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**Sunday before Christmas
Genealogy of Christ**

Parish Administered by:
The Order of St. Basil the Great (Basilian Fathers)

**Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!
Glory Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**

Fr. Daniel Wach, OSBM	Pastor
Fr. Isidore Dziadyk, OSBM	Assistant Pastor
Fr. Zachary Shwaluk, OSBM	Assistant Pastor
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM	Provincial Superior

<position vacant> Parish Office

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday(9am-4pm)
(due to COVID-19 Pandemic: closed to the public)

Liturgical Regular Schedule:

Sundays: (livestreamed)	Weekdays: (livestreamed)
9:00am (Ukrainian)	7:00am
11:00am (English)	
7:00pm (English)	

Holy Days of Obligation & First Fridays of the Month

7:00am & 7:00pm (livestreamed)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment. Please call parish office to arrange.

Sacrament of Baptism & Chrismation (Confirmation)

by appointment with the Pastor

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (Marriage)

by appointment with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance

Sacrament of Holy Anointing (Sacrament of the Sick)

by appointment

Funerals

by appointment with the Pastor



Christ, the True Vine

Epistle: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **Gospel:** Mt. 1:1-25

We extend a **joyous welcome** to all our parishioners and guests that have come to join us via livestreaming in offering praise to God. Today, the Church is celebrating the *Sunday BEFORE Christmas*. *Due to measures taken by the Provincial Government of Manitoba to help curb spread the COVID-19 virus, religious gatherings have been suspended as part of Public Health Measures. Therefore, until further notice, all regularly scheduled services will be livestreamed, just as they were earlier in the spring.*

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PARISH COMMUNITY...

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS: DEC. 20-28 2020

Sunday, December 20 - Sunday before Christmas

9:00am +Nykola & +Natalka, +Nikola & +Maria

11:00am Parish & Parishioners

7:00pm 34th Wed. Ann.: Joan & Henry Lewandowski

Monday, December 21

6:55am +Walter Krawec

Tuesday, December 22

6:55am +Stella Suchynsky

Wednesday, December 23

6:55am Birthday Blessings: Rose Kozak

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:55am Blessings: OSBM Apostolate in Canada

8:30pm Parish & Parishioners

11:00pm Parish & Parishioners

Friday, December 25 - Natiivity of Our Lord (Christmas)

11:00am Parish & Parishioners

Saturday, December 26 - Synaxis of Mother of God

6:55am +Luis Manuel Canadas

10:00am Parish & Parishioners

Sunday, December 27 - Sunday after Christmas

9:00am Health & Blessings for Rose & Mary Zappia

11:00am Anniversary Blessings for UCWLC

7:00pm Parish & Parishioners

Monday, December 28

6:55am +Nicholas & +Stella Suchynsky

SANCTUARY VIGIL LAMP

The Parish is accepting your intentions for The Sanctuary Vigil Lamp. The lamp will be lit Sunday morning and remain for the entire week, and your intention will be printed in Sunday's bulletin. Suggested donation: \$20. Please call the parish office to make such arrangements.

PARISH OFFICE- CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Due to the recent elevation of the Winnipeg-area to the Code Red Pandemic Response, the **Parish Office will be closed to the general public until further notice**. Office hours will remain the same (9am-4pm M-F), during which time the phones and emails to the parish office will be answered, and deliveries accepted. You may also mail correspondence to the parish office, or drop it in the mailbox and ring the doorbell to signal so. The priests remain available for emergency calls (COVID restrictions permitting)

PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to the family and friends of **+PETER KWASNY** who entered eternal rest with the Lord this week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. The funeral liturgy will be livestreamed on the SNC YouTube channel, or at this link: <https://youtu.be/3GLCEMyTB6Q> 7pm Monday. May God grant him Eternal Rest! Вічна Пам'ять!

LIVESTREAMED LITURGICAL SERVICES @ SNC

YouTube Channel: SNC - Winnipeg

(direct link on parish website)

SANCTUARY VIGIL LAMP INTENTION

In memory of +Merlyn Onyschuk, requested by Connie.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT - SNC DONATIONS

Don't forget, SNC offers the Automatic Debit Program for Sunday Donations- A simple, safe and easy way to support your parish! Please contact the parish office for more info.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Envelopes : \$ 7,225 Loose: \$0

Automatic Debit Program: \$ 235

PRAYERS @ SNC

Feel free to submit to the Parish Office the name of anyone who is ill and in need of our prayers. **Please remember in your prayers those in care homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community:** Olive Yaremko, Nellie Manchur, Debbie Yaremko, Debra Procopchuk, Sukaylo Family, Vera Horechko, Peter Melnyk, Geraldine Kwasny, Mildred Kucher, Jan Karchut & Kathy Iskat.

PARISH RAFFLE 2020 - NOTICE OF CHANGE IN DATE

Due to the interruptions that the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused in the Province, with the Approval of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Commission, the date of the Raffle Draw has been **POSTPONED until January 31, 2021 at 6:00pm also via Livestream**. All other details remain the same. A huge thank you to all parishioners that have purchased or sold Raffle tickets and have returned them to the office. To date, **320 books have been sold and returned** to the parish office. Sold Raffle Tickets may still be mailed to the Parish Office, or dropped off in the mailbox (please ring the doorbell to signal that you placed them in the box). Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS LETTER, CALENDARS, DONATION BOXES

This year, a package containing the Parish Christmas Letter, 2021 Liturgical Calendar, and Donation Envelopes is currently being delivered to registered parishioners during this upcoming week. PLEASE DO NOT stop into the parish office to pick yours up as they may be out for delivery. Concerning Christmas Services: as the Provincial Health Measures extended the closure of in-person church services at least until January 8, 2021, ALL Liturgical Services at St. Nick's will continue to be livestreamed. In order to keep things as normal as possible, the Christmas schedule will be similar to past years.

2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Attention Parishioners, the 2021 Christmas Schedule has been posted on the parish's webpage. The schedule remains the same as in previous years, with the exception of all services being livestreamed.

2020 DONATIONS

Attention Parishioners, in order to receive credit on your 2020 Income Tax Receipt issued by the Parish, please have your donations in **on or prior to Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2020**. The receipts **will be mailed out in early 2021**. We thank you for your generosity, especially during these uncertain times.

EXCITING PARISH NEWS...

There will be a new pastor coming to St. Nicholas- **Fr. Daniel Wach, OSBM**. Some of you may remember him in this parish in the 1980's. He is planning to arrive sometime next week. Concerning myself, I have been appointed Assistant Pastor of St. Nicholas, and along with Fr. Isidore and Fr. Provincial Gabriel, will continue to contribute to the pastoral work in the parish. I'm still in Winnipeg, and this reassignment of role and responsibilities will allow my time and efforts to be more directed in other aspects of the Basilian Apostolate in Canada. Fr. Daniel brings many talents, one of which lies in organizing successful catechetical programmes. Another change in pastoral assignments is that **Fr. Emilian Nychak, OSBM**, has been assigned as Parish Priest of the Lamont District Parishes, and will be leaving Winnipeg for Mundare, Alberta, in the near future. It has been wonderful working with you all over the past 8 years (almost 9) as Pastor of St. Nick's and I trust that you will continue to work in the same way with Fr. Daniel as he assumes responsibility for this parish. I am fully committed the transition in parish leadership, and will provide support and effort to make the transfer happen as smooth as possible. - Fr. Zachary.

K OF C - ICCD DRAW TICKETS

The early bird draw scheduled for Sat. Jan. 23, 2021 has been cancelled due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. It is still important for members, who have not returned their sold books to do so **before Jan. 15, 2021** to the Parish Office, M-F (9 to 4).

CAMP ST BASIL - CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Celebrate Christmas together with Camp St. Basil through ZOOM with games, crats, and religion lessons based on our holiday theme: the Christmas story! When: December 28-31 10:00am - 11:15am MST Ages 7-14 - Free of Charge!

On December 27 @ 5pm MST, there will be an online family night- a chance to play games, meet your fellow campers and families. For more information and/or to register (by December 21) go to <https://tinyurl.com/campstbasil>

PRAYER DURING TIMES OF COVID 19 PANDEMIC

(To say this prayer after the Ambo prayer, aloud)

Priest: Bowing our heads and bending our knees, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. For yours is the Kingdom and Power and Glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION & CONTACTS...

PARISH CONTACT INFO

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Pres.: Doreen Procopchuk/204.582.2187/dprocopchuk@shaw.ca

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Grand Knight: George Ehr / 204.955.8480 / gpehr@shaw.ca

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Pres.: Helen Goshlak / 204.582.6298 /

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Pres.: Willie Korchynski / 204.338.1861 / dwillie@shaw.ca

Perogy Crew

Organizer: Theresa Antoniuk / 204.586.7985 /

Young Adults of SNC (YA)

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Chrismation - for infants and adults; by arrangement in advance with the Pastor. For infants- the parents of the child to be baptized must personally meet with the Pastor on Sunday after one of the Divine Liturgies prior to making arrangements with the Parish Office.

Holy Matrimony (Marriage) - please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months in advance. All couples are required to attend the Marriage Preparation Program held usually during the Lenten season and are expected to be active members of the church community.

Anointing of the Sick - for healing and recovery, in all cases of surgery and grave illness (spiritual or physical), please call the Parish Office at 204.582.6695. **For emergencies** outside of Parish Office Hours, please press 3 when prompted by the phone.