



**Dormition of the Mother of God  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Українська Католицька Церква  
Успення Пресвятої Богородиці**



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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** - December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D

**THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit.**

**VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



In the Gospel today, we heard an account of the healing of a woman who had been disabled, that is bent over and unable to stand erect, for 18 years. This healing illustrates for us the salvation that God has come to give to us. Just as this woman suffered and was crippled by a twisted and bent body, so also we are all crippled by a twisted and bent soul. The burden of our sins has weighed us down and though we may desire to reach up to God, it is not possible because our soul is bent so severely.

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This woman had no ability to straighten herself or even to look up at another person, but Jesus seeing her condition came to her and spoke to her, raised her up by his word and blessed her with the laying on of His hands. He is the good shepherd who seeks out the lost sheep and when He sees one of His lambs caught in the trap of his sins, half dead and injured by the thorns of sin, He does not wait for the lamb to cry out for help, but makes the first move to come and free His lamb.

In this case, He spoke to the woman first, saying to her "Woman!" He did not say "Cripple" or "Sinner", but rather "Woman". With these words He reminds her that she is not merely some animal or some useless cast off, but she is a unique creation – a creation in the image of God. She is called not to look constantly at the dirt and dust of the world, but to look up to the heavens to search out the face of God. She is called not to be an outcast but rather to live in union and communion with God. This is the same thing that our Lord offers to us. He does not come in wrath to punish us, but He comes as a loving and compassionate shepherd to rescue us from our crippled state.

**"...Open the doors of your hearts and your homes to Christ, allow His Holy Spirit to transform you, purify and strengthen you in God's love!" - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk "The Vibrant Parish"**

**"...Відчиніть двері своїх душ і домівок Христові, дозвольте Його Святому Духові вас перемінити, очистити і скріпити Божою любов'ю!" - Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука "Жива Парафія"**

**Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever! Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky! Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку! Christ is among us! – He is and will be!**



## Liturgical Propers in English language:

**Tone 2**, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 91-93

**Epistle:** A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians: (Eph. 6:10-17)



Brothers and Sisters, draw your strength from the Lord and his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. Our battle is not against human forces but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in regions above. You must put on the armor of God if you are to resist on the evil day; do all that your duty requires, and hold your ground. Stand fast, with the truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and zeal to propagate the gospel of peace as your footgear. In all circumstances hold faith up before you as your shield; it will help you extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, the word of God.

**Gospel:** (Luke 13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. There was a woman there who for eighteen years had been possessed by a spirit which drained her strength. She was badly stooped – quite incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said, "Woman, you are free of your infirmity." He laid his hand on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began thanking God. The chief of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus should have healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, "There are six days for working. Come on those days to be cured, not on the Sabbath." The Lord said in reply, "O you hypocrites! Which of you does not let his ox or ass out of the stall on the Sabbath to water it? Should not this daughter of Abraham here who has been in the bondage of Satan for eighteen years have been released from her shackles on the Sabbath?" At these words, his opponents were covered with confusion; meanwhile, everyone else rejoiced at the marvels Jesus was accomplishing.

• **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:** You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. **If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.**



## Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

**Глас 2**, текст з книги "*Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого*"; ст. 90-92

**Апостол:** До Ефесян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Еф. 6, 10-17)

Браття і Сестри, кріпиться в Господі та в могутності Його сили. Одягніться в повну зброю Божу, щоб ви могли дати відсіч хитроцям диявольським. Нам бо треба боротися не проти тіла і крові, але проти начал, проти влади, проти правителів цього світу темряви, проти духів злоби в піднебесних просторах. Тому візьміть повну зброю Божу, щоб за лихої години ви могли дати опір і, перемагаючи все, міцно встоятися. Стійте, отже, підперезавши бедра ваші правдою, вдягнувшись у броню справедливості, і взувши ноги в готовість проповідання Євангелія миру. А над усе візьміть щит віри, яким зможете згасити всі розпалені стріли лукавого. Візьміть також шолом спасіння, тобто слово Боже.

**Євангеліє:** (Лк. 13, 10-17)

В той час навчав Ісус в одній з синагог у суботу. І ось була жінка, що мала духа недуги вісімнадцять літ, була скорчена, і не могла ніяк випростуватися. Побачивши її Ісус, покликав і сказав: Жінко, ти звільнена від недуги твоєї. І поклав на неї руки; і зараз випростувалася і славилла Бога. Озвася ж старшина збору, нагадуючи, що в суботу зцілив її Ісус, і сказав до народу: Є шість днів, в які годиться працювати, у ці, отже, приходьте зцілятися, а не в день суботній. Відповів же йому Господь і мовив: Лицеміре, чи ж не відв'язує кожен з вас в суботу свого вола чи осла від ясел і не веде напувати? А цю дочку Авраамову, що її зв'язав сатана ось уже вісімнадцять літ, чи не годилося, щоб визволилася вона від узів цих у день суботній? І як Він це говорив, стидалися усі противники Його, а всі люди радувалися всім славним, що діялося через Нього.

**Our Eparch, Bishop Ken** is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. **For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**



### Молитва Живої Парафії:

Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твою присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твою мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твою спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих дїл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амін.



### THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

..... to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for many people thoughtfully care and help our parish, attend services during the week, share time and work at the parish projects, look after and graciously support our Christian, Catholic parish community, attending Saint Philip's Fast (Advent) Missions, every person who organized and attended work bees, shared, helped to advertise and generously supported our parish annual Christmas Ukrainian Food Sale! May the

**Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!"** (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Dominic Verhelst (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Kevin Hillman (Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Olga Bohun (Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>), and to all who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



### NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY!**

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFE AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!**

- **Special Petitions:** We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.
- We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Mark F., Mike B., Lucy D., Edward H., Janet F., Alex R., Kathleen B., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward E., Lily-Ann S., Mary D., Pauline P., Ray S., Cameron V., Rose O., Keyton A., Ric B., Shirley C., Peter D., Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Yvette U., Ann W., Rose F., Victoria H., Orest Kociuba, Kalyna Kociuba, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, all members of our parish and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, those

seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them.

Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation.



- **Annual Celebration of Saint Nicholas Day** will take place at our parish after the Divine Liturgy today, on **Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D.**
- **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* (Mt. 19:14) We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of children again! Thank you, parents, volunteers and all our parishioners!

- **A SPECIAL REQUEST:** After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. As well, please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much!

- **On behalf of our church family,** assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to the Gulevich's Family, their relatives and friends! May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mr. Walter Gulevich's soul in the place where all of the saints abide and may his memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'!

- **Decoration of our church for Christmas celebrations** will be done on Friday – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. at 6:00 PM. Anyone willing to help decorate our spiritual home is "Most Welcome."

- **Please subscribe for daily Scripture reading and reflection from Royal Doors.** Let this be what you will carry around in your heart, and what will affect the direction of your will for every single day.

To SUBSCRIBE, please, follow this web-link:

<http://royaldoors.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e5557572a0ecfe78c2f1662dc&id=9e8beec226>



- **Please, donate toward purchase Christmas Flowers to decorate our church for Nativity of ICXP!** Special collections have been organized on Sundays of Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

- **Since 2012 our Eparchy has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal.** Our fundraising program is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. We have had great momentum over the last few years raising over \$20,000 with support from our BC Parishes as well as Parishes in other Provinces and parts of the United States.

**The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during our Christmas season with a voluntary donation.** Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle, with your name and address and include it with the Sunday collection at any Ukrainian Catholic Church in BC. All donations over \$20 are eligible to receive a tax receipt if requested and cheques can be made out to your Parish with Christmas Candle Project in the Memo.

We thank you for your past support and generosity and ask that you again consider supporting this ongoing appeal as part of your Christmas tradition. Caritas is an organization that is supported and approved by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and His Excellency Bishop Ken Nowakowski. 100% of the proceeds go to Caritas Ukraine.

For more information, please contact the coordinators Dana Koren Lupynis or Natalia Lupynis at [nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com](mailto:nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com)

- **Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed** – please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. If you can help out, please, let us know. Your help is truly appreciated!
- **Glasses Prescription Box for Ukraine** is placed and located at the left side by the entrance to the parish hall. Please, feel free to participate in and support this important project.
- **FAITHFUL GIVING** ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca) and attend the Divine Liturgy. Please, remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your “make-up” donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive and generous! **“Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!”** (*Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*)



- **BOX FOR USED CHURCH BULLETINS** – since our Sunday bulletins contain Sacred Scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins at the church entrance.
- **‘KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS’** - as part of our parish fundraiser these special magnets are available for purchase at a donation of \$ 5.00. By placing on our cars, a magnet KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS, prepared by the Knights of Columbus, we evangelize silently and verbally through this wonderful symbol. In addition, by purchasing this magnet we also support our parish, since all money collected in our parish for these magnets are donated by the Knights of Columbus to our parish.

### 2017-2018 CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES

**24 December (Sunday) – CHRISTMAS EVE / НАВЕЧІР’Я РІЗДВА (New, Gregorian Calendar)**

4:00 PM – Great Compline Service followed by the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great,  
Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil (**Service in Penticton, BC**)

9:00 PM – Great Compline Service followed by the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great,  
Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)

**25 December (Monday) – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ**

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil

**26 December (Tuesday) – Synaxis of the BVM / Собор Богородиці**

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

**27 December (Wednesday) – First Martyr Stephen / Первомученика Стефана**

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

**31 December (Sunday) – New Year’s Eve**

4:30 PM – Moleben: Thanksgiving for God’s blessings and graces received in 2017  
**Blessed and Happy New 2018 Year!**

**1 January (Monday) – The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ;  
Saint Basil the Great; New Year’s Day**

11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

**5 January (Friday) – THEOPHANY/EPIPHANY EVE / НАВЕЧІР’Я БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ**

5:00 PM – Great Blessing of Water followed by

Theophany/Epiphany Eve Supper/Shchedryi Vecheer and Caroling  
(Theophany dinner attending sign up list will be available at the church hall.)



**6 January (Saturday) – FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY / БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ (ЙОРДАН)**10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil. (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)

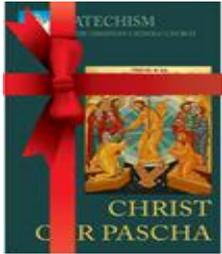
4:00 PM – The Divine Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of Water and

Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil (**Service in Penticton, BC**)**7 January (Sunday) – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ (Old, Julian Calendar)**11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (*in Ukrainian language*);Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil. (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)(Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations schedule sign up list to arrange the actual date between January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 will be available at the entrance to the church and at the church hall.)

- **Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank.** A special box is located at the entrance to the church.

***Ideas to help to prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ***

- Clean house together in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.
- Sing a well-known song together that speaks of the coming of the Messiah.
- Make an ornament for your family Christmas tree.
- Offer a prayer of thanks for someone who went out of their way to make your day better.
- Look at everything your family does to prepare for Christmas and how you can all share these tasks.
- As a family, go without snacks or even a meal. Contribute the money saved to a local soup kitchen or food pantry.
- Bake and decorate Christmas cookies as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.
- Donate a package of heavy-weight socks to your local homeless shelter.
- Locate Israel and Bethlehem on a globe or world map. Pray for peace in the land and continent of Jesus' birth.

***Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas! The Real Reason for the Season!***

**CHRISTMAS GIFT - CATECHISM** *Christ—Our Pascha*. If you haven't decided with your Christmas presents, we have solution for you. Only for \$25 you can buy a perfect Christmas gift for your friends and relatives. It will help them to better understand you and your faith, and why you belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. It will reveal them the hidden pearls of our Kyivan—Christian traditions.

- **Ukrainian Catholic Church interactive map:** as Christmas season is approaching some of you will be travelling and visiting your friends and families not only in Canada. So, we want to ensure that you can find a Ukrainian Catholic parish in different parts of the world. Please check out this interactive map of our parishes throughout the world where you can find parish near you: <http://map.ugcc.ua/>



**BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others!

**Rachel's Corner:** *"However softly we speak, God is so close to us that he can hear us; nor do we need wings to go in search of him, but merely to seek solitude and contemplate him within ourselves, without being surprised to find such a good Guest there."* - St. John of the Cross-feast day, December 14



After your abortion, did you feel that you had no longer had a voice to express what you were feeling? Did you wish you had a safe and confidential place, in which you could share what you were feeling and not feel judged? No matter how softly you speak now, God is there and He cares. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat, regain your voice and discover how very close He has been all along.

**Healing after Abortion Ministry** [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com) **250-762-2273** for information and registration visit: <http://rachelsvineyardkelowna.com/> [www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com) Facebook: **Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna** Confidentiality assured. **Healing the pain of abortion ... one weekend at a time.**

## Pope Francis' prayer intention for December: 'For the elderly'



Pope Francis on Monday released a video message accompanying his prayer intention for the month of December, which this month is "For the elderly."

"Let us keep in mind our elders, so that sustained by families and institutions, may with their wisdom and experience collaborate in the education of new generations."

It has become the custom of Pope Francis to release a video message detailing his new prayer intention each month.

The monthly videos are promoted by the "Worldwide Prayer Network of the Apostleship of Prayer," an organization dedicated to spreading the Pope's prayer intentions concerning the challenges facing humanity.

*Watch the video here:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bASXuaq6yug>

*The full text of the message is below:* 12 DECEMBER 2017 – For the elderly

*'A people that does not take care of grandparents, that does not treat them well has no future.*

*The elderly have wisdom. They are entrusted with a great responsibility: to transmit their life experience, their family history, the*

*history of a community, of a people.*

*Let us keep in mind our elders, so that sustained by families and institutions, may with their wisdom and experience collaborate in the education of new generations.'*

The Pope's [Worldwide Prayer Network of the Apostleship of Prayer](#) developed "The Pope Video" initiative to assist in the worldwide dissemination of monthly intentions of the Holy Father in relation to the challenges facing humanity.

Source: [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/12/04/pope\\_francis\\_prayer\\_intention\\_for\\_december/1352744](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/12/04/pope_francis_prayer_intention_for_december/1352744)



### **Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during week:**

Mon., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, **The Sacrament of Reconciliation starting at 6:30 pm at Saint Charles Garnier Roman Catholic Church**

Tue., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings and improvement of difficult situation for Mira at her work place** (requested by Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Mira Dabrowski)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation starting at 10:30 am at Saint Joseph's Catholic School**

Wed., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **In thanksgiving to God for all blessings and graces for the Matsychko's Family** (requested by Vitaliy, Mrs. Maria and Mr. Yuriy Matsychko)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation starting at 6:30 pm at Saint Edward's Roman Catholic Church**

Thurs., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for repose of the soul of Lucy Salyn** (requested by Mrs. Beverly Strom (Wolchuk)).

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation starting at 6:30 pm at Saint Pius X<sup>th</sup> Roman Catholic Church**

Fri., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for repose of the soul of Dorothy Corera**

Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (Service in Penticton, BC)

Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (in English.)

– 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (in Ukrainian.)

\* Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.



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