

# Rosburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

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

## January 2022 Parish Bulletin

### **CHRIST IS BORN! ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ!**

*"In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*

*John 1:3b-5*

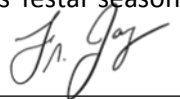
We all know the experience of darkness. The darkness of grief or frustration, of hurt or fear, of our own shortcomings or pandemic fatigue, or of whatever is weighing us down.

Think of the feeling of being in a pitch black room when the darkness feels all encompassing, almost like it's pressing in on you. Now imagine the transformation that happens when you light a candle in that space (or tap the flashlight app on your phone). Nothing in the room has changed, but everything looks different. You can see clearly. You can move confidently. The feeling of being boxed in is gone.

That's what the incarnation - God becoming a human - is like for us. We still face the same challenges and heartache; so did Jesus in his lifetime. But our life is transformed. We understand that even if the

experience of suffering remains, the darkness can not overcome the light. Because God is with us, our suffering is united with God's passion and death. Because God is with us, we receive new life in Christ. And as we choose to let the light of Christ shine through us, we in turn light up the world.

God is with Us! We are standing in the light! We are filled with God's new life! This festal season, choose to receive and reflect God's unquenchable love.



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# Catechesis Corner

Over the last few months we have learned some basics for establishing a solid foundation for our domestic churches (ie: the family; household). We started with learning some basics of prayer, then we established an icon corner where we can use those prayers in the central point of faith in our homes. We have been encouraged to read the Bible more and work on our relationship with our Lord through the calling of His most holy name. Now we are taking a bit of shift to learn even more foundation for our faith: the Symbol of Faith.

## Symbol of Faith: The Nicene Creed

As our Ukrainian-Greco Catholic Catechism starts, “the source of Christian life is faith in the risen Christ.” In order to know this faith at the core of it’s foundation, we must understand something that we have been praying since the day of our baptism: the Creed.

The Creed is a summary of how we as Christians view God, the world and ourselves. It is, in fact, a very specific view of the world, a worldview that constitutes the lens through which we are to see everything and the structure by which we frame our thoughts, experiences and ideas. What we believe about the relationship between God and humanity, sin, redemption and forgiveness, good and evil, heaven and hell, as well as our responsibilities in this life, will affect what we do and determine how we live. For an Orthodox Christian to simply say the Creed by rote, without understanding what these words imply for our lives, is to stumble through life as if blindfolded, unable to see reality as it truly is. When we say “I believe” we are affirming that we see things as they really are and that we have a personal responsibility to live the vision contained in the words of the Creed. In the end, we are what we believe.

Paragraph 4 of *Christ our Pascha* says, “The title Symbol [of Faith] signifies that every word of the Creed not only conveys a concept about God, but also leads us into the very Mystery of Divine Reality, revealing God for our response of faith: “The apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrine confirmed the Church’s one faith, and wearing the garment of truth woven from theology that descends from on high, she rightly imparts the mystery of godliness and sings her glory.”

As we start a new year, let us set a personal resolution to truly know our faith and what we believe as Christians. Let us commit to learning more about the statements that make up the Creed so that when we recite it at the Divine Liturgy, it is not simply something we read or say, but a true profession of faith.

## Welcome Holy Ghost (Sandy Lake) & Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mountain Road) parishes!

On December 10, 2021 His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence issued a new assignment for Fr. Jay which entailed bringing the parishes in Sandy Lake & Mountain Road under his care. These two parishes are still part of the Neepawa Pastoral District, but until a solution is found to serve this area, Fr. Jay will be looking after them. There should be little to no effect on the Rossburn District as only one Divine Liturgy a month will be added to the schedule at this time. We welcome these parishioners and all the parishioners to be part of our district whenever services are not offered in your own. May God bless these communities abundantly!



Do you want to play an active role in the parish district? Do you want to help build up our church for generations to come? Then we want you! The Pastoral District is establishing new pastoral council committees to help create true vibrant parishes throughout the whole district. If you see a committee below that you might be interested in joining, please contact Fr. Jay at [rossburn.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:rossburn.pastor@gmail.com) or by call or text at 204.859.3025 for more information.

**LITURGICAL | OUTREACH | WELCOMING | MUSIC | EDUCATION**

### ***Theophany Schedule 2022***

Theophany, Feast of Jordan, Baptism of our Lord. So many names, one event! The moment that our Lord is baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist and the worship of the Trinity was revealed. We will be celebrating this feast on three separate occasions this year.

#### ***Eve of Theophany (Jan. 5)***

9:00 AM Royal Hours — Rossburn

6:00 PM Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy  
with blessing of water — Russell

#### ***Feast of Theophany (Jan. 6)***

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
with blessing of water — Rossburn

#### ***Water Blessing at Rossman Lake (Jan. 8)***

11:00 AM - Blessing of Water (see back page)



# JANUARY

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ROSSBURN UKRAINIAN  
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9:00AM - Russell  
11:30AM - Oakburn  
2:00PM - Rossburn  
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10AM - Divine Liturgy

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Royal Hour  
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9:00AM - Rossburn  
11:30AM - Russell  
2:00PM - Shoal Lake  
followed by AGM

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10AM - Divine Liturgy  
+Helen Sytnyk by  
Sytnyk Family

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10AM - Div

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9:00AM - Oakburn  
11:30AM - Rossburn  
2:00PM - Russell

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10AM - Divine Liturgy  
Shoal Lake PCH

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10AM - Div

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9:00AM - Russell  
11:30AM - Shoal Lake  
2:00PM - Rossburn

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10AM - Divine Liturgy  
Birthday blessings for  
Metropolitan Lawrence

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9:00AM - Rossburn  
11:30AM - Russell  
2:00PM - Oakburn  
followed by AGM

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			<p>01</p> <p>Divine Liturgy 10AM - Rossburn Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord</p>
<p>Theophany s - 8:30AM &amp; Divine f St. Basil ssing - 6pm SELL</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Theophany Divine Liturgy &amp; Water Blessings 10AM ROSSBURN</p>	<p>07</p> <p>11AM - Old Calendar Christmas Divine Liturgy St. Michael Parish, Olha</p>	<p>08</p> <p>Water Blessing at Rossman Lake 11:00 AM WHOLE DISTRICT INVITED!</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy For health of Sophia &amp; Kassia by Sytnyk family</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy Health &amp; God's blessings on Adele &amp; Walter by Gary Byskal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy +Andrea Tokaryk by Sytnyk family</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 AM Levandoski Baptism Mountain Road</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy II PCH</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy  4-7 PM Confessions Shoal Lake</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy Sandy Lake</p>

## Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of January

### January 3 - 7

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

### January 10 - 14

Icon of Our Lord

For teachers and students returning to school

Icon of the Theotokos

For teachers and students returning to school

### January 17 - 21

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

### January 24 - 28

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

**CONFESSIONS** will be available in Shoal Lake this month on Friday, January 28th from 4pm - 7pm. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.



**House Blessings** will be happening once again this year in a very safe manner. With the rising concern of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Fr. Jay will once again refrain from entering houses but will bless from the outside. Please sign-up at the entrance to the parishes.



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

**Michael Jawa (Sandy Lake) - December 3**

**Andrea Tokaryk (Olha) - December 14**

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

**ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! ETERNAL MEMORY!**





**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the province has new restrictions. At the time of publishing, our parishes will be open to the public regardless of their vaccination status at a capacity of 25 people and will continue to be live-streamed on Sundays. Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 25 people in attendance (not including clergy, cantor & funeral staff). For further information on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and encourage everyone to register in advance for their attendance on Sundays.

**PROPER DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE STILL MANDATORY IN ALL PARISHES.**

**Please be respectful of these rules that are put in place by the Province of Manitoba.**

While we patiently wait for things to resume fully, please remember to stay safe, get vaccinated and pray, pray, pray!

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

**Rossgburn PCH:** Alice Hrubeniuk, Bill Kalyniak, Melvin Luhowy, Anne Shust

**Russell PCH:** Frances Snytynski, Anne Snytynski, Shirley, Sofia Jawa

**Shoal Lake PCH:** Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Bill & Lena Kalyniak, Penny Mychasiw, Helen Yaskiw, Tony Woychysyn

*\*Fr. Jay has monthly services in each of these care homes.*

**Rossgburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District Online** - Did you know that our district has a website? You can find the monthly bulletin and calendar on our website as well as history about all the parishes. Liturgical texts are also available to assist you when you pray at home while joining us virtually through our live-streamed services. This website will continue to be built and perfected, but if you have any information regarding the history of the parishes that you wish to add, please contact Fr. Jay and share the information you have.

*Don't forget you can also find us on Facebook for all our live-streaming and announcements.*

**[www.rossburnugcc.ca](http://www.rossburnugcc.ca)**

**[Facebook.com/rossburn.ugcc](https://Facebook.com/rossburn.ugcc)**

***Want to get involved more?***

In the last few months, we have seen many people step up and assist with reading the epistle on Sundays. If you feel called to do this, just talk to the cantor before the liturgy and volunteer. There is always something to do during the liturgy. If you want to offer help, please talk to Fr. Jay.



***Reminder...***

Effective immediately, there is only one phone number for the office and for Fr. Jay. You can **call or text** 204-859-3025.

Please remove 204-773-6594 from your contacts as it is no longer in service. Thank you!

# Water Blessing

AT ROSSMAN LAKE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8  
11:00AM  
ROSSMAN LAKE BEACH

*All are welcome!*



JOIN THE ROSSBURN UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PASTORAL DISTRICT  
FOR A TRADITIONAL WATER BLESSING SERVICE  
TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY

*Rosburn*  
Ukrainian Catholic  
Pastoral District  
Український католицько-пасторальський  
округ Рибіське

Reminder that the Private Property signs on our properties are for insurance purpose and at the request of our insurance provider. These are **NOT** meant to keep parishioners and family/friends away from cemeteries. You are all more than welcome to go and visit your loved ones at the cemeteries. Please do not remove!



## Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

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

Weekdays: 10am - Rosburn

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

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

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

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