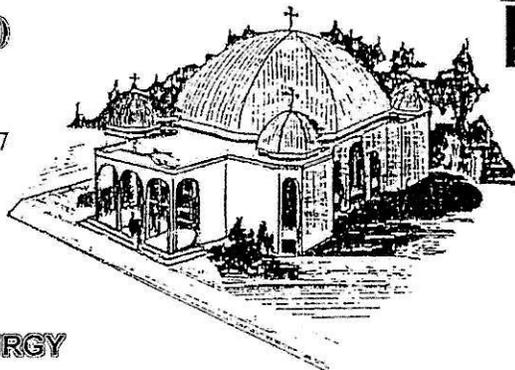


## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Byzantine-Ukrainian Rite)

293 St. George's Avenue East  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
P6B 6E8 Phone: (705) 942-1377

Established in 1917



### DIVINE LITURGY

Saturday: 4:15 pm. - all in English  
Sunday: 9:30 am. - all in Ukrainian  
11:00 am. - all in English

**BAPTISM:** by prior arrangement

**MARRIAGE:** Please call the parish office  
3 months notice is required.

### RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm.  
Before & after weekday Liturgy  
Anytime by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

### HOME VISITATION:

Please call the parish office to make  
arrangements.

*WELCOME to our parish...Enter expectantly...*

*Breathe prayerfully....*

*Worship reverently...*

*Relax restfully...*

*Greet others in love...*

*Leave touched by God, & come again soon!*

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk  
**RECTORY:** 91 Grand Blvd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4S1  
Phone: (705) 256-1025

**OFFICE MANAGER:**  
Ms. Charlotte Conrad  
Monday: CLOSED  
Tues. - Fri. 10 am. - 4 pm.  
Closed on all holidays

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*We are each of us angels with only one wing...  
And we can only fly embracing each other...*  
Luciano DeCrenzenzo

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Sunday, December 23rd, 2018

**SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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<b>EPISTLE:</b> Hebrews 2: 1-20	<b>LAY READERS</b>	4:15 pm. 9:30 am.
<b>GOSPEL:</b> St. Matthews 1:1-25		11:00 am.

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**DIVINE SERVICES:**

*CHRISTMAS EVE*  
**MONDAY:** 8:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – (English)

*CHRISTMAS DAY*  
**TUESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – (Ukrainian)  
11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – (English)

*FEAST OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – HOLY FAMILY*  
**WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 a.m. +Susan Korab Req. Her Friends

*FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN*  
**THURSDAY:** 10:00 a.m. +Audrey Lee Req. Bill & Nancy Cline

**FRIDAY:** 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY:** 4:15 p.m. + Audrey Lee Req. Jaroslawa Andrijiw

**SUNDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners (Ukr.)  
11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners (Eng.)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A sincere Thank you to “All” who came out to help make pyrohy and cabbage rolls for 2018. Take a well-deserved rest! We “start-up” again on Thursday January 10th, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. Preparation work (cabbage & potatoes) will take place Tuesday January 8th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Just a reminder about our **FOOD DRIVE**. Donations placed in our blue basket in the vestibule are delivered to the Salvation Army Food Bank regularly. **Jesus said: “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters that you do unto me.**
3. Please Note: Parish e-mail address [soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca](mailto:soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca)  
[www.stmarysukrsm.ca](http://www.stmarysukrsm.ca)
4. Precious Blood Cathedral—CASH DRAW – Support the JOURNEY 2019 – (All proceeds to the JOURNEY for the “Gathering Place” at Precious Blood Cathedral building initiative.) WIN! \$25,000.00 plus (5) draws for \$1,000.00 Tickets only \$20.00 each.

Only 5,000 Tickets printed. DRAW DATE: SATURDAY April 20, 2019 Noon.

5. **2019 PARISH ENVELOPES** – If you presently do not have Parish Envelopes and would like to receive them, Please contact the Parish Office #705-942-1377 or if you have a Change of Address **PLEASE UPDATE OUR RECORDS FOR US!!!**

**FINAL YEAR-END DONATIONS (2018) SHOULD BE DATED AND MAILED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2018.**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:**

Lorraine Wilson, Dora Notte, Jessie & Anita Lutes, Msgr. Anton Szymchalski, Clair Crowley, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Oksana Sosidko, Antoinette Blunt, Katheren Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Strachuk, Roman Sosidko, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Nikolaos Georgas, Denise Jacques, Reg Beaudette, Christine Telka, Phil Marinelli, Mike Plastino, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Stephanie Parniak, Connie Sampson, Lee DeMelo, Vanessa Desfreitas Fr. Ivan Trush, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Pauline Baiocchi, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Jean Rudnicki and Fr. Andrew Kormanik.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen.*

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**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING:                   \$ Thank you!**

**BUILDING FUND:**

Thank-you! Errors or Omissions? Please call the Parish Office at #705-942-1377.

**2018 - CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAZAAR RESULTS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's:

Congratulations on another successful Christmas Tea & Bazaar.

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and effort or donated in any way to our annual Tea;  
**WITHOUT YOU IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE!**

Thank you to all our dedicated parishioners, volunteers and community members who did their very best to make this event a reflection of our Church Community Spirit.  
Our Christian Spirit brings Joy for the Season and Hope for the Future!

This early Christmas tradition continues to be anticipated & supported by our generous Sault Ste. Marie Community. **TEA & BAZAAR SALES MADE \$6,662.45.**

A Heartfelt "Thanks" To Everyone! God Bless! **THE TEA COMMITTEE.**

**God Is with Us to Help Us**

Do you know what it feels like to feel utterly alone? To try to attempt to live your life with no one to fall back on, no safety net, no help? If you've been through some desperate times in your life, then you know exactly what this feels like. The wonderful promise made through the Christ-child Immanuel is that God promises to be with you in your troubles. He will not leave you to your own resources. All of his resources are now available to you.

The difference for you can be like night and day. In past times God had made this kind of promise to special people in

history.

Abraham was an alien in a threatening land, but God said to him, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go."<sup>4</sup> Moses was told to personally confront the most powerful king on the face of the earth with nothing but a staff and the promise from God, "I will be with you!"<sup>5</sup> Moses believed him and went to Pharaoh at great risk. As a result, God delivered the people of Israel from Egypt through the Red Sea. After Moses died, his apprentice was thrust into leadership. God promised Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Powerful stuff! But what about you and me? That Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us," means that his promise is not just to the great leaders but to all. The promise is to you. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, he spoke to his disciples:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me? And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

That promise of Immanuel is not just to the apostles, it is to us also, for we see the same promise in the Bible to reassure all the rest of us — "I will never leave you or forsake you."

## God Himself Is with Us in Jesus

The title Immanuel tells us about the *mission* of Jesus, it also tells us about his *nature*. Remember the context? We have just been told about Mary's pregnancy, Joseph's concern, and the angel's assurance ("What is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit"). At that point the narrator tells us that this fulfills Isaiah's prophecy, "'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' — which means, 'God with us.'" Matthew's account of Mary's conception tells the story from Joseph's point of view. Luke's account focuses on Mary's experience. The angel Gabriel has told Mary that she will bear a son who will be the Messiah.

"'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?'"

The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.'"<sup>9</sup>

In other words, Immanuel, "God with us," is to be understood literally. Jesus is physical son of Mary in his human nature, but spiritually, he is the Son of God, he has been begotten by God himself.

So when the shepherds and wise men gather and worship the Baby, they are worshipping God himself. Jesus the Son is divine to the same degree that the Father is divine.

Jesus is God!

That is the very radical meaning of Christmas. It isn't about mistletoe and music, or parties and presents, or even the spirit of giving. Christmas is a celebration of the radical fact that God took on human flesh when Jesus was born. Jesus — God Himself — is Immanuel, God With Us!

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA

ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 2018/2019

### Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” (Luke 2:14)**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, we do so with a sense of wonder in our hearts. The story of the birth of Jesus serves as a constant reminder of God's love for us.

To express God's boundless love for us, God appears among us in the person of his own son, Jesus Christ. God with us. Emmanuel. And in this we rejoice!

This year, we celebrate Christmas in the context of the 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I. On November 11, 1918, church bells rang out throughout the world as an outpouring of relief that four years of war had come to an end. We

remember and honour those who served and sacrificed – millions who gave with their lives – that we might have peace. We remember the joy that peace brought after so much death and destruction.

**Peace.**

Jesus, at his birth, comes into the world as the Prince of Peace, in fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah: “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9: 6).

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He comes into the world as the great peacemaker among humanity.

He teaches in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5: 9).

At his death, he tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14: 27).

On that very first Easter, we are told: “When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20: 19).

Alongside other powerful names such as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Eternal Father, Jesus is given the title Prince of Peace, indicating one of His many roles — the One who is the leader of peace and offers it to others.

As we celebrate Jesus’ birth this Christmas, let us thank God for the gift of peace. And let us honour the Prince of Peace by continuing to be peacemakers in the world, starting within our own families and among our friends and neighbours.

**But how can we do so?**

The story is told about an old rabbi once asked his students how one could recognize the time when night ends and day begins. One student asked, “Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a dog from a sheep?” “No,” said the rabbi. Another student asked, “Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a date palm from a fig tree?” “No,” said the rabbi. “Then,” the students asked, “when is it?” The rabbi answered, “It is when you look into the face of any human creature and see your brother or sister there. Until then, night is still with us.

**Ah, to see brother or sister in all. This is the call of all humanity.**

Yet, we live in a world that is all too often filled with horrific examples of communities torn apart: hunger and starvation, ethnic cleansing, segregation, genocide, tougher immigration, and so on.

Still, there is plenty of food and work for everyone in the world if we but share our common wealth and recognize that we are all brothers and sisters. We are not alone but are related with others all around the world. We belong to the family of God, and it is the love of God that binds us together.

This Christmas, we remember those that fought for peace in the world. We remember the joy that peace brought, and pray for peace and a better world – including places where there is conflict today: Ukraine, Syria, the Middle East, and

**others – when we can truly call each other brother and sister.**

**As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, may Christ, truly bless you and your family with peace, love and joy, now and in the New Year!**

**Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!**

- + Lawrence Huculak OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg**
- + Michael Wiwchar CSSR, Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon**
- + Severian Yakymyshyn OSBM, Bishop Emeritus of New Westminster**
- + David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton**
- + Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto**
- + Ken Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster**
- + Bryan Bayda CSSR, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon**