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MASS SCHEDULE

Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

(Sundays, September to May)

Grades 1-8: Weekly 10:40am in the school

SHARE THE WORD

(Sundays, September to May)

Ages 3-6: Bi-Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

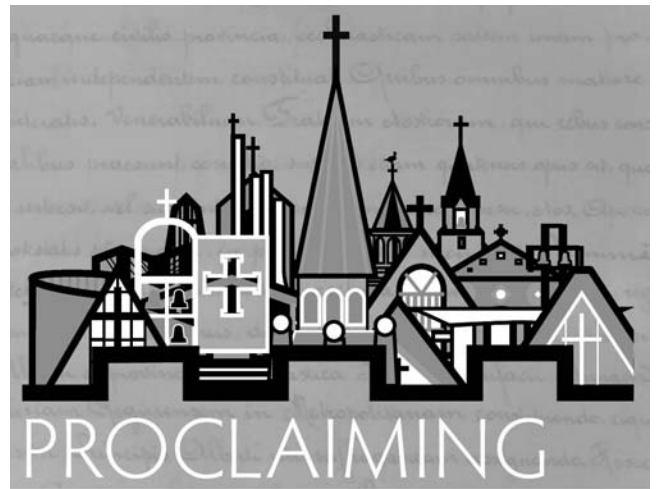
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Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
Closed for Lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

For admittance to the Church or the School Office during office hours, please use the intercom button located at the Renfrew School Entrance, the Courtyard or the Parking Lot door.



PROCLAIMING CHRIST ALWAYS



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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30pm (or by appointment)

Sacrament of the Sick: At home or in the hospital. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism of Infants: Usually celebrated with the Community on the Day of the Lord. We encourage parents to participate in the preparation process as early as possible. Please call the Parish Office.

Initiation of Adults/ Children: Please call Parish Office for more information.

Sacramental Preparation for School-aged Children: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our Parish Community. Information is available through the parish office, on line or in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning to get married at St. John Brebeuf must contact Father Mark (ext 213) at least one year in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

Funerals: Please speak to Fr. Mark **before** meeting with the Funeral Home.

Catholic Women's League: Meets at 12:30pm on the first Sunday of the month (October to May).

Knights of Columbus Council 1107: Meets at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (September to June).

August 15/16, 2015: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 16	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Helen Luy
Monday, August 17	Weekday Ferial No Mass
Tuesday, August 18	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Helen Custer
Wednesday, August 19	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Bill Blain 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass
Thursday, August 20	Memorial: St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Mimi Trainor
Friday, August 21	Memorial: St. Pius X, Pope 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Delores Sass
Saturday, August 22	Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, August 23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +John Tarrant

Winnipeg Harvest: Children and Poverty

Last year, Winnipeg Harvest distributed 6.2 million kilograms of food (13.7 million pounds). With nearly half of Winnipeg Harvest clients being children, this means that nearly 3 million kilograms (6.5 million pounds) was distributed to feed hungry children. The need for nutritious, non-perishable food and **iron fortified baby formula** does not take a summer holiday. Top ten most-needed list at main church entrance.

Tools for School: For low income families, preparing for back-to-school is a budgeting nightmare; especially for those struggling to feed their children. The school supply allowance on public assistance does not cover costs. You can help by purchasing needed school supplies.

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Your purchase of Sobeys Gift Cards can help feed the hungry in our city. Our Knights are selling cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. To donate your gift card to Winnipeg Harvest, indicate this at the time of your purchase and a tax receipt will be issued. **Each dollar donated allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food.** 2015 total to date: **\$5730**



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "He is the Food"

In a half-joking manner, a certain biblical scholar has suggested that in the Gospels, "Jesus always seems to be going to eat, eating, or coming from eating."

Food, of course, was a primary concern for the half-starving people who listened to Jesus and followed him. You food-lovers might be interested in knowing that what people actually ate in those days, especially if they were on the edge of starvation, was bread, wine and vegetables. The bread they consumed was not of the gourmet wheat variety, but was made from barley. The wine they drank was watered-down leftovers. Fish was not that available, and meat was expensive.

Food, or the lack of it, is everywhere in the Gospels. The Gospel of John, for example, begins with a miracle at a wedding banquet. The feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle that is present in all four of the Gospels. To demonstrate his intimate connection with God, Jesus uses a meal reference: "My food is to do the will of the Father." His farewell to his closest disciples takes place in the context of a dinner we call the Last Supper. Jesus' final word of advice to Peter is: "Feed my sheep." Again, "Jesus always seems to be going to eat, eating, or coming from eating."

Today's Gospel presents one exception to this rule: Here, he *is* the food. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

This graphic description that Jesus uses causes great alarm among certain of his original listeners. They even ask, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Taken on a purely physical level, it sounds like cannibalism to them: the eating of flesh and the drinking of blood. Jesus even uses a verb that indicates the physical crunching with teeth.

What are we to make of this? How can we actually do the kind of eating and drinking that Jesus proposes in this Gospel?

It's important to note that Jesus is talking to us here on two levels: First, he reminds his Jewish listeners that the word of God spoken to them in their Mosaic Law was often described as "food" to be eaten and consumed. Their relationship with God was that extraordinary. Second, he insists that the law, however important, is not enough. An enhanced revelation of who God is and how passionately he desires to be in union with us is now present in the person of Jesus himself.

The law is now being taken to a new level. It is being superseded by the death and resurrection of Jesus, in which God has entered into a relationship with the world that is so personal and so intimate that the only way to describe it is through the act of eating and drinking. The sharing of food becomes the preeminent picture of a mutual love affair, one in which we live *in* Jesus and Jesus lives *in* us.

This is precisely what happens each time we take the body and blood of Jesus into our own bodies. Our hope and intention is that through this most tactile and intimate way of approaching God, we will allow him all the way down into the deepest, most intimate part of ourselves — even to the molecular dimension of our being.

The goal of the Eucharist is to do just that: to nourish us, strengthen us, change us in the same way food and drink does.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." ~Ted Wolgamot (used with permission)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Drink deeply from the cup of mystery

When the church speaks of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we speak of the whole Christ being “truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine,” according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. What it all means remains a mystery, but “God’s plan for the world has repeatedly surpassed human expectations and human understanding,” say the bishops. Those who follow Christ sow love where there is hate and see the light of the world amid the darkness. Don’t be afraid to take the surprising tack in the name of love.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58 (119)*. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

American idol

We bring our “Amen” to God on Sundays. Amen is our signature at the bottom of the contract of every prayer. But then we move on to serve other, lesser gods: anxiety about our finances or personal security, or maybe anger because so many elements of our lives are not entirely in our control. We may provide another “amen” to pride, envy, self-absorption. Creature comforts also present their contracts that beg for our signature. Practice reserving your Amen for the true God, and refuse to submit to the mini-gods.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419)*. “The children of Israel . . . followed the other gods of the various nations around them.”

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

I’m no hero!

Each saint in the canon, like every hero in the Bible, begins his or her vocation with an emphatic objection to God’s call. Which makes perfect sense to most of us, who would gladly echo Gideon’s response when summoned to be the next champion of his community. “I’m no savior! Try next door.” It’s not false modesty on our part. We know our limitations too well, so it helps to keep this in mind: So does God. When God comes calling, with the invitation always comes the grace to fulfill it.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420)*. “But Gideon answered him, ‘Please, my lord, how can I save Israel?’”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

FEAST OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Stand out from the field

Priest John Eudes lived in a time of plagues, but rather than flee after being bedridden for a year, he stayed close at hand to care for those in his diocese who were stricken. He avoided infecting his colleagues by living out in a middle of a field. Though your own efforts to help others might not seem so heroic, no small kindness



is wasted, no moment of compassion insignificant. It all counts. You don’t have to live in a field to be of service. Find your own way to alleviate some suffering today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421)*. “My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go.”

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

FEAST OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Spend time with the living Word

Bernard of Clairvaux was a great reformer of monastic life, and his vision was grounded in a deep interior spirituality. He championed *lectio divina* (Latin for “divine reading”), a traditional practice of scripture reading, reflection, and prayer that treats the scripture not as a text to be studied but a living Presence to be encountered. Whatever your own profession or activity—from homemaking to company building, from repairing roofs to repairing hearts—you can benefit from taking a few minutes early or late in the day to sit with a passage of scripture and allow it to come alive in your mind and heart. Start with today’s gospel if you wish.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14 (422)*. “Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

FEAST OF PIUS X, POPE

The pauper pope

“I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor.” Not the words you might expect from a pope, but they are indeed the words of Pius X, who led the church a hundred years ago. He was known as a stiff disciplinarian but is said to have tempered that quality with compassion, perhaps born out of his own challenged background. Rules have their place, but compassion is always called for. If you are in a position of authority take Pius as your model. Be a compassionate leader.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423)*. “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Leading by serving

Jesus has a way of turning things upside down so that we can learn something new about God. When Jesus speaks of leadership, for example, he invites us not to consider leaders in title only, but leaders who are truly at the service of others, those who lead by walking with people, not above them. In celebrating the Queenship of Mary, let us consider how Mary has been a leader by her life, her words, and her actions. In what way does Mary continue to walk with you on your journey?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424)*. “The greatest among you must be your servant.”



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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