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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 – *Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav*

Sunday before Christmas - December 18th, 2016 A.D



Sunday before the Nativity of Christ

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.

This past Sunday the Church commemorated all the righteous of the Old Testament who awaited the coming of Christ. Today's Feast of the Holy Ancestors although similar, remembers all those in the Old Testament who were related to Christ by blood and those who spoke of his birth as a man. This Sunday is part of the Forefeast of the Nativity, which strictly speaking begins on December 20th.

One of the important purposes of Matthew's genealogy: to identify Jesus as the true Messiah, the One Who, as predicted in the Old Testament would be born of a virgin and would be the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham and David by God. It gives us the history of the true Christmas, the human side of the story of how this Christ Child came to us.

Since the Jews did not trace genealogies in the mother's line, the Scriptures do not give us the lineage of Christ according to the flesh, which was through his mother Mary; but instead list the forebears of Joseph the Betrothed, who served according to the Law as husband of Mary and father of Jesus. According to the Fathers, the blessed Virgin was the daughter of Joachim, son of Bar-Panther, son of Panther, son of Levi, son of Nathan, son of King David. Thus as prophesied, the Messiah was of the house and lineage of David.

As baptized Christians, we ourselves are by adoption children of the Father and sisters and brothers of His Son Jesus Christ, as the Apostle says, and are therefore a continuation of this spiritual lineage. May we be made worthy!

"...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 переміняти, 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:

Troparion (Tone 6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

Troparion (Tone 2): Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest, and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 6): Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: “In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,” for You can do whatever You will.

Prokimenon (Tone 4): Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name for ever. (Dn 3:26).

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us (Dn 3:27).

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Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews: (Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was ready to sacrifice his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your descendants be called.” He reasoned that God was able to rise from the dead, and so he received Isaac back as a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked for Jacob and Esau blessings that were still to be.

By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped God, leaning on the head of his staff. By faith, Joseph, near the end of his life, spoke of the Exodus of the Israelites, and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after his birth, thereby disregarding the king’s edict, because they saw that he was a beautiful child.

What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; through weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword’s point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.



Alleluia (Tone 4): O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days (Ps 43:2). You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us (Ps 43:8).

Gospel: (Matthew 1:1-25)

A family record of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. Thus the total number of generations is: from Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, an upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: “Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.” All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel,” a name which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him and received her into his home as his wife. He had no relations with her at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus.

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1). Alleluia! (3x).

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.

GRATITUDE

* to everyone who organized, cooked and participated at our parish monthly breakfast and Saint Nicholas annual celebrations!
 * to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness, time, donations, knowingly and unknowingly, organize and lead praying with rosaries, attend services, share their time and work at the parish projects, clean the church, organize socials, look after and graciously support our Christian, Catholic parish community! Thank you very much! May the Almighty God generously bless and reward your care, time and generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS

* May the Almighty God grant many, happy and blessed years in good health and salvation to Mrs. Anna Kuz on her birthday (Dec. 20th), to Mrs. Shauna Flodstrom on her birthday (Dec. 23rd), and to all our parishioners, your family members, our guests and visitors who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special joyful and important celebrations this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



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 WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE AT OUR PARISH SOCIAL IN THE CHURCH HALL 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 Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Steven Basarab, Fr. Edward Evanko, Monsignor Jeremiah Desmond, Fr. Serabion ElMakary, Steve and Bernice Usipuik, Ann Kuz, Ann Derzak, Dave and Mary Emery, Elsie Kinaschuk, John and Mildred Kolody, Joseph Mychaluk, Zonia Rurka, Eugene Palsitt, Adeline Palsitt, Orest Hrycewich, Myron and Myrna Wizniak, Elsie Zachary, Matt Dmyterko, Allan and Sharon Ludwig, Steve and Jesse Pawlyshyn, Joe and Olga Burkatsky, Orest Kociuba, Kalyna Kociuba, Allan Bodnaruk, Maria Chorny, Katrien Sobhy, Marg Musey, Kathleen Musey, Jacob and Ann Dressler, Rosemary Pellizzon, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Mary Borrett, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Larry and Valray Necember, Lawrence and Ping Beaton, Red Mackay, Theresa Munro, Michelle New, Martin Schinkelwitz, Adam Laniel, Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich (Fr. Joe Ostopowich's mother), Sandra and Mike Jones, 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.

* **FAITHFUL GIVING...** Remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. 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 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 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*)

* **Sunday** (Dec. 11th) offerings/donations: \$749.00

* **Our Parish Council Meeting** at 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 A.D.



* **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. Contact Fr. Pavlo or Mr. Matt Dmyterko for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference.

* Please, share to Kamloops Food Bank. Special boxes are 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!

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!!!

As you come home for Christmas, you are cordially invited to celebrate with us the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For some, our church may be the home of our youth; for others our church welcomes you to join with us as we greet the newborn King-Messiah and experience the joy, peace and love of Our Eternal God being with us. We do sincerely welcome each and every one of you, your families and all your dear ones to join with our parish family in prayerful services this Christmas, New Year and Theophany/Epiphany season celebrations!



***Christmas Candle Eparchial Fundraiser:** 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 or mail to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster. 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. If you wish to purchase a candle please contact your parish priest, they are available for a minimum donation of \$5 per candle.

Last year's money raised was used to provide children in Lviv with speech therapy, allowing them to function and communicate normally in society. This year's focus is to support a Hospice in Ivano-Frankivsk that houses orphans, and provides basic necessities, education and life skills to help them integrate into society.

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 coordinator Dana Koren Lupynis or Natalia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com

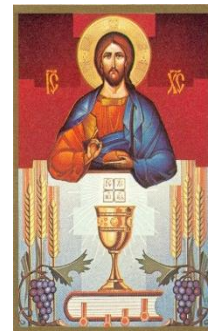
SHARE YOUR HEART

EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

VIBRANT PARISH APPEAL

"... We need your urgent and immediate support to guarantee the viability of our Eparchy for future generations of your children and grandchildren. We want to ensure the survival of pastoral services including the celebration of the sacraments in the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, such as Divine Liturgies, Baptism, Marriages, Funerals and the great Feasts, which means so much to us..."

+Ken (Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster)



WAYS TO GIVE

- **CHEQUE** (Please make your cheques payable to the Eparchy of New Westminster)
- **BEQUESTS** (You have the ability to leave a legacy that will commemorate your love of God by remembering the Eparchy in your will)
- **GIFT OF PUBLICLY TRADED STOCK** (Please contact the Chancery office for further details on how to make a gift of stock)

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO

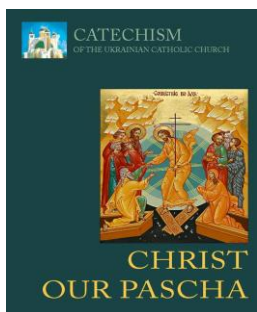
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* **The Kamloops Pro-Life Society is selling Great Little Coupon Books**, with discount coupons for restaurants and entertainment in Kamloops, a GREAT deal at \$10 each! They make great gifts! Please call Linda at 250-851-8605 or at St. Joseph's Book Store for your coupon books. Thank you for supporting the Pro-Life Society.



ENGLISH EDITION OF THE CATECHISM *Christ – Our Pascha*: Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church was now been published and is available for purchase. The Catechism was published by the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Synod of Bishops and the Patriarchal Commission for the Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church. In our parish you can buy a copy for only \$25 CAD. 347 pages plus Byzantine - Ukrainian Icons. Please contact Fr. Pavlo.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

come and share a time of spiritual renewal and inspiration for 2017

The Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to join Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC for an event to learn about the life and legacy of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Fr. Brian was born in Winnipeg and is a Ukrainian Catholic priest. He knew St. Teresa very well and was the postulator for the Cause for Canonization of St. Teresa. Fr. Brian will be sharing interesting insights into the process to have this amazing Catholic nun declared a Saint by Pope Francis. He will share Mother Teresa's message of "love in living action" - especially to the poor - beginning in one's own family, parish community, work, that is, where we are. Fr. Brian will also share some of his experiences as a member of the Missionaries of Charity Fathers.



Victoria: Saturday, January 14, 1-3:30 pm St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria (call Fr. Yuriy, [250-384-2292](tel:250-384-2292) for tickets and information)

Vancouver: Sunday, January 15 at 1-3:30 pm St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish 550 West-14th Avenue, Vancouver (call Deacon Mykhailo, [604-524-8824](tel:604-524-8824) for tickets and information)

Kelowna: Monday, January 16 at 6:30 – 9:00 pm Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna (call Fr. Andrzej, [250-860-7295](tel:250-860-7295) for tickets and information)

Tickets for the events are \$50. Space is limited and these events are expected to sell out quickly so please arrange to get your tickets early.

Pope: Christians should open the road to Jesus

Christians should look to the "great" John the Baptist as a model of humble witness to Jesus, as one who denies himself, even to the point of death, in order to point out the coming of the Son of God. That was Pope Francis' message, during the morning Mass at the Casa Santa Marta, to Bishops and religious celebrating the 50th anniversary of their ordination, and to married couples celebrating the 50th anniversary of their wedding vows.

John the Baptist, the witness who points to Christ

The Church's liturgy turns once again, as it has in the past two days, to the figure of St John the Baptist, presented in the Gospel as the "witness." His vocation, the Pope explained in his homily, is "to give witness to Jesus," "to point out Jesus," like a lamp with respect to the light:

A lamp that points out where the light is, that bears witness to the light. He was the voice. He said of himself: "I am the voice that cries out in the desert." He was the voice but that bears witness to the Word, points out the Word, the Word of God, the Word. He was only the voice. The Word. He was the preacher of penitence who baptized, the Baptist, but he makes it clear, he says clearly: "After me comes another who is mightier than I, who is greater than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. And He will baptize you in fire and the Holy Spirit."

The humility of John, his self-annihilation is a model for Christians

John, then, is the "place-holder who points out the definitive figure"; and the definitive figure is Jesus. This, the Pope said, "is his greatness," which was demonstrated each time the people and the doctors of the law asked him whether or not he was the Messiah, and he clearly responded, "I am not he":

And this provisional but certain, strong testimony; that torch that was not put out by the wind of vanity; that voice that was not diminished by the force of pride; always becomes one that indicates the other and opens the gate to the other testimony, that of the Father, that which Jesus speaks of today: "But I have a testimony greater than that of John: that of the Father. And John the Baptist opens the gate to this testimony." And the voice of the Father is heard: "This is my Son." It was for John to open this gate. And this John was great, always left aside.

John is humble, he "annihilates himself," the Pope emphasized once again, he takes the same road that Jesus would take later, that "of emptying himself." And it will be thus until the end: "in the darkness of a cell, in prison, beheaded because of the whim of a dancing girl, the envy of an adulteress, the weakness of a drunkard." If we have to paint a portrait, Francis is of the mind that "this alone is how we must depict it." This is an image that the Pope then offered to the faithful present, including religious and bishops celebrating their jubilees, and married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Christians by their lives should open the road to Jesus

It is a beautiful day to question ourselves about our own Christian life, if our own Christian life has always opened the road to Jesus, if our own life was full of this act: pointing out Jesus. Giving thanks for the many times that they did it, giving thanks and

beginning anew, after the fiftieth anniversary, with this aged youth or this youthful age – like the good wine! – taking a step forward in order to continue to be witnesses of Jesus. May John, the great witness, help you in this new path that you are beginning today, after the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary, of priesthood, of consecrated life, and of matrimony.

Source: <http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-christians-should-open-the-road-to-jesus>

Prayers and love best birthday gifts for Pope Francis

Birthday wishes have been pouring in from across the globe in celebration of Pope Francis' 80th on Saturday, 17th December.

Amongst those toasting to the Pope in an especially 'personal' way, are the impoverished residents of the villas miserias – or shanty towns - in Buenos Aires who always looked to the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Bergoglio, as their pastor.

Francis' 'right-hand-man' in the field was Father 'Pepe' Di Paola, who continues to carry out his mission with the poorest of the poor in Argentina's capital city. He spoke by telephone to Vatican Radio about Jorge Bergoglio and 'his' people.

First of all, Father Pepe says, I would like to wish Pope Francis the possibility of continuing to pursue his priestly vocation in solidarity and in communion with the poor and in deep union with the Church and the Gospel.

"May he go ahead in his mission to walk in the spirit of the Gospel which is what the Church is in need of" he says.

As for his birthday, Father Pepe reveals, Francis does not particularly like being made a fuss of. For example, he says, when the children and young people here in our vocational school used to make gifts for him, they knew he would give them away... but that was ok! It's not that he didn't appreciate the gift, what was important for him was that it was made by the children themselves and that they would want to be with him.

And exactly because they know him, Father Pepe says, what the poor people here in Argentina are doing for his birthday is praying for him. Because they love him very much.

Source: <http://www.news.va/en/news/prayers-and-love-best-birthday-gifts-for-pope-fran>



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Tue., Dec. 20th– 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: **Rest** of the souls of the Simpson & Coobs families
– 6:15 p.m. Moleben to Emanuel

Wed., Dec. 21st – 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: **Rest** of the souls of the Simpson & Coobs families

Thur., Dec. 22nd – 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: **Rest** of the souls of the Simpson & Coobs families

Fri., Dec. 23rd – 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: **Rest** of the souls of the Simpson & Coobs families
– 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession
– 4:00 p.m. Moleben to Emanuel

Saturday, Dec. 24th - 3:30 p.m. - **Christmas Eve** (Sviaty Vecheer)

Great Compline Service followed by the Divine Liturgy. Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Sunday, Dec. 25th - 10:00 am - **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

The Divine Liturgy. Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

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.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments: Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time. **Baptisms:** by appointment. **Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to **meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Pavlo in advance to arrange a time and a day.**

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

You are a member of the Catholic Church (*Orthodox faithful are 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.**

Bequests and Wills: Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process.

In your kindness please remember The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kamloops, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church at 109 Tranquille Road, Kamloops, BC V3B 3E8 the sum of \$____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish, it's needs and pastoral ministry."