

MASK IS MANDATORY UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH AND DURING DIVINE LITURGY. THE BULLETINS CANNOT BE LEFT ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE HOME TO READ AND RECYCLE.



The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom Book is now available to parishioners attending Divine Liturgy service. The book is yours to take home. When you attend service, you are to bring the book with you. Please DO NOT leave the book in the church.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON SERVICES

As it was announced that effective June 8, 2020, places of worship may resume services provided social distancing of two metres can be maintained between each individual household. The allowable occupancy is one-third of the defined occupancy rate of the facility to a maximum of 30 individuals for the initial stage of re-opening. Following these guidelines, Bishop Bryan has written a pastoral letter with instructions for all churches in the Eparchy of Saskatoon. Please take a moment to read this IMPORTANT letter: [Updated COVID Instructions](#).

SUNDAY LITURGIES: If you wish to attend Liturgy on Sundays, please contact Rosanne Miller, 306-543-5773, to confirm your attendance **(preferably by Noon on Saturday)**. This is a reminder that this process must be followed for **EACH** Sunday. You can leave a message for Rosanne if she is not home, and she will confirm whether or not there is space for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES: **If you wish to attend weekday Liturgies, please register by calling Fr. Vasyl at 306-519-9030.**

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/> or on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/>

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!
Христу! Слава на віки!

Слава Ісусу

Please join us at 9:15 a.m. for the praying of the rosary followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FORE-FATHERS - Post-feast of Immaculate Conception

TROPAR (Tone 3): Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the first born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

TROPAR OF THE FOREFATHERS (Tone 2): O Christ, You have justified the forefathers by faith, thus forming through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints are glorified because the Virgin who bore You descends from them. O Christ God, through their prayers have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK OF THE FOREFATHERS (Tone 6): Armed with invisible power, you did not adore the idols made by human hands, O thrice-holy youths; strengthened by a power beyond words, you stood in the midst of a devouring fire and called upon God, saying, "Hasten, O merciful One, and speed to our help, for You are good and have power to do whatever you desire."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 3): You arose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim* the divine might of Your power.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (3:4-11)

Brothers and Sisters! When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner Scythian, slave, or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.

ALLELUIA VERSES: *Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel, among those who called upon his name.*

They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

GOSPEL: (Luke 14:16-24)

At that time the Lord said this parable: "A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, 'Come along, everything is ready now.' But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, 'I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse

me.' A third said, 'I am newly married and so I cannot come.' The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' The servant reported, after some time, 'Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.' The master then said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner. For many are called, but few are chosen.' "

INSTEAD OF 'It is truly right...': O my soul, extol the glorious conception of the Mother of God. You are an inexhaustible source of life, O Mother of God. You are a radiant lamp of grace, a temple of the Holy Spirit, an all-pure tent more spacious than the heavens and the earth. Therefore, we the faithful, praise you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SPECIAL NOTE: For those who are in church today, we will be reciting the regular prayer before communion.

For those who are watching via livestreaming, please recite the prayer below:

BYZANTINE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,
The Son of the living God, who came into the world
To save sinners of whom I am the first.

Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper,
O Son of God,
Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace
for the healing of my soul and body.

For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies,
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas,
But like the thief I profess to you:

- + Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this,
Which I would receive, and which is now
here present with us in Mystery,
Is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood.
*May I one day partake of your mystical supper again For the remission of all
my sins and for life everlasting. Amen*

- + O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- + O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
- + O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

With Ecclesiastical Approbation. Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

LITURGICAL SERVICES – LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE AND READINGS

LITURGIAL SCHEDULE December 14 – December 20, 2020

Monday, December 14 -The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius (249-51), Philemon, Apollonius and Callinicus (284-305); [Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19](#); [Luke 20:27-44](#).

No service scheduled – No catechism

PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS (preregistration)

Tuesday, December 15 -The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius; Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra (956); Our Holy Father Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh (8th century); [Hebrews 4:1-13](#); [Luke 21:12-19](#).

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 40 days memorial service for + Hazel Brigidear, requested by UCWLC – **Livestreaming (preregistration) PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS (preregistration)**

Wednesday, December 16 -The Holy Prophet Haggai (6th c. BC); [Hebrews 5:11-6:8](#); [Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24](#).

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the good health and God's blessings for Chris Bzdel – **Livestreaming (preregistration) PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS (preregistration)**

Thursday, December 17 -The Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths Ananiah (Ananias), Azariah (Azarias) and Mishael (Misael) (6th century BC); [Hebrews 7:1-6](#); [Luke 21:28-33](#).

PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS (preregistration)

Friday, December 18 - The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions; [Hebrews 7:18-25](#); [Luke 21:37-22:8](#).

9:30 a.m. – 1:00p.m. - Online Meeting for Congress of Catholics of Saskatchewan

PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS after 2:00 p.m. (preregistration)

Saturday, December 19 -Saturday before the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Martyr Boniface (230); [Galatians 3:8-12](#); [Luke 13:18-29](#).

PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS (preregistration)

Sunday, December 20 - Sunday before the Nativity of Christ – Sunday of the Holy Fathers, Tone 4; the Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110); [Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40](#); [Matthew 1:1-25](#).

8:30 a.m. – Pre-Christmas Confessions (preregistration)

9:15 a.m. – Rosary (preregistration) – livestreaming

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy for faithful (preregistration) – livestreaming

PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: Father Vasyl will be available during the week before Christmas for confessions by appointment. Please call Fr. Vasyl at 306-519-9030

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE: Once again the memorial tree will be set up in the front foyer. Christmas is a time to spend with loved ones, family and friends, and to remember those who are no longer with us in person but are with us in spirit. If you wish to donate, you may do so by placing your money and family names in the marked envelopes at the back of the church and then placed in the Sunday collection basket. Fr. Vasyl will have the Panakhyda for all those departed family and friends on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.. All funds received will be deposited into the St. Athanasius Building Fund.

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Len & Anna Markewich and family on the death of his sister, Pat Garvey, who passed away on December 5, 2020 in Canmore Alberta. Condolences are also expressed to the rest of the Markewich Family.
Вічна Пам'ять – Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!

Schedule of singers for upcoming Sundays - subject to change as needed. We will continue to adhere to having only two households at one time, each sharing a microphone, until the spread of Covid-19 is no longer a risk.

Dec. 13 (Today): Peter & Marion Federko; Len & Anna Markewich

Dec. 20: Phyllis Lukey; Alla Gof

Dec. 24: Peter & Marion Federko; Phyllis Lukey

Dec. 25: TBA



DONATIONS FOR PONSETTAS to decorate our church for Christmas are now being accepted. Please use either the specifically marked envelopes provided at the back of the church, e-transfers, or include with your regular donations and indicate **"Christmas flower donation"**.
Thank You!

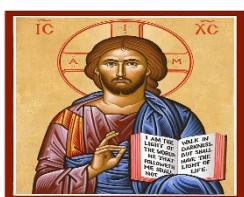


MONDAY NIGHT CATECHISM: A big thank you to the wonderful Monday Night Catechism students who did such a wonderful job on the Feast Day of St Nicholas, thanks to their parents who helped them practice, to our catechism teachers for all their support and to Peter Federko for helping the children with singing in St Nicholas. I hope you all enjoyed. Also thank you to all who donated to the bottle drive - thank you to those who saved their bottles for a whole year, to those who asked their families, their neighbours and their co-workers for their bottles and for the monetary donations - together we raised \$1,115.00 - what a wonderful church family we have! Baby Jesus House will be so grateful.

YEAR END IS FAST APPROACHING: If you wish to give a donation to the parish, all donations must be received in the parish office by **Sunday, December 27th**, in order to be included in the 2020 tax receipt. Any donations received after that date will be included with the 2021 receipt.

PRIEST's CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Tax receipts cannot be issued for the *monetary gifts* given to a priest. This is a "gift of love" with no service rendered. If you are using a cheque, the cheque must be made payable to Fr. Vasyl Tymishak.

2021 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES are available for pick up during scheduled Divine Liturgy services or during office hours, Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. Please phone 306-543-8008 during office hours to arrange for pick up of your donation envelopes. If there is an error or if you did not receive a set of envelopes, please contact the office. Also, we would appreciate if you could include your e-mail address and any changes to your current address on your first donation envelope.



2021 Julian and Gregorian Calendars are available at the parish. We have a limited amount of calendars therefore we encourage one calendar per family. If you know of someone who is in a care home or is not comfortable to attend church but would like a calendar, please do not hesitate to take a calendar for them.

DECEMBER GREETER SCHEDULE:	
December 20	Terry & Rosanne Miller
December 24	???
December 25	???
December 27	Mark & Karen Woitas

NOTICE: Our parish expenses continue, even though there are no large church services. Therefore, it would be very much appreciated if you could continue your support of the parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to stathandeposit@sasktel.net.

DECEMBER 6: 7 regular envelopes - \$545; 2 Building Fund envelopes - \$120; 1 Deacon Mykola envelope - \$25; 2 Christmas Flowers envelopes - \$35.

E-Sunday Collections & E-transfers: 4 Sunday donations - \$845; 1 Christmas Flowers donation - \$50; 1 Aid to Ukraine - \$75.

11 Pre authorized Giving Donations - \$1775.

THANK YOU to St. Basil's Manor for their church donation of \$1000.00
May God bless and take care of you all.

DECEMBER FOOD BANK ITEM: Baby Food

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: *Evangelisation – For a life of prayer.*
We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

THE MARIAN CENTRE wishes to thank all who have continued to support them and their lunch program this past year, especially during these Covid days. We have continued to serve bagged lunch meals at the door, including the baked goods, sandwich ingredients and other items which are donated or purchased with money given to us. We will (please God!) serve a Christmas meal 'to go' this Christmas Day. Requests for men's clothing are more limited this year, and are primarily for warm coats, winter foot wear and winter gloves. We are privileged to serve Christ, the Poor One, who comes to our door and we give thanks to many of you who by your prayers and support make this possible. Merry Christmas!

The University of Regina, through the Lifelong Learning Center, is offering an **Introductory Ukrainian Language** course on-line using Zoom. This course is for those who want to learn and speak basic Ukrainian, or improve existing knowledge of Ukrainian. Note that all LLC courses have no exams nor assignments.

The course will be offered on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 10:30am starting January 23rd, 2021 to March 20th, 2021.

Price: \$100.00 (Standard charge)

Ages: 14 and up

Gender: Coed

For more information on the Ukrainian Language course, or to register, go to ...

https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/uregina/Activity_Search/6664

For general information on the Lifelong Learning Center programs and courses, go to

<https://www.uregina.ca/cce/personal-enrichment/program-guide/index.html>



THE CONVERSATION - A Weekly ZOOM Conversation with the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Join us **every Thursday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm (CST) [7-9pm EST]**, with Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR, Ukrainian Catholic clergy

from across Canada, and a number of the faithful, as we gather on ZOOM Meeting to discuss many topics and field questions from people. Email ucconversation@gmail.com with your questions and receive the ZOOM Link. Watch Livestream on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stdemetrius/>



Thank you for your donations towards the Western Ukraine Relief Fund

On behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan thanks all those who contributed to the "Western Ukraine Relief Fund". **A cheque in the amount of \$16, 268.00** was sent to the CNEWA Canada **Office** in Ottawa to direct the donation to the aid of Western Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity! – Morris Smysnuik, Executive Director, UCFSASK.



Duet Maryna -- We are preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth!

In light of COVID-19 restrictions, church services, catechism classes, choir practices and concerts have been sadly impacted.

NEW, YouTube videos of many favourite carols displaying Christmas images with all lyrics posted for the faithful to enjoy in their homes, prepared by Duet Maryna.

We invite you to enjoy and share bilingual carols at home in COVID times with images and lyrics included. A new series of videos created to bring joy to your hearts and homes in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth! No songbooks required.

1. Колядка "Небо і Земля" зі словами. https://youtu.be/i0-AMe_Geal

2. "По Всьому Світу" зі словами. <https://youtu.be/x1aBbJug6OY>

3. "На Небі Зірка" <https://youtu.be/XtKcHNy0ml8>

4. "Ой Дивна, Дивна" <https://youtu.be/bmhvIBVzxoM>

More music available at <http://marykastreasures.com/>

Please help share the joy of Christmas carols this year! Music downloads and CDs at: <https://chablukfamily.bandcamp.com/>; Website: <http://marykastreasures.com/>



EPARCHY OF SASKATOON EPARCHIAL SAFEGUARDING POLICY: COVENANT OF CARE, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY & ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT POLICY

This *Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy* is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the harm that

results.

In the Pastoral Letter of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC on "Safeguarding from Various Incidents of Violence towards Children, Handicapped, and Vulnerable People" (Oct 14, 2019), Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk writes:

"With this synodal message, we affirm the desire of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church throughout the world to progress to the next stage of understanding, healing, and preventing all forms of violence against human dignity in the church environment and in the community at large, 'working not for the sake of appearances, to please men, but as Christ's servants, who fulfil the will of God from the heart.' (Eph. 6:6) [...] Let us make our parishes, monasteries, and seminaries places of shared responsibility and brotherhood, where bishops, priests, monastics, and lay people all grow together in faith, love, mercy, and service to one another. Let us follow the model of Jesus Christ, who 'did not come to be served but to serve and give his life for the redemption for many.' (Matthew 20:28) [...] Dear brothers and sisters! Remember that any form of violence directed against human dignity disrespects the image of God and His likeness that are present in every person (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8). But worse in the eyes of God is the sin of His servants, who violate their oaths and scandalize the hearts of those who trusted them. These evil deeds require lasting and patient healing that is not possible without God's grace, effective love, and mercy. Safeguarding from violence against children, minors and vulnerable persons, is the responsibility of every member of the Church – bishop, priest, consecrated person, layman and laywoman [...] Let our church communities be places where everyone, especially the most vulnerable, can fully feel their human dignity and feel protected."

In an effort to build and maintain church communities where every person feels safe and knows their full human dignity, we affirm the need for the people of God at every level of the Church to make it their responsibility to build these communities.

Part I: The **Covenant of Care** is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and responsible, healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the trauma that results. In implementing this **Covenant of Care** the Eparchy strives to provide proactive protection for: minors and vulnerable adults, and those who minister, including clergy, employees and church volunteers.

Part II: The **Electronic Communication and Technology Policy** is a guide to the safer utilization of technology and the communication opportunities it affords to bring the message of the gospel. Technology does not replace the need for person to person interaction but assists us in our ability to communicate. It is not without challenges. It is hoped that this Policy will help to mitigate those challenges to make our online environment safer. In this regard the Policy and Code of Conduct contained therein, must be adhered to by all who utilize this form of communication in ministry in positions of trust as defined in the Eparchial Safeguarding Policy Implementation Procedure.

Part III: The **Abuse and Misconduct Policy** is designed to ensure that allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. Together these three parts form the **Eparchial Safeguarding Policy**, the present version of which is dated October 1, 2020, provides authoritative directives for all who minister within and on behalf of the Eparchy. This current document revokes and supersedes any previous policies and procedures regarding these matters.

For training and re-certification or to speak to someone about a concern related to the **Eparchial Safeguarding**

Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology &

Abuse and Misconduct Policy, please contact: Deborah Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care

TeL.: 306-653-0138 ext. 228; Cell: 306-222-1475;

E-mail: covenantofcare@skeparchy.org



**QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT & RENEWAL
CENTRE PROGRAMMING INFORMATION
FOR CHURCH BULLETINS**

601 Taylor Street W, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0C9

Phone: 306-242-1916 • **Email:** receptionist@queenshouse.org • **Website:** www.queenshouse.org

**** For Sunday, December 13, 2020**

Summary:

QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT AND RENEWAL CENTRE welcomes you! Our programming combines in-person and online events using Zoom. Please visit our webpage for a list of all upcoming programs:

http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=439

9 Nourish Your Mind and Nurture Your Spirit at Queen's House!

For inquiries/additional information contact Sarah Donnelly, Programming Director: 306-242-1916 x226.

Additional information:

- **CENTERING PRAYER** – all are welcome to gather in-person at Queen's House or virtually on Zoom on **Monday evenings, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Fr. Paul Fachet, OMI will provide leadership and guidance for these gatherings, and additional insights regarding contemplation and centering prayer from the great teachers will be part of every evening. No fee – donations to Queen's House welcome. Register online to receive the Zoom invitation/let us know that you will be coming in person. This group does not meet on holiday Mondays – next gathering **Monday December 7**. Registration deadline: **December 14, 12pm**. Call 306-242-1916 for further information.
- **RESTART: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Support Group** - a drop-in group, meeting at Queen's House, following all physical distancing protocols. Facilitator: Madeline Oliver. Sharing and listening to the stories of people who are facing challenges similar to ours can be healing and encouraging.

This support group accepts people where they are at in their journey and accompanies them in a non-judgmental way. Themes discussed during these ten weeks will include: Self-Care, Life Balance, The Grief Cycle of Divorce, Moving Past Anger in Divorce, Establishing Healthy Boundaries, Avoiding Post-Divorce Depression, Overcoming Loneliness, Coping with Fear, The Gift of Forgiveness, Moving Forward.

Wednesday evenings, December 16;

January 6 - February 10, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5/session - maximum 8 participants per session. Registering with Madeline mandatory prior to each session: 306-361-9318;

pmolivebrach@gmail.com

- **WOMEN IN MINISTRY** - This invitation goes out to all women, lay and ordained, who are employed in professional ministry (parish/congregational, chaplaincy, diocesan, educational, retreat facilitation, spiritual direction), those who are retired from an employed ministry position, and those studying for professional ecclesial ministry. The main purpose for these lunches is to create an informal relational space where women working professionally in ministry can connect across denominational lines and form networks of friendship, communication, and support. No fee – donations to Queen’s House welcome. Zoom gathering on **Friday January 8, 12 – 1:00 p.m.** Registration deadline: **January 7.**
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BROTHERS’ KEEPERS BREAKFASTS** - Second Tuesday morning of each month beginning at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. **Tuesday**

January 12. Please note that men of all denominations are welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 / gathering. To check on availability of meals being served at this time of pandemic, call Brendan, 306-242-1916 x225.

- **WHO AM I? Discovering Yourself is Life’s Greatest Adventure - A Retreat for Women** with Lynn Gow. **Tuesday evenings, January 12, 19 & 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** repeated **Saturday mornings, January 16, 23 & 30, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.** offered on Zoom. ‘Who Am I?’ is a time to stop, reflect and look inside yourself with a new lens. In a time of significant change, knowing ourselves and our core values helps to focus us on where we need to spend our energy to become the people we were created to be. Cost: \$90/all sessions. A minimum of 9 participants are needed to offer these programs - registration deadline: **January 11.**
- **BEREAVED CAREGIVERS: LIVING THROUGH LOSS** with Brenda Gibbs. Six Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. A support group held at Queen’s House following all physical distancing protocols. Caregivers have often experienced years of anticipatory grief caused by the cumulative losses that occurs when a family is expecting a death. Now the vigil is over, and the final grief can be intense. No one grieves the same and there is no single recipe or formula to grief work. All that is needed is a commitment to do the work and grow in your grief. With grief in your heart, you will never be the same again; yet there is

hope in finding meaning and reinvesting in your future. Cost: \$120/6 sessions. A minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 participants are needed to offer this support group. Call Brenda prior to registering: 306-227-7323. Registration deadline: **January 18.**

- **THE STORY OF RUTH: TWELVE MOMENTS IN EVERY WOMAN'S LIFE - A CREATIVE STUDY FOR WOMEN** with Gisele Bauche. Offered on Zoom. Explore the book The Story of Ruth, written by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB. Through readings, self-reflection, sharing and creative expression we will seek to better understand the ancient story of Ruth, and how as women today we are still able to connect to this story. We will journey from Loss through Independence to Fulfillment - a spiritual coming home to our true self. Cost: \$90/6 sessions. A minimum of 10 and maximum of 12 participants are needed to offer this series. Registration deadline: **January 25.**
- **FROM YESTERDAY TO TOMORROW IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC** - Facilitators: Nancy Phillips and Julien Fradette. Offered on Zoom. The past months have required us to live differently. For some, the adjustment to this journey has been slight, for others monumental. In whatever way we have experienced this time, we are all called to find new ways of

living as we transition from yesterday to tomorrow. Using themes from the Paschal Mystery this retreat will provide an opportunity to reflect on the experience of yesterday's losses and its accompanying process of grieving. These insights will allow us to open space within ourselves to live tomorrow with a new richness in our daily lives. **Saturday January 30, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Cost: \$75. A minimum of 9 participants are needed to offer this program - registration deadline: **January 27.**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: If you are interested in having a mentor and companion to accompany you on your spiritual journey contact Sr. Adeline Behm: 306-242-1916 x228 / email spiritualdirection@queenshouse.org or visit our website http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=463 to see a list of our affiliated spiritual directors. In-person and online meetings are available.

Do You Need a Place to Stay or Meet in 2021?

Consider Queen's House! To inquire about booking space at Queen's House, contact our Bookings Coordinator: 306-242-1925 / email bookings@queenshouse.org. We are following all safety protocols as we re-open to the public. We miss you, and hope to see you so



**Catholic Missions
In Canada**

Appeal for Donations for Catholic Missions in Canada

Catholic Missions in Canada help our Eparchy by supporting our programs such as the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC) programs, Youth Camps, Youth Programs, Campus Ministry, as well as financial assistance for several of our parishes with some of their major projects. The collection for Catholic Missions in Canada through our Eparchy is usually done during the month of October, but with the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, this was not able to happen. Below is a letter to Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR from Rev. David Reilander, President of Catholic Missions in Canada, with an appeal for donations.

Dear Excellency,

As you unfortunately know, COVID-19 continues. I pray that you are safe and healthy. Our home missions are struggling, but I don't need to tell you that. I am concerned about the people in our missions, but also worried about our donors, as some have succumbed to the virus. The Lord bless them and let their good deeds go before them that they may see His face.

Fundraising for our missions is harder because of lockdowns and restrictions on gatherings for places of worship. We depend on Diocesan/Eparchial collections and my preaching in parishes and conventions, which isn't happening.

May I make a simple request? Only if it's possible, could you increase your donation by \$5 or \$10? My thinking is that our emergency needs must still be covered. If you can help, our bishops would appreciate it. But only if you can for these are hard times.

Yours in Christ,
(Rev.) David Reilander, President

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With prayers and blessings,

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SUNDAY OF HOLY FOREFATHERS



The Great Banquet

In today's Gospel lesson we hear our Lord tell a story of a man who was having a banquet to which many were invited to come. One by one, however, they began to make excuses. One purchased land and could not come; another acquired oxen and could not come; another was newly married and likewise asked to be excused. In response to the declined invitations, the master then sent his servant out to invite the poor, the blind, the lame, and the beggars. Those previously uninvited would now fill the banquet hall.

The Lord told this story to make a comparison between the great banquet and the Kingdom of God. Those who rejected Him and His message were like those who were offered a place in the banquet hall but refused the invitation. Their places would then be given to others who would not refuse the invitation because the love of the Lord cannot be contained and his Kingdom knows no bounds.

We, as Christians, might ask ourselves if we ever reject the Lord or refuse His invitations, or place other things before Him. Just as the purchase of land or oxen prevented the guests from attending the banquet, do our business concerns or pursuit of material goods sometimes prevent us from living as we ought, or from worshipping Him each Sunday? Likewise, do we use family obligations also as an excuse for placing worship of the Lord in a secondary place?

Let us recall that we live best when we live with God.

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