

Rosburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rosburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Sandy Lake,
Mountain Road, Olha, Dolyny, Angusville, Lakedale,
Ruthenia, Rosburn Farms, Seech & Birtle*

January 2023 Parish Bulletin

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN RIVER JORDAN!

As I greet each and everyone of you this Nativity season, I would like to wish all of you the warmest of blessings during the darkest and coldest parts of the year.

Our Lord comes at this time to bring light to the world and then to sanctify all the waters by his presence! May all parishioners experience the Light this Nativity and Theophany season and may we all be sanctified as we partake of the holy waters of the Jordan River!

This past year we saw the urgency of the pandemic slowly fade away. While we started to face different health problems in the fall, we look forward to 2023 being a year of revival and new life in our parish district. And of course we all play an integral role in this. I pray that we all be renewed in our baptismal call to go forth and preach the Word of God to all nations!



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Catechesis Corner

Our next series in Catechesis Corner will be focusing on the Divine Liturgy and what it all means through the various elements of the service. These reflections are taken from the book titled, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" by a Monk of the Eastern Church. Our hope is that we grow in our understanding and appreciation of the Divine Liturgy and that these reflections will help us to pray better.

The Creed: Do You Truly Believe?

This moment is marked by the reading of the Confession of Christian faith as it was established by the Councils of Nicea and Constantinople.

The Confession begins with the words, "I believe." What does it mean to believe? It does not mean a purely intellectual assent given to certain doctrines. Belief requires an authentic act of faith, accomplished under the influence of divine grace, concerning revealed truths which are inaccessible to reason alone and which we express in an inner attitude of total trust and obedience. One can very well hold "correct beliefs," yet be lacking in this inner attitude which constitutes saving faith.

What in fact do we believe? We repeat the "articles of faith" and the ancient formulas of the fourth century, and from these sources we can still draw new spiritual strength. It is necessary, however, that our belief in each of these articles, far from being a dry list of abstract notions, be rather an expression of the soul's longing for and movement towards God.

We believe in God as Creator. We glorify His purposes for the created world, for every element of the universe, and for the future restoration in Christ of a world which the Fall of humanity has plunged into a state of captivity. But we attribute to God none of this world, evils against which He struggles with us, evils which are due to the rebellion of a power that has become a power of darkness.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the unique and eternal Son of the Father, who is of the same nature as the Father. In Him and by Him we seek to become adoptive children of the Father. We strive to adore and to love Him not only in His divine nature, but also in the human nature which He assumed from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. We want to become participants in the Redemption achieved upon the Cross, and in the Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We look forward with ardent desire to His glorious Second Coming and to His eternal reign.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father. We seek illumination in the written and oral revelation which He inspired, and in His active presence which is with us forever.

We believe in the universal Church that rests upon the holy Apostles. We unite ourselves to all its members, living and dead: not only to its visible members, but to its invisible ones as well. For there are souls of good will who, without overt faith in Christ, nevertheless implicitly ask from and receive from Him every quality within themselves that is true, good and beautiful, and are secretly baptized by Him.



Vibrant Parish

We wish to remind everyone that starting January 1, 2023 the new schedule changes will take effect. As these changes occur it is more important than ever to support all parishes in our district through your attendance. We are one Body of Christ, one single Church. If your local parish does not have a service one week, we encourage you to visit the closest parish that will be having a service. You are also always welcome to visit our brothers and sisters in the liturgical west, the Roman Catholic parishes. Roman Catholic services in the following towns are as follows: Russell: 9am, Rossburn: 11am, Shoal Lake: 12pm.

The following schedule will take effect **January 1, 2023**

- 1st Sunday of the month:** 9am - Shoal Lake
11:30am - Rossburn
- 2nd Sunday of the month:** 9am - Oakburn
11:30am - Russell
- 3rd Sunday of the month:** 9am - Rossburn
11:30am - Shoal Lake
- 4th Sunday of the month:** 9am - Russell
11:30am - Oakburn
- 5th Sunday of the month:** will alternate between 1st & 2nd Sunday schedule.

2nd Saturday of the month: Mountain Road; **4th Saturday of the month:** Sandy Lake
Both Saturdays will be at 10:30am



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Mary's Angels Update: Thank you to all those who purchased an angel ornament during the month of December. Nearly all the angels sold. Over half of the money raised will go directly to the Marian Hour on CKJS 810AM. These funds are used to keep the rosary that is said daily at 10:30pm on the airwaves throughout Manitoba!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>1 <i>Basil the Great; Sunday before Theophany</i></p> <p>9:00am - Shoal Lake 11:30am - Rosburn with fellowship</p>	2	3	4 Rosburn 10:30
<p>8 <i>Sunday after Theophany</i></p> <p>9:00am - Oakburn 11:30am - Russell with fellowship</p>	9	10 Shoal Lake PCH 10:00am +Melvin Woychyshyn by Tony Woychyshyn	11 Divine 10:00 +Alice Hru Nellie I
<p>15</p> <p>9:00am - Rosburn 11:30am - Shoal Lake with AGM</p>	16	17 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Alice Hrubeniuk by Walter & Adele	18 Divine 10:00 50th Anniversa Helen & Lesli by Joan
<p>22 <i>Zacchaeus Sunday</i></p> <p>9:00am - Russell 11:30am - Oakburn with AGM</p>	23	24	25 Russell 10:00
<p>29 <i>Publican & Pharisee</i></p> <p>9:00am - Rosburn 11:30am - Shoal Lake with fellowship</p>	30 Three Holy Hierarchs Divine Liturgy 10:00am	31	M January 5/6: F January (

January 2023

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Oakburn PCH 10:00am</p>	<p>5 <i>Eve of Theophany</i> Royal Hours (Rosssburn) 9:00am Vespers, Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing (Rosssburn) 6:00pm</p>	<p>6 <i>Theophany of our Lord</i> Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing (Oakburn) - 10:00am Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing (Russell) - 6:00pm</p>	<p>7 <i>Saturday after Theophany</i> Feast of the Nativity Divine Liturgy (Olha) 10:30am</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy 10:00am by Melvyn Woychyshyn & Nychuk</p>	<p>12 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Melvin Woychyshyn by Kaskiw, Parr & Sabourin Families</p>	<p>13 Divine Liturgy 10:00am Health of Marion Antoniuk by family</p>	<p>14 10:30am - Mountain Road</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy 10:00am Blessings for the Lewandoski & Henry</p>	<p>19 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Chris Stebeleski by Diane Huselak</p>	<p>20 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Jean Moroz by Patti Ewashko & family</p>	<p>21 Blessing of Waters at Sandy Lake 1:00pm</p>
<p>Oakburn PCH 10:00am</p>	<p>26 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Melvin Woychyshyn by Olga Woychyshyn</p>	<p>27 Divine Liturgy 10:00am 50th Anniversary Blessings for Lucille & Raymond Lewandoski by Joan & Henry</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>MAJOR FEASTS THIS MONTH: Jan 5: Feast of Theophany (holy day of obligation) Jan 30: Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs (attendance highly encouraged)</p>		<p>FASTING DAYS THIS MONTH: January 5: strict day of fasting (meat & dairy) January 13, 20, 27: regular day of fasting (meat) CONFESSIONS: Jan. 27 4-7pm in Oakburn</p>	

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of January

January 2 - 6

Icon of Our Lord

For Sacred Heart Parish Council

Icon of the Theotokos

For Assumption of the BVM Parish Council

January 9 - 13

Icon of Our Lord

For Holy Eucharist Parish Council

Icon of the Theotokos

For St. Josaphat Parish Council

January 16 - 20

Icon of Our Lord

For Holy Ghost Parish Council

Icon of the Theotokos

For Protection of the BVM Parish Council

January 23 - 27

Icon of Our Lord

For All-Parish Executive

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

CONFESSIONS will be held in Oakburn on Friday, January 27. Fr. Jay is also always available for confession and is just a phone call away. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.

To book with Fr. Jay all you need to do is to give him a call, send him a text or an email and book a time. Fr. Jay will meet you at any parish for confession.



On behalf of the entire Rosscburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District and neighbouring Neepawa District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last month.

Anne Shust (Rosscburn) - December 1

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

Eternal Memory - Вічна Пам'ять!

Upcoming Events

Please take note of the following events happening throughout the District and be sure to attend if possible!

January 1 - Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord & Feast of St. Basil the Great Come and celebrate these two important feast days in Shoal Lake or Rossburn. Join us in Rossburn after the 11:30am Divine Liturgy for some New Years fellowship!

January 5/6 - Feast of Theophany Join us as we celebrate the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. On this feast we traditionally bless water for us to drink and of course bless our homes with. This feast day is a *holy day of obligation* which means we should do our very best to be in attendance for one of the services celebrated over these two days.

January 7 - Feast of the Nativity (Old Calendar) Come celebrate Christmas...again! This time on the old calendar with our parishioners in the historic Olha parish.

January 8 - Sunday Fellowship Join us in Russell after the 11:30am Divine Liturgy for fellowship in the basement! All are welcome!

January 15 - Shoal Lake AGM All parishioners in Shoal Lake are encouraged to come and attend our parish AGM following the 11:30am Divine Liturgy.

January 22 - Oakburn AGM All parishioners in Oakburn are encouraged to attend our parish AGM following the 11:30am Divine Liturgy at the Pioneer Club.

January 2023 - House Blessings Sign-up coming soon!

February 2023 - Trivia Night! Watch for more information coming soon!

World Youth Day Update: I concluded my 60km of walking in the month of November. With a day to spare, I reached 60.01km! I would like to sincerely thank all those who have contributed financially to my fundraising efforts. Donations are always welcome. Simply direct them to Sacred Heart Parish in Rossburn with the memo WYD 2023. I will be hosting a few more events in 2023 to continue to offset the expenses in attending this world pilgrimage.

Of course, prayers are also an incredible way to support me on this journey!



Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local personal care homes:

Rossburn PCH: Bill Kalyniak

Russell PCH: Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa, Bill Kalyniak

Shoal Lake PCH: Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Tony Woychyshyn



Over the last number of months communities within our Pastoral District have been welcoming families from Ukraine as they flee from the country for their safety. There have been numerous evacuation flights as well as individuals who find their own means to get to Canada. Since all of this began, nearby areas have welcomed approximately 12 families.

In our own Pastoral District, the community of Russell has been organizing a lot of help for newcomers spanning north to Roblin and as far east as Shoal Lake. If you would like to help out, donate or offer your services, please contact either Judy Snitynsky (General Coordinator) at snityns1@mymts.net.

House Blessings 2023

With the turn of the new year, we also look forward to a the blessing of our homes following the feast of Theophany. Traditionally after we bless the waters in our parishes, the priest would come and visit the homes of the faithful to bless them and those that live there.

This year Fr. Jay will be coming to bless homes throughout the month of January. Each day will cover another area of our district, so we ask that you sign-up based on your region.

Please watch for sign-up sheets in each of the parishes over the coming weeks. If you miss the sign-up sheet, feel free to email or call Fr. Jay to sign-up.



Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11:30am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am - Rossburn

Confessions: Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!)

Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for emergencies at 204.859.3025.