paper with your name, phone number, and date you attended church service, in case of an outbreak, and drop it in the basket when arriving. If you forget, fill out the sheet of paper in the pews. These can be dropped in the basket on your way out.
- Washroom use should be minimized.
- For communion, please remember
 - Masks are recommended
 - Ensure you are six feet apart
 - Communion – the Body of Christ (not mingled with the precious blood) will be placed into the hand. Communion will occur at the end of the service.
- We are not to gather after church to socialize. Please exit using social distance guidelines.
- This protocol is in place to ensure we are as safe as we can be as we gather together to pray.

Feast day – June 24th – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

- The Nativity of the John the Baptist is listed in the first Chapter of Luke. Zachariah and Elizabeth (the parents of St. John the Baptist), lived in the ancient city of Hebron.
- They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren.
- One day, Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the angel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar. He predicted that they would have a son who would announce the Savior had come. Zachariah had doubts because of his old age and was struck speechless until the time of John's circumcision ceremony.
- Elizabeth became pregnant but kept is secret for five months because of her advanced age. We read in scripture



how Mary, the mother of Jesus, came to visit with Elizabeth and the 'child leaped in his mother's womb when the Mary arrived'.

- After the birth of John, Herod ordered that male babies under the age of two be killed. Elizabeth fled with John into the wilderness, while Zachariah was killed by the soldiers.
- John dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and baptizing people.

(accessed from: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2018/06/24/101800-nativity-of-the-holy-glorious-prophet-forerunner-and-baptist-joan>)

Feast Day – June 27^h –Twenty-Seven Blessed Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church (Beatified in 2001 by Pope John Paul II)

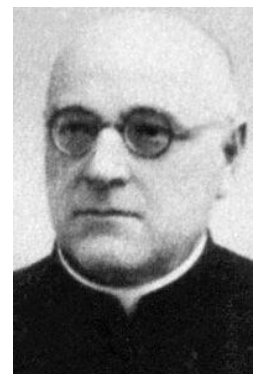
On June 27th we commemorat Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Their example of holiness and commitment to the faith in Jesus Christ can inspire us to grow in our own faith.

Here is a brief overveiw of two of the martyrs:

- **Sister Josaphata (Michaelina) Hordashevsk**a was born in Lviv on November 20, 1869. At the age of 18, she felt the call to consecrate her life to God.
- Together with two priests, she helped establish a new congregation, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.
- Today the Sisters Servants is the biggest female religious community in the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.



- **Father Mykola Konrad** was born on May 16, 1876 in the Ternopil District.
- After finishing his doctoral dissertation in theology, he returned to teach, and at the school he started the first Ukrainian association of Catholic students.
- Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky invited him to teach at the Lviv Theological Academy and he showed his great zeal when working to help the youth.
- Returning from visiting a sick woman, who had requested the sacrament of reconciliation, he was killed by the Russian secret police in 1941.



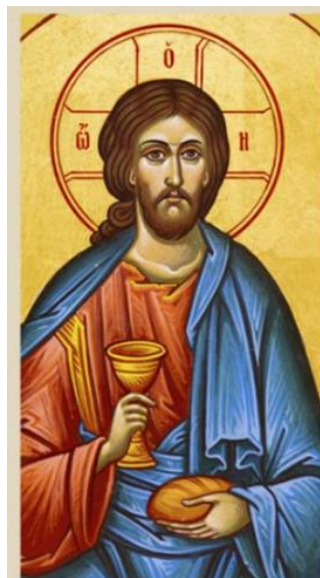
(accessed from: <https://royaldoors.net/2013/08/the-new-martyrs-of-the-ukrainian-greco-catholic-church/>)

Who are the Saints that our Catholic Schools are named after?

As a way to celebrate Catholic Education we will explore the question, “Who are the Saints that have a school named after them in our Catholic School Division?” A different school will be highlighted in the coming week. Remember as a Catholic community, these are our schools. Let’s celebrate them!

This Week: •**St. Anne**

- St. Anne is the mother of Mary and the grandmother of Jesus. When Anne and her husband Joachim prayed for a child, it seemed that God did not hear their prayers because many years passed and still no child. However, they kept praying.
- When it seemed that Anne was too old to have children, God answered their prayers and graced them with a child. They called their special child, Mary, a name which means “incense that rises up to God”. Mary became the most blessed of women as she was chosen to be the mother of the Messiah.
- St. Anne demonstrated to us that prayer, perseverance, and gratitude are very important in life. These values are important for École St. Anne School. St Anne’s feast day is July 26.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.

And some humour for this week

(Noah needed a lot of coffee to build the ark!)

