



DECEMBER, 2018						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>09</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm  Immaculate Conception	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Brandon: 9 am + Daren Tripp Offering: Issigonis Family  Brandon: 5:30 pm K of C Christmas Dinner - Prairie Oasis	<b>13</b> Brandon: 9 am + Ivan Boychuk Offering: Ivana Dyakiv  Brandon: 5 pm UCWLC Christmas Dinner <b>Martyr Eustratius</b>	<b>14</b>  Brandon: 9 am + Fr. Edward Evanko with Panahyda Offering: Fr. Michael  Brandon: 1 pm Baptism of Houston Child	<b>15</b> Brandon: 5 pm Private Intention Offering: Adolphina Huculak
<b>16</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm  Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	<b>17</b> Portage: 10 am + Emil + Anna Strutt Offering: Margaret Ethier	<b>18</b> Brandon: 11:45 am Serving Dinner at Helping Hands	<b>19</b> Portage: 10 am Confessions Divine Liturgy to Follow Health of Anna Pollock Offering: Mary Kohut	<b>20</b> Portage: 10 am  Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting	<b>21</b>  Portage: 10 am + Katherine Kuzyk Offering: Mary Kohut	<b>22</b> Brandon: 3-4 pm Confessions  Brandon: 5 pm + Don + Jean Ostash Offering: Ellen Ostash

*If Moses did not Take off his Shoes*

Moses was prevented from approaching the burning bush until he had taken off his shoes. You are aspiring to stand in the presence of the One who is greater than every thought and every passion. How then can you refuse to strip yourself of every passionate thought?

Praying means rejecting pleasures and banishing anger.

Do not open your heart to fleshly longings. They stir up emotions that trouble the eye of the mind and therefore destroy prayer.

Your prayer ought to be steadfast and fervent. So dispel all distractions and wandering thoughts the moment they present themselves. They disturb you and worry you so that your fervor is weakened.

During your prayer, try to keep your mind deaf and dumb. Only so will you be able to pray.

Do not be content with external attitudes of prayer. Turn your mind to the prayer of the spirit, with awe and fearfulness.

*St. Evagrius of Pontus*

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Ann and Mary -- December 8-9*

**WELCOME TO**

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**ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS**

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

**EMERGENCY**

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
Cell: (204) 729-7819

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM  
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM  
Sunday (Bilingual) - 10:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Dec 09	B. MacKalski	B. McKay / S. Kachur	L. Makwaychuk	P. Shurb
Sun Dec 16	H. Lazaruk	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	B. Kuszak
Sun Dec 23	S. Kostiw	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	I. Dyakiv	S. Baranyk
Mon Dec 24	J. Solomon	A. Todosichuk / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	L. Olisnevych
Tue Dec 25	Volunteers Required for Reader / Usher / Sacristan and Greeter			

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

Saturday, Dec 01 \$ 195.00  
Sunday, Dec 02 \$ 641.00  
Total \$ 836.00  
Candles \$ 45.30

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT - OCTOBER, 2018**

Total Credits: \$ 4,719.35  
Total Debits: \$ 12,304.01

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences are extended to the family of the late Paul Huska who entered into the presence of the Lord on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Brandon. Our prayers are extended to his family at this time of loss. Vichnaya Pam'yat - Eternal Memory.

**2018 CCCB AND SEMINARY COLLECTIONS**

Note: Increase in assessment is the result of the sponsorship of three Seminarians.  
CCCB Collection \$ 6.53  
Seminary Collection \$ 69.46  
Total \$ 75.99 per Household  
Total assessment for St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish to be paid to Archeparchy of Winnipeg for 2018: \$3,267.57

**BRANDON WESTMAN CHRISTMAS CHEER**

A Christmas Cheer donation box has been placed in the foyer. Donations can include gifts and knitting for children, as well as non-perishable food. The hamper will be delivered to Christmas Cheer on Monday, December 17th.

**2019 CALENDARS**

The 2019 Gregorian calendars are displayed on the table in the vestibule. If you would like one, please help yourself – one per family, please. If you would prefer a Julian calendar, please see Fr. Michael.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**

We will have Christmas confessions on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. A Roman Catholic priest will be assisting me at this time.

**MARY'S ANGELS**

Angels will be available for Christmas in the vestibule. Cost: \$5.00  
- Olga Stevenson, UCWLC Vice-President

**DROP-IN CENTRE**

The drop-in centre will be every Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Everyone welcome. See you all there.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**PEACE WORK**

“Peace on earth” is surely one of the most common phrases to appear on Christmas cards. It speaks to both the religious and the secular themes of the holiday. And its powerful message is not offensive to those who do not celebrate the birth of Jesus but still want to enter into the joy and hopefulness of the season. The challenge is to not allow the idea of peacemaking to become cliché, an overused word with little meaning and an even smaller impact. The responsibility of making peace falls directly on all those who profess Jesus as Prince of Peace. We cannot allow ourselves to believe we're doing our duty as peacemakers by simply sending holiday cards or singing a peace-infused carol. Peace is our work in the world, every day.

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**THE LEGEND OF THE TABBY CAT**

Legend tells us that as the baby Jesus shivered in the manger on the night He was born, a tiny kitten jumped into the humble crib to warm Him with its fur. Mary touched the little tabby cat to thank it for its gifts of love and warmth, bestowing her initial “M” on its forehead. From that day, tabby cats are known for the characteristic “M” on their foreheads, a symbol of gratitude for the love so gently given.

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**HUMOR**

Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?  
Because they're Santa's star bucks.

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Just as the priest began Christmas Eve service, the electricity in the church failed. The ushers found some candles and placed them around the sanctuary. The priest then reentered the pulpit, shuffled his notes and muttered, “Now where was I?” A tired voice called out, “Right near the end!”

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