



**ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ!
CHRIST IS BORN!**

**СЛАВИМ ЙОГО!
LET US GLORIFY HIM!**

Father Janko's Message

At this time of the year, in the midst of dark, cold winter days, Christmas carols are sung in our churches, homes and everywhere. Rightly so, because we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We don't only sing for the days of Christmas, but we continue to sing for many days ending with them one year and welcoming new one.

Christmas carols bring great joy to all of us. They are an integral part of the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. They are not only beautiful in their music, but more significantly, they are very important for their words. Carols invite us to spread true Christmas joy to others. When we experience joy we have a desire to share it with others. The greater the joy, the greater the desire to express it. The tradition of carolling, in fact, is a way of evangelization; a way of spreading the Good News about Jesus and as Christians we are all called to do just that. The Christmas season and the beginning of a New Year is certainly the best time to start to live out a good Christian life. Do we need any other New Year's resolution? I think not! If we would just fill our hearts with joy of the Good News and start sharing it with others, that would be the best activity and resolution we could possibly choose to do in the New Year.

May our newborn King help you and bring you such great joy that you will feel the desire to share it with the world.

To all parishioners, guests and friends of the Holy Cross Parish - A Blessed and Happy New Year from Fr. Janko and family!

Happy New Year!

By the time you read this, Christmas and the holidays will be somewhat of a memory. The trees will have been taken down and placed in the trash or placed back in their boxes to lie dormant for another year. Gifts will have been opened and wrong sizes or unwanted gifts returned for cash or credit.

So now is a good time to ask? Was it all worth it? Did all the hours of preparation pay off? Did you really enjoy the holidays or did you get caught up in the whole rush of things, the shopping, the crowds, the stress of making sure that you purchased the perfect gift? Did you set your expectation too high? Did you become a better person or just a poorer one? Is your stomach and your wallet now beginning to recover? Was it a big letdown?

OR...

Did you take the time to really put your faith into perspective? Did you take the time to truly reflect on the true meaning of Christmas? Did you greet the Christ Child? Did you find happiness in the peace and joy that only Christ can give rather than in the superficial things of the season—the whole commercialism of Christmas? Did you become a better person by sharing your happiness with others and by giving your weaknesses to Christ through confession? Would you do it all again the same way given the chance?

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The Ukrainian Catholic Church—Symbolism

If you haven't already noticed, the Ukrainian Catholic Church is rich in symbolism. Symbolism plays a very important role in our Church, because everything in the church has a dual character: material and spiritual. The material is accessible to our senses and the spiritual is suggested to us through symbols. Symbolism is the carrier of meaning and tradition that speak to us because they speak through the senses.

The Divine Liturgy is virtually a symbolic representation of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ from His birth in Bethlehem to His glorious ascension into Heaven. The sole purpose of the Divine Liturgy and every other facet of the church is to immerse each person in the experience of divinization - to engage the spirit with all their bodily senses - not just human reason. The eyes feast upon the colorful icons, the nose smells the incense, the ears hear a beautifully sung Liturgy, we touch and kiss the icons and we taste the Eucharist. The whole person is brought along on the journey that the princely envoy experienced over 2000 years ago.

Strengthened by the experience of heaven, we are now able to return to the everyday world we left at the beginning of the journey. We return and share the Good News of Christ with others, building with love, forgiveness, compassion, justice and joy the heavenly kingdom on earth with God.

If you take a look to each previous newsletter, you will recall that everything from the Divine Liturgy, Easter, Christmas, the church building, the Altar, etc. is filled with spiritual symbolism.

In order for you to fully continue on your journey of spiritual fulfillment and to truly understand the beautiful meanings of why "we do the things we do", let us continue to look at more symbolism:

Incense (Livani) and Censer (Thymiaterion)

Incense

Incense (in Greek, "Livani") is the hardened sap of certain trees. In order to make it burn, it must be placed in a vessel with burning charcoal. The vessel we use is called a censer (in Greek, "Thymiaterion").

Incense denotes the fragrance of prayer to God. Burning incense before Jesus is a public confession of faith in Him as our true Lord. The rising smoke of the incense calls on us to constantly seek the things that are above, where Jesus is seated at the right

hand of God. It raises our sights from earth to heaven.

During the Liturgy when the priest turns to cense each parishioner in the congregation, he is paying homage and respect to the image of God in each one of us—we too are to rise to where God is. It is also to remind us of frankincense which the three Wise Men brought as gifts to the Christ Child and of the sweet-smelling Myrrh which was prepared to anoint Jesus Christ at His burial. In the rising smoke our prayers ascend to God.

Censer

The Censer is a covered dish suspended on four chains. It is used to convey the fragrant smoke of the incense to holy objects. Its parts represent all of God's creation.

What does it Represent?

The ring (symbol of eternity) represents GOD.



The top represents "Alpha" (A) the beginning.

The four chains represent the Four Evangelists.

The twelve bells represent the Twelve Apostles, and their teaching.

The Cross reminds us of the cross of our Lord.

The top of the bowl represents the Heavens.

The firepot (where the incense and charcoal go) is the earth, and the charcoal is man who requires the fire of the Holy Spirit to give him light and life. We blow on the charcoal to set it afire just as God put life in man by breathing on him.

The bottom of the cup is the universe of which the earth is a part.

The base of the censer is the Omega the end.

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Cross

The CROSS represents Christ who sacrificed Himself for us. Do you ever wonder how rich in meaning the sign of the cross is? It appears on everything used in God's service: altars, linens, churches, books and vestments. During the liturgy we make the sign of the cross countless times. In our personal devotions we cross ourselves morning and evenings, before and after meals during prayers and before every important action or undertaking.



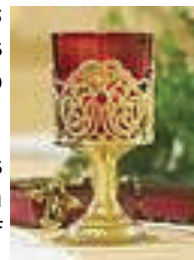
Fans (Ripidia/Hexapteryga)

These fans are called RIPIDIANS / HEXAPTERYGA. They are basically flat metal disc-like fans that have always been used as ceremonial fans. On them are little icons of six-winged Seraphim. They recall both the cherubic images placed around the original Ark of the Covenant and the constant presence of the Seraphim at the throne of God in Heaven. God is always surrounded by the Cherubim. The Bible tells us that they constantly sing, "Holy Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts!" In the Cherubic Hymn we hear: "We who mystically represent the Cherubim sing the Thrice-Holy Hymn to the Life-Giving Trinity."

Candles/Lights

Have you noticed the abundance of candles in the church? We have candles at Easter, candles at Epiphany, candles at weddings, candles at baptisms, candles on the altar, candles before icons, candles everywhere. So why do we use candles and what is the significance of their symbolism?

The lit candles represent that *Jesus is the Light of the World* and that, as His disciple, you are called daily to reflect His light in your life.



Symbolically, the candles remind us that our prayers should come from our hearts which are burning full of love for God and they should be directed toward heaven – just as the smoke rises.

When the priest comes out to read the Gospel he is preceded by Lectors and Acolytes (Altar boys) carrying candles to show that the word of God is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."

The votive candle has its own very beautiful meaning that came from the Old Testament practice of sacrifice. Just as the incense that sent up its cloud of perfumed smoke Heavenward was a symbol of prayer, the candle consuming itself is a representation of sacrifice. It also symbolizes a continuation of our prayers after we leave the church.

The lighting of the votive candles is a Catholic way to prepare the soul for a life of dedication and to offer the best of what he has to God. Every time you light a candle, the flame and the light should remind you of God.

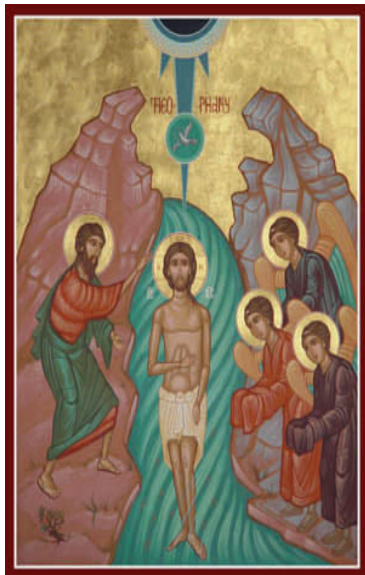
Sanctuary Lamp (Akoimitos)



Within the church community, a burning candle symbolizes the presence of Jesus. The Sanctuary Lamp (Vigil Lamp) also known as the Ever-Burning Light burns constantly, reminding us of God's constant, unflinching presence in our midst—the flame flickers endlessly. He never leaves us or forsakes us. Other candles are extinguished after service but never the Vigil Lamp. Candles create a prayerful atmosphere in church.



The Feast of Theophany/Epiphany (*Bohojvlennia*) also called the Feast of Jordan, commemorates Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan and the revelation of the Most Holy Trinity.



Epiphany means "Manifestation of God" and Theophany means "Appearance of God"

When Jesus was 30 years old, He came to the River Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist, who was the last of a long line of prophets who foretold of the coming of the Messiah. This was the beginning of His official dedication to His Divine Mission.

When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan to be baptized, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove over Jesus and the voice of God in Heaven said "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

The baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan serves to explain the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God the Father spoke from Heaven, Christ the Son was baptized, and the Holy Spirit descended on the Son in the form of a dove.

Originally, the Feast of Theophany also included the

celebration of Christ's birth; the visit of the wise men, and Christ's presentation to the temple. It was not until the 4th century that the Church decided to separate these feast days.

The baptism of Christ and the birth of Christ were celebrated together because they both shared the same meaning: God revealing Himself, once as a child, and once at His baptism.

**Christ is Baptized!
In the Jordan!**



**Христос Хрестився!
У Йордані!**

The celebration of the Feast of Theophany reminds us of our Baptism, or rebirth in Christ. Baptism was the first sacrament we received when we became a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

The main element of this feast is the Great Blessing of Water. The priest blesses the water in a special service at the end of Divine Liturgy. Special hymns are sung including hymns which are heard at Baptisms. After the liturgy, the priest sprinkles all the people in the church with blessed water and offers water, the symbol of life, to the faithful in containers to take home to bless their homes or to save for times of trouble and illness.

DAILY THOUGHT

Three things in life that once gone can never come back:
Time, Words, Opportunity

Three things in life that can destroy a person:
Anger, Pride, Unforgiveness

Three things in life that you should never lose:
Hope, Peace, Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable:
Love, Family & Friends, Kindness

Three things in life that are never certain -
Dreams, Success, Fortune

Three things that are truly constant:
Father, Son, Holy Spirit



Blessing of Water (*Vodokhresch*)

Water—what an amazing gift! Something that we often take for granted—we use it lavishly—we use it for bathing, laundry, dishwashing, swimming, water our plants and gardens and so on—but we only need about two gallons a day for drinking to survive. But what is the significance of symbolism of water during Epiphany and the Feast of Jordan. Why do we use water as a means of grace? Water is the most beautiful of the four elements of the cosmos. We rise from waters of baptism into a new life, born again of water and the Spirit. Water has been used a symbol for Jesus “*whoever drinks of the water I shall give him will never thirst...*” Once our physical needs are met, our spiritual thirst remains. We thirst for knowledge, we thirst for meaning, we thirst to know who we are—if we do not know the answers to some of these questions our inner thirst grows painful.

The Great Blessing of Water, in Ukrainian called *Vodokhresch*, is a magnificent ritual that is carried out twice: first on the vigil of the Feast (the eve of Theophany) and then on the feast day itself (today, it is usually done once.) It was introduced in the fourth century. A container of water, which stands for the beautiful world of God’s original creation and ultimate glorification by Christ in the Kingdom of God, is placed on a low table in front of the Altar surrounded by candles and flowers. It begins with the singing of special hymns and the incensing of the water, then follows a ceremony which includes:

- † The immersion of the lighted trident candle (*trojka*). *Repeated three times by making a sign of the cross each time. During the rite, the priest immerses the lighted trident candle in the waters and prays "Great are You, O Lord, and Wonderful are Your works..." The immersion of the lighted candles signifies the remission of sins in Baptism*
- † Breathing on the waters *Repeated three times in the form of a cross, the priest invokes: "O King and Lover of mankind come down through the descent of the Holy Spirit and sanctify this water."*
- † The immersion of the priest’s right hand: *Repeated three times by tracing a sign out the sign of the cross and praying "O Master, sanctify this water today by Your Holy Spirit."*

At the conclusion of this ceremony, the priest immerses the hand cross into the water during the singing of the troparion of the Feast. Following this the priest sprinkles the people and the church with the newly-blessed water. Following the celebration, the faithful are invited to approach and drink some of the holy water and then fill their containers. They take the water home for various purposes such as; to bless the sick , to bless people on special occasions (anniversaries, etc), to avert calamities such as fire and inclement weather. At the traditional Supper on Epiphany Eve (*Schedrij Vechir*), the faithful drink this water. After the ceremonies in church and the following weeks, the priest visits the homes of the faithful to bless them with holy water. We should value the efficacy of this holy water, for if we have faith and devotion, the holy water confers actual graces, restrains the power of the devil and remits venial sins. You can partake of the blessed water whenever you feel you have a need for the Lord’s presence as it represents the Lord’s healing and loving presence always.

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THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

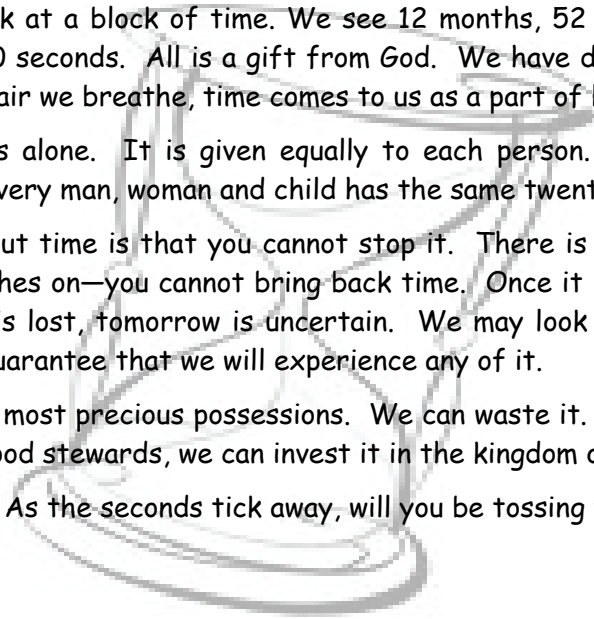
As we look into 2009 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. All is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on—you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves or as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?"



The Blessing of Homes

The blessing of homes constitutes an *invocative blessing*, meaning that by his prayer and by the sprinkling of Holy Water the priest *invokes* God's blessings and protection upon the home and those living in it. We bless homes for many reasons:

- † to reveal the home as what God had created it to be, a way to Heaven
- † to rid the home of every evil
- † to show that the family is a small Church unit in Christ
- † to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God
- † to fill the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God.

Traditionally, the priest personally visits all his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. By sanctifying our homes we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings.

Just as our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and consequently lose God's protective power. We cleanse our souls of sins at least once a year and the church is blessed with the newly blessed water every year, so should our homes be sanctified with Holy Water to invoke God's blessings and protection on it and its inhabitants. As we renew the insurance on our home every year, so we should renew our insurance of God's protection and his blessing which is of greater importance and more effective.

What should we do during a home blessing?

As we welcome our priest during the holy season of Theophany to bless our home, let us be mindful that he is bringing to us the "blessing of the Jordan," and that unless God protects and blesses our home, we "labor in vain." (Ps. 12 7:1)

Each family is considered a small church and the family table is the home altar. When the priest comes, have as many family members there as possible. If you do not have an icon corner, ensure that you set up a place for prayer either at the kitchen or dining table. On the table include an icon and a lit candle. You may also include anything that you may want to have blessed (i.e. icon, cross, personal item, etc.) Make sure that the lights are on in every room. The priest will begin the blessing at the icon corner or table. If you have children, they may lead the priest, while holding a candle, to each room in the house.

This is also a wonderful time for you and your priest to visit and to get to know each other better.

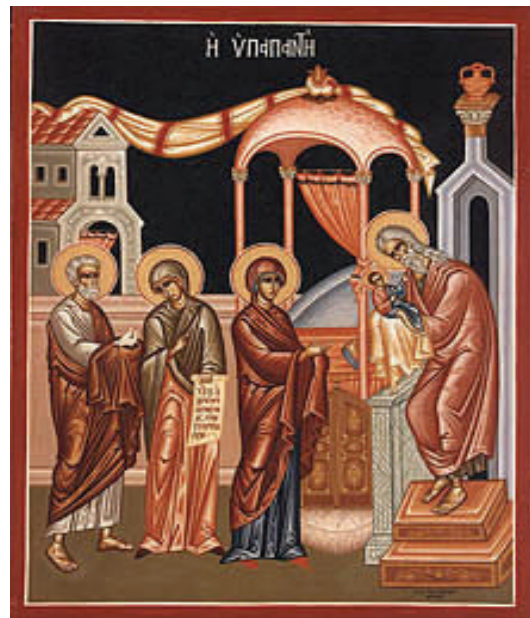
The story of the Presentation is told in Luke 2:22-29. Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. Jesus was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God. In addition, if the parents were wealthy, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or a turtle-dove to be offered as a sacrifice at the Temple. The custom provided that if the parents were poor, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle-doves for the sacrifice. When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were not wealthy, so they took two turtle-doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple. As they arrived at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met by a very old man named Simeon. The coming of the Messiah was awaited by Simeon because he had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Saviour of the world with his own eyes. Thus, the promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled, as Simeon was led to temple on this day. When Simeon saw the Infant he knew at once that the child was the promised Messiah. Simeon was so happy when he held baby Jesus in his arms. He praised God saying,

“Lord, now let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory to your people Israel.”

Simeon said he could now die in peace—he had seen the Saviour. Also, in the Temple was Anna the Prophetess.

She had been a widow for many years. Anna was about eighty-four years old and spent her time in the Temple worshipping, fasting, and praying. When she saw the Christ Child she praised God and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the Messiah. After Jesus was presented in the Temple, the family returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong, and was filled with wisdom.

On the feast of the Presentation, we bless candles for use all year long. This is to remind us that Christ is the "Light that enlightens all mankind—He is the Light of the World" (He guides us in the way we should live. He helps us overcome evil. He gives us understanding of the ways of the Father.) This again is the reason for lighting candles in Church.



Happy New Year con't...

If any of these rings true, then maybe it is time to truly learn from these mistakes and re-examine what real joy, peace and happiness of Christmas and our lives is all about.. So with a brand new year ahead of us, it is a great time to refocus and to re-examine our shortcomings and misgivings of the year past. It is also a perfect time to prepare for a new and fulfilled spiritual beginning...a new beginning with God.

As your thoughts ponder about your New Year's resolutions—let yourself rely on God's strength to help you.

If God is the centre of your resolution then it has a chance for success—that is—depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it.

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you and may the New Year bring joy, peace and happiness each moment of each day.

Happy New Year!

Preparing for Great Lent

Let us also prepare ourselves for the spiritual journey of Great Lent. This year Great Lent (also known as the Great Fast) comes early beginning on February 23, 2009. With this in mind we really do not have too much time to decide on how we plan to prepare ourselves for this great journey. Lent is the 40-day period of time in the Church year before Easter when we traditionally prepare ourselves spiritually for Easter—the day on which Christ was resurrected after His death on the cross on Good Friday.

It is intended to be a time of serious personal reflection, self-denial, spiritual preparation, and repentance that symbolizes Jesus' withdrawal into the desert for 40 days before he began his public ministry. For some, Lent has become so reduced to mere symbolism in the Church that there is very little to differentiate it from other periods of the year. As a time of spiritual preparation it is the perfect opportunity to reflect more deeply on the life, death and resurrection of Christ, as well, as reflecting on our own lives in relation to that of Jesus. It is also an opportunity for all faithful Christians to be involved in more prayer and Scripture reading.

For many people the most common question surrounding this season is, “*what are you going to give up for Lent?*” The act of “giving up” things has traditionally be considered the “norm” for Lent since it is the deemed the “*season of repentance.*” Lent is more than just “giving up” something. There has to be meaning in our act of giving up. It is a time for us to re-evaluate our lives and look at those areas of our lives that need to be changed or altered. This needs to happen if we are to become more responsible and sensible in light of our relationship with Jesus Christ—the Light of the world.

Although many of us associate abstinence as a form of contrition, without real knowledge of the reason for our sacrifices, these acts become meaningless, empty gestures. When done devotedly, giving up things is an excellent way for us to reflect on our life and develop our spirituality. Even when we hear people say they are going to give up something for Lent, it is such a trivial thing so as not to cause them any serious discomfort. Have we become too modern, too “with it” to suffer anything so archaic, so obsolete, as a traditional Lenten observance? We must remember that real “self-denial” is not the outward reminder of what we “gave up,” but the inner change of heart. Giving up excesses helps us to focus on the more important things in life—our relationships with ourselves, our families, the needy and of course, God.

Lent is our sacred time. It is a time to do some serious, personal work towards becoming more holy, integrated people—a time to correct and overcome our addictive, destructive behaviors through prayer and spiritual fulfillment..

Lent is also a quiet season because it is a time of inner reflection, therefore, our actions must also be quiet. As Jesus assures us, what we do quietly and know in our hearts, our Father in Heaven will know and reward us accordingly.

May this Lenten season truly be a time of prayer, giving, reflection and spiritual growth for each and every one of us.



On the Lighter Side....

HOW TRUE...

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

Birthdays are good for you -the more you have the longer you live.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them.

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because its over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.

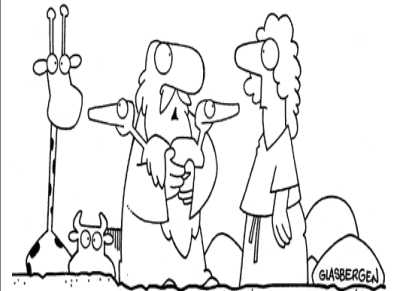
A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Oh yeah, don't forget about the crayons!

Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others.'

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"It's going to rain for 40 days and nights, so God told me to put two of every animal on the ark. And then He gave me something called 'Nintendo' to help pass the time."



WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL

People have a way of becoming what you encourage them to be—not what you nag them to be."

Anonymous

Bible Wordsearch Parable of the Sower

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Matt. 13:16-23

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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MY KIND OF CREDIT CARD



There are some things money can't buy,
for everything else there's Master Card.

I'm sure you've all received their applications in the mail.
However, I'm here to advertise a different card.
You see, my life is a product for others to see.
I'm a card carrying representative for
The MASTER'S CARD.

That's right, The MASTER'S CARD.
Let me tell you about it.
There are no finance charges, no payments due.
My bill has already been covered...it's a prepaid deal.
I couldn't afford the price,
so Jesus stepped in and paid it for me.

My Name is written on the card for all to see.
It is accessible twenty-four hours a day from anywhere in the world.
The MASTER'S CARD has so many benefits it's hard to list them all.
Let me share some of them with you...
you might want to apply for a personal card yourself.

Just for starters there is UNLIMITED GRACE.
That's right; there is no preset limit to the amount of grace you receive from
The MASTER'S CARD.

Have you been looking for love in all the wrong places?
Then, look no farther than The MASTER'S CARD.

It offers the greatest rate on love that has ever been offered.
The MASTER'S CARD gives you access to many "members only" benefits.
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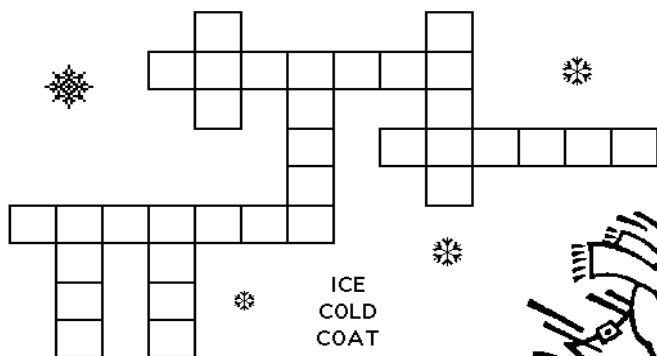
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Winter Crossword

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Find the spot where each word fits. Use each word only once.

ICE
COLD
COAT
IGLOO
BOOTS
HOCKEY
ICEBERG
ICICLES



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Holy Cross' very own Joseph and Mary.
A very big thank you to Daniel and Christina for helping
with the safe arrival of Jesus to His manger.

I look forward to hearing your comments about these newsletters. If you have any questions or if you would like to contribute an article please contact either Fr. Janko or myself. I will endeavour to explain our beautiful Ukrainian Catholic Rite as much as I can. If you would like to see a particular article and have not seen it in any of the newsletters, please let me know—if you are curious about something chances are that some else is too. You can contact either of us at ldurda@shaw.ca or jherbut@shaw.ca.

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