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Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

*Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Parish*

*The No. 1 priority for ... the church is evangelization:
preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world.*

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

В Неділю/Sunday

8:30 am recited – Bilingual

10:30 am sung – Ukrainian

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

8:25 am in church

First Friday - 8:25 am Divine Liturgy followed
by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or
Mother of God

Сповіді починаючи десять хвилин перед
Службою Божою

Confessions begin ten minutes before the
Divine Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism by appointment - membership in
Parish is required

Marriages by appointment made at least six
months in advance. Membership in Parish is
required

Funerals by arrangement in the Parish Office

оо. Василян/Basilian Fathers
serving this Parish

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor
Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop Emeritus

Неділя по Богоявленні

Маття 4:12-17



Sunday After Theophany

Matthew 4:12-17

**SPECIAL NOTICE – Do not park in the
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's
Gardens when you come for the Sunday
Divine Liturgy. Your car will be towed.**

Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зєдналися сьогодні разом брати участь в цій Службі Божі. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Січень

Загальний намір: *Пізнати Христа, свідчити віру. Щоб у цьому Році християни поглиблювали пізнання таїнства Христа і свідчили радісно свою власну віру.*

Місійний намір: *Щоб спільноти Середнього Сходу прийняли від Святого Духа силу вірності і витривалости, особливо тоді, коли вони дискриміновані.*

- Тропарі і читання в жовтій книжці на стор. 1 і 2.

Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможім, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

Сьогодні – Неділя, 13 Січень: Неділя по Богоявлінні

Щиро вітаємо Преосвщенного Кенна на нашу Святу Літургію.

-12:00 в полудне – Парафіяльний Різдв'яний обід. Всі є запрошенні!

Також, щиро вітаємо Отця Іренія Валиавка, ЧСВВ. Він перебуває в Вінніпегу. Він прибув до нас допомогти в парафії хоча на кілька тижнів.

Четвер, 17 Січень:

- 7:00 вечора – Біблійні Студії: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Субота, 19 Січень:

- 8:25 рано – Служба Божа і свячення свічок.

- 9:30 рано Сходини Л.У.К.Ж.К. піchnуться молебнем до Пречистої Диви Марії а відтак засідання у вітальні під церквою.

Неділя, 20 Січень:

- 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

Понеділок, 21 Січень:

- 7:00 вечора – Сходини Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

Четвер, 24 Січень:

- 7:00 вечора – Біблійні Студії: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Неділя, 27 Січень:

- 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

Четвер, 31 Січень:

- 7:00 вечора – Біблійні Студії: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

П'ятниця, 1 Лютець: Перша П'ятниця

- 8:25 рано - Служба Божа а відтак Молебень до Серця Христового.

Субота, 2 Лютець: - Свято - Стрітення Господа нашого Ісуса Христа

- 8:25 рано - Служба Божа і свячення свічок

Неділя, 3 Лютець:

- 10:30 рано - Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

BEGINNING - February 14

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

**“THE CREED” A NEW STUDY DURING THIS YEAR
OF THE FAITH”**

**This twelve (12) part series - “The Creed - is A Journey through the Catechism”
This will be the first of four parts or Pillars**

The Creed makes the Catechism of the Catholic Church come alive, showing you how your personal journey of faith fits into the amazing story of salvation told in the Creed. Far more than a list of “faith facts” the Catechism provides a sure map for your journey of faith, which can be easily navigated and deeply enriching with the right tools.

In this Series - “THE CREED” - you will:

- 1. Learn why the Catechism should be treated less like a fact book and more like a roadmap for our faith journey.**
- 2. Learn what God’s innermost secret is and how we are called to participate in it.**
- 3. See that our journey of faith is a journey from *Blessing to Blessing*, that the God who made us wills that we return to Him.**
- 4. Discover how the Catechism can be seen as a new Catechesis for the New Evangelization.**
- 5. Learn how what we believe emerges from the living story of salvation history.**
- 6. Discover the role the angels play in aiding our salvation, and how they are truly present to us. and much more**

To purchase a workbook for the program - \$ 29.00/each - contact Susan Lazaruk or come to the Parish office.

Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!

Food Bank Donations: We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the first and third жжSundays of every month. PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.

The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all our guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy together. May our Lord, through the intercession of the Protectress, the Blessed Mother of God, bless you and your family!

Monthly Papal Intentions for January

General Intention: *The Faith of Christians - That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.*

Mission Intention: *Middle Eastern Christians - That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.*

- Tropar, Kondak & readings for today in the **yellow booklet** pages: 1 & 2.

Sunday, January 13: Sunday after THEOPHANY

We warmly welcome Bishop Ken Nowakowski to our Divine Liturgy.

- 12:00 noon - **Parish Christmas Dinner** - you are invited!

We welcome Father Irenaeus Valiavka, OSBM presently stationed at St.

Nicholas Parish in Winnipeg. He has come here to assist in the Parish for the next couple of weeks.

Thursday, January 17:

- 7 pm - **BIBLE STUDIES:** We are taking "Revelations" in the Fellowship Room.

Saturday, January 19:

- 8:25 am - Memorial Divine Liturgy for +**Lydia Segodnia.**

- **UCWLC Meeting begins at 9:30 am with Moleben** to the Mother of God followed by the monthly meeting in the Fellowship Room

Sunday, January 20:

- 10:30 am - **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** following the reading of the Gospel during the Divine Liturgy.

Migrants and Refugees, "Welcome Home" - I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Mt. 25:35) The Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Eparchy of New Westminster is home to Catholics from many countries and here, in the lower mainland the Divine Liturgy is celebrated in twenty-two languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. As Catholics, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants and refugees to emphasize the unity of the global human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality, and love. During every Divine Liturgy we pray for all to be as one (family) in other words we "welcome one another in our family." On Sunday, January 20, we will gather as one family in a global celebration that the Vatican has invited us all to celebrate the "99 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Pilgrimage of Faith and Hope."

A SPECIAL Request: At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please 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 pews clean and neat. Thank you.

Monday, January 21:

- 7 pm - **Parish Council Meeting** in the Board Room.

Thursday, January 24:

- 7 pm - **BIBLE STUDIES:** We are taking "**Revelations**" in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, January 27:

- 10:30 am - **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** following the reading of the Gospel during the Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, January 31:

- 7 pm - **BIBLE STUDIES:** We are taking "**Revelations**" in the Fellowship Room.

Friday, February 1: - First Friday

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart.

Saturday, February 2: - Holy Day - Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

- 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy and **Blessing of Candles.**

Sunday, February 3:

- 10:30 am - **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** following the reading of the Gospel during the Divine Liturgy.

"CATHOLICS COME HOME" - ads began on December 13

Six weeks of compelling television commercials (Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Vancouver) will be aired on Citytv, CTV, Global and ethnic televisions stations inviting viewers to "Come Home to Christ and the Church." We anticipate that many will come to the Divine Liturgies in the following weeks in response to these ads, and we need to offer them a warm and friendly welcome. In the weeks ahead, pray for those you know who have stopped practising their faith, and say a friendly hello to unfamiliar faces. To view the commercials and for more information about this initiative, visit www.rcav.org.

PRAYER FOR EVANGELIZATION 'YEAR OF FAITH' - O God, who wills that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth, pour out Your Spirit upon us and grant that we may respond zealously to Your urgent call to lead back to the Church those who have strayed. Prepare their hearts and minds to be receptive to the saving Gospel of Your Son. Send us workers to gather in Your abundant harvest, so that all Your people, obedient to the Word and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the way of Salvation and love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, February 24, at Richmond Funeral Home from 1pm – 4pm. We will explore the ethical teaching of the Catholic Church on dying, the process of grieving and our Services for the Dead. Registration before February 10th, forms are available on the Eparchy website @ nweparchy.ca.

- YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO submit a short biography of individual persons and/or families who have contributed to the life and growth of the Parish. This can be your own family or of other members who may not be in the Parish today. These will be compiled into a book as a history of our Parish. **PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION to the parish office.**

REQUEST from the HISTORY and PICTORAL COMMITTEE: To all Parishioners

- We are looking for pictures of any priest who served at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church before the year 2000. Please provide Orest Kernycky with any pictures, he will copy them and return them to you the following week. You can also put them into the collection basket, in an envelope with your name, phone number, the name of the priest, and the year the picture was taken. Thank you for your assistance.

PRAYER FOR A VIBRANT PARISH – O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth!

Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ – The Way, The Truth, and The Life – and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Live-Giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!



Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrey: Our Lord Jesus Christ, You always reward Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth. We humbly pray: grant that Your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrey be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, “full of suffering and trials,” he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love. Amen.

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DO YOU LIVE IN GREATER VANCOUVER?

HAVE YOU MOVED INTO GREATER VANCOUVER RECENTLY?

We encourage you to register your name and address and e-mail with the parish.

People come to arrange for baptisms, marriages, funerals, or special blessings. Only then do the fathers discover that they have been participating in the Liturgical Services for years but have not registered as Parishioners. We may recognize you, we may see you in church but we do not know your name or address. **Please print your name, address, telephone number, e-mail and postal code** on your donation envelope, or contact the Parish Office.

REMEMBER: To be considered a member of this Parish one must be registered in the Parish, attend the Divine Liturgy regularly and make regular contributions to maintain the Parish.

Request for Prayers: for you, your family, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office or submit a note and place on the collection plate.

Пам'ятайте помолитися: за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: your family; your fellow parishioners; the shut-ins or those in hospital; those seeking God's guidance or rejoicing with God's favour; or for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; or have been called to their eternal reward or for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

Please remember in your prayers especially: Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab, Mary Balsevicius, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Brian Kluchkowsky, Karlo Kozy, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Oscar Lyseyko, Ben Marchinkow, Jason Obuck, Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow, Tiny Zarski. Please remember in your prayers two former Parishioners and their families + Lydia Sygodnia who fell asleep in the Lord on Christmas Eve and + Kathryn Ostofy who fell asleep in the Lord this past Tuesday.

PLEASE VISIT our Parishioners or those confined to their homes. They need your visits, your phone calls, as well as your prayers.

If there are people you visit requesting our prayers, please call the Parish office.

Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Monthly Calendar Announcements for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

Pre-order your historic DVD of Major Archbishop Sviatoslav's visit to our parish. This DVD contains the complete Divine Liturgy celebrating Bishop Budka's hundredth anniversary of arrival to Canada. The price of the DVD is dependent on how many copies we order. Please indicate how many copies you would like. The DVD will be available sometime in February of 2013.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - Almighty and Merciful God, Inspire those You have chosen To hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witnesses of Your love and care for the world. May they find support and encouragement in our words and in our prayers. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each **to two 2013 graduating students enrolled in a Catholic secondary school**, or who are a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 15th, 2013. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church, or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV HAS INVITED YOU TO KYIV IN 2013!

His Beatitude, our Patriarch Sviatoslav, has invited the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church to make a pilgrimage to Kyiv in 2013 to celebrate the 1,025th anniversary of the baptism of Kyivian-Rus, Ukraine! The major celebration will be a special Divine Liturgy on Sunday August 18 at the Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv. Join Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM of Winnipeg and Bishops David Motiuk of Edmonton, Ken Nowakowski of New Westminster and Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R. of Saskatoon on an official pilgrimage to Ukraine 7-21 August. The Pilgrimage will begin in Western Ukraine visiting Lviv, Zarvanytsia, and Ternopil before proceeding to Kyiv for the major celebrations. In the next few weeks more details will be announced as soon as the program is finalized. Solaway Travel has been commissioned to assist our Church in arranging for our travel plans and accommodations on this pilgrimage. To express your interest in being part of this very exciting pilgrimage with our Bishops please contact:

**Myrna Arychuk of Solaway Travel: 3819 Sunset Street,
Burnaby, BC V5G 1T4 Tel: 604.430.6789 Fax: 604.430.2244.
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Це пригадка для всіх вірних. Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

Церковна Етика: Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

A SPECIAL NOTE to ALL PARISHIONERS: Please come on time for the Divine Liturgy. Realize that when you come into the Church proper after the Great Entrance, you have missed most of the Divine Liturgy and have not really attended the prescribed service for a Sunday.

Church Etiquette: Just a reminder that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must be in Church and have heard the reading of the Gospel as well as the homily, participated in the responses for the consecration and received the final Blessing before leaving the church. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church (the Nave) before during or after the Service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper for those

THE LIGHT OF GOD, A BLESSING FOR HUMANITY

Vatican City, 1 January 2013 (VIS) – At the end of this morning's Divine Liturgy for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Benedict XVI appeared at the window of his study in the Vatican Apostolic Palace to pray the Angelus with faithful and pilgrims gathered below in St. Peter's Square. Before reciting the Marian prayer, the pontiff addressed a few words to them:

"Happy New Year to all! On this first day of 2013, I would like to send God's blessing to each and every man and woman in the world. I pronounce it with the old form found in Sacred Scripture: 'the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace'.

Just as the sun's light and heat are a blessing for the earth, so is the light of God for humanity when He makes His face to shine upon us. This is what has happened with the birth of Jesus Christ! God has made His face to shine upon us: at the beginning in a very humble, hidden manner -- in Bethlehem only Mary and Joseph and a few shepherds were witness to this revelation -- but little by little, like the sun passing from dawn to noon, the light of Christ has grown and extended everywhere. Including the brief time of his earthly life, Jesus of Nazareth made

God's face to shine on the Holy Land and then, through the Church enlivened by his Spirit, he extended to all peoples the Gospel of peace. 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests'. This is the angels' song on Christmas and it is the song of Christians under the heavens, a song that moves from our hearts and lips to concrete action, to the gestures of love that build dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation.

This is why the Church, eight days after Christmas, celebrates the World Day of Peace when, just like Mary the Virgin Mother, she shows the world the newborn child, Jesus the Prince of Peace. Yes, this child who is the Word of God made flesh, comes to bring us a peace that the world cannot offer. His mission is to break down 'the dividing wall of enmity' that separates us. And when, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he proclaims the 'Beatitudes', among these is 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God'. Who are those who work for peace? They are all those who, day after day, try to vanquish evil through good, with the strength of truth, with the arms of prayer and forgiveness, with the job done honestly and well, with scientific research that serves life, with works of corporal and spiritual charity. The peacemakers are many but they make no noise. Like leaven in dough, they make humanity grow according to God's plan.

On this first Angelus of the new year, we ask the Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, to bless us as a mother blesses her children who are about to leave on a journey. A new year is like a journey; with God's light and grace may it be a path toward peace for all persons and all families, for all countries and the entire world."

BENEDICT XVI: WHERE DOES JESUS COME FROM?

Vatican City, 2 January 2013 (VIS) – During the catechesis of the first general audience of 2013, which was celebrated in the Paul VI Hall with over 7,000 people in attendance, the Holy Father addressed the theme of Christ's birth, "something so radically new that it was capable of changing the course of history", and Jesus' origin.

The Lord's nativity, the Holy Father commented, "once again illuminates the darkness that often surrounds our world and our hearts with its light, and brings hope and joy. Where does this light come from? From the grotto in Bethlehem where the shepherds found 'Mary and Joseph and the Child lying in the manger'. Before this Holy Family another, deeper question arises: How can this small and weak Child bring a newness so radical into the world that it is capable of changing the course of history? Isn't there something mysterious in his origin that goes beyond that cavern?"...

"In the four Gospels, the answer to the question 'where does Jesus come from?' emerges clearly: his true origin is the Father, God. He comes entirely from Him, but in a different way than any other prophet or messenger of God who preceded Him. This origin of the mystery of God, 'whom nobody knows', is already contained in the stories of His childhood in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, which we are reading during Christmastime. The angel Gabriel announces: 'The Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God'. We repeat

these words every time that we recite the Creed, the profession of faith: 'et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine', 'and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary'. At this phrase we kneel because the veil that hid God is, so to say, opened and His unfathomable and inaccessible mystery touches us. God becomes Emmanuel, 'God with us'. When we listen to the Divine Liturgies composed by the great masters of sacred music, I'm thinking, for example, of Mozart's Coronation Divine Liturgy, we immediately notice how they linger over this phrase in a particular way, almost wanting to try to express with the universal language of music that which words cannot make manifest: the great mystery of God made flesh, of God made man". ...

"This affirmation of the Creed does not concern God's eternal being but rather speaks to us of an action that the three divine Persons take part in and that is realized 'ex Maria Virgine'. Without her, God's entrance into human history would not have been achieved and that which is central to our Profession of Faith would not have taken place: God is God with us. Mary thus undeniably pertains to our faith in the God who acts, who enters into history. She puts her entire being at His disposition, she 'accepts' becoming the place of God's indwelling."

"Some times, even along the path and in the life of faith, we can sense our poverty, our inadequacy in front of the witness to be given to the world. But God chose precisely a humble woman, in an unknown village, in one of the furthest provinces of the great Roman Empire. Always, even amidst the most arduous difficulties to be faced, we must have faith in God, renewing our faith in His presence and in His action in our story as in that of Mary. Nothing is impossible to God! With Him our existence always walks upon a safe path and is open to a future of steadfast hope."...

"What happens in Mary, through the action of the Holy Spirit himself, is a new creation. God, who has called being from nothingness with the Incarnation, gives life to a new beginning of humanity. The Fathers of the Church repeatedly speak of Christ as the new Adam in order to emphasize the beginning of the new creation with the birth of the Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary. This brings us to reflect upon how faith also supposes in us a newness so strong as to produce a second birth. In fact, at the beginning of being Christians is the Baptism that makes us reborn as children of God that makes us participate in the filial relationship that Jesus has with the Father. And I would like to note that Baptism is received, "we are baptized", it is a passive verb, because nobody is capable of converting themselves into a child of God by themselves. It is a gift that is freely conferred... Only if we are open to God's action, as Mary was, only if we entrust our life to the Lord as to a friend in whom we trust completely, does everything change. Our lives acquire new meaning and a new face: that of the children of a Father who loves us and never abandons us". ...

"There is another element in the words of the Annunciation. The angel says to Mary: 'the power of the Most High will overshadow you'. This is a reminder of the holy cloud that, during the Exodus, covered the tent of meeting over the ark of the Covenant, which the people of Israel carried with them, indicating the

presence of God. Mary, therefore, is the new holy tent, the new ark of the Covenant. With her 'yes' to the archangel's words, God received a dwelling place in this world. What the universe cannot contain dwells in the womb of a virgin".

"Let us return to the question with which we began, that of Jesus' origin, summed up in Pilate's question: 'Where are you from?' From our reflection it appears clear, from the beginning of the Gospels, what Jesus' true origin is: He is the only begotten Son of the Father. He comes from God. We are facing the great and disconcerting mystery that we celebrate in this time of Christmas: the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, became man in the womb of the Virgin Mary. This is an announcement that resounds ever new and which carries with it hope and joy to our hearts because each time it gives us the certainty that, even if we often feel weak, poor, incapable of facing the difficulties and the evil of the world, the power of God is always acting and works wonders precisely in our weakness. His grace is our strength".

We cannot rely solely on the news if we want to understand the world and life. We must be able to remain in silence, in meditation, in calm and prolonged reflection; we must know how to stop and think. In this way, our mind can find healing from the inevitable wounds of daily life, can go deeper into the events that occur in our lives and in the world, and come to the knowledge that allows us to evaluate things with new eyes. Especially in the recollection of conscience, where God speaks to us, we learn to look truthfully at our own actions, even at the evil within us and around us, to begin a journey of conversion that makes us wiser and better, more capable of creating solidarity and communion, of overcoming evil with good. The Christian is a person of hope, even and especially in the face of the darkness that often exists in the world, not as a consequence of God's plans but because of the wrong choices of man, because the Christian knows that the power of faith can move mountains, the Lord can brighten even the deepest darkness."

"The Year of Faith, which the Church is living," the pontiff continued, "should arouse in the heart of each believer a greater awareness that the encounter with Christ is the source of true life and a solid hope. Faith in Jesus allows a constant renewal of goodness and of the ability to rise from the quicksand of sin and to begin anew. In the Word made flesh it is always possible to rediscover our true human identity, to find ourselves destined for God's infinite love and called to a personal communion with Him. This truth, which Jesus Christ came to reveal, is the certainty that compels us to confidently face the year we are about to begin."

"The Church, which has received from her Lord the mission to evangelize, knows well that the Gospel is destined to all people, especially the younger generations, to quench that thirst for truth that everyone carries in their heart and that is often obscured by all those things that occupy life. This apostolic commitment is all the more necessary when the faith risks being obscured in cultural contexts that hinder its personal roots and its social presence. Rome, too, is a city where the Christian faith must be proclaimed again and again and witnessed in a credible manner. On the one hand, there is the growing number

of believers of other religions, the difficulties parish communities have in attracting young people, the spread of lifestyles marked by individualism and moral relativism; on the other, the quest, in so many people, for a sense of their own existence and for a hope that will not disappoint, that cannot leave us indifferent. Like the Apostle Paul, all the faithful of this city should consider themselves under obligation of the Gospel towards the other inhabitants!"

The Pope concluded his homily by enjoining the dioceses "to support and accompany parents in their spiritual life ... in order to keep the flame of faith alive". To this end it is important "to build a relationship of cordial friendship with those of the faithful who, after having baptized their child, distracted by the demands of everyday life, do not show great interest in living this experience. They will thus be able to experience the love of the Church who, as a caring mother, stands by them to promote their spiritual life."

After of the ceremony, Benedict XVI visited the nativity scene at the foot of the obelisk located at the centre of St. Peter's square.

FAITH IS A PRECIOUS GIFT THAT WE MUST NURTURE IN OUR CHILDREN

Vatican City, 30 December 2012 (VIS) – At noon today, the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the Holy Father prayed the Angelus from the window of his study with the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Mary and Joseph's concern for Jesus, Benedict XVI said, "is the same as all parents who are raising a child, to introduce him to life and an understanding of reality. Today, therefore, we must say a special prayer to the Lord for all the families of the world. In imitation of the Holy Family of Nazareth, parents must be seriously involved in the growth and education of their children, so that they may become responsible and honest citizens, never forgetting that faith is a precious gift to nurture in their children, particularly through personal example. We also pray that every child may be welcomed as a gift from God and sustained by the love of a father and a mother in order to grow, like the Lord Jesus, in 'wisdom and age and favour before God and man'. May the love, fidelity, and dedication of Mary and Joseph be an example for all Christian spouses, who are not their children's friends nor the owner's of their children's lives, but the guardians of this incomparable gift from God."

"May the silence of Joseph, a just man, and the example of Mary, who kept all these things in her heart, bring us to enter into the mystery of the Holy Family full of faith and humanity. I wish for all Christian families to live in the presence of God with the same love and joy as the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph."

Greeting the pilgrims in English after the Marian prayer the Holy Father also added, "May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph bring greater love, unity, and harmony to all Christian families, that they in their turn may be a firm example to the communities in which they live. May God bless you and your dear families!"

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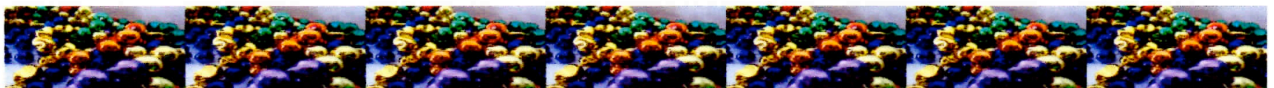
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OR – Are you interested in strengthening your faith? Sign up for either “The Creed” or for another course that would suit you better. (see Fr. Jo)



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We will be offering a **Parish Catechism Program** for children in preparation for Holy Communion and for adults interested in strengthening their faith will begin early in the new year- 2013 and conclude in May.

Please fill out this form and hand to Father Josaphat, or place it on the collection plate or bring in to the Parish office

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**Це є наше прохання щоби Отець
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**This is our request for Father
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from Monday to Friday**