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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

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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| Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor | ext 213 |
| Deacon Michael Thibert | |
| Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate | ext 217 |
| Debbie Dusanek, Administrative Coordinator | ext 210 |
| Eddie Melo, Building Operations | ext 220 |
| Mira Salter, Finance Officer | ext 211 |
| Andie Kim, Finance Assistant | ext 225 |

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.

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 20/21, 2016: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sunday, August 21 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mass with Baptisms) 10am: +Gerald & +Dorothy Caron |
| Monday, August 22 | Memorial: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary No Mass |
| Tuesday, August 23 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +John Tarrant |
| Wednesday, August 24 | Feast: St. Bartholomew, Apostle 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Dona Brekelmans |
| Thursday, August 25 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Intentions of Simon Pesun 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Residence Mass |
| Friday, August 26 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: Intentions of Thomas Callaghan |
| Saturday, August 27 | Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mass with Baptism) 5pm: Missa Pro Populo |
| Sunday, August 28 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mass with Baptisms) 10am: +Jim Rodrigues |

Summer Mass Schedule:
Masses on the Lord's Day:
Saturday: 5pm Sunday: **10am**
Weekday Masses: Tues. to Fri. 9:15am
Regular Schedule resumes September 18, 2016
Mass times subject to change.



Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? We have returned to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. For further information, please leave a message for Tom in the Parish Office at 204-488-4467, and you will be contacted upon his return from vacation.

Faith Formation: Please register online for the 2016/2017 children's Faith Formation Programs, resuming fall 2016 at St. John Brebeuf. **Sept 18:** Share the Word (Ages 3-5), Sunday School (K to 8), First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Gr. 2). **Oct 2:** Confirmation (Gr. 9). Please visit www.sjbcommunity.ca.

RCIA: This is the time to deepen your relationship with God. If you are considering being baptized, becoming Catholic, or if you just want to learn more, consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact Tom at 204-488-4467 ext. 217. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am, beginning September 18.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

Regular Offertory

August 13/14, 2016: \$2,994

Pre-Authorized Donations for August: \$22,725.50

Least Coin Collection:

Each weekend, a second collection of pocket change will be taken immediately following the offertory. These funds will be used for our ongoing ministry of charity, beginning with support of refugees.

August 13/14, 2016: \$343.50

Total collected to date: \$33,775.72

Knights of Columbus #1107: Our Knights are selling Sobey's cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. To donate your gift card to Winnipeg Harvest, indicate this when purchasing. A tax receipt will be issued. Gift cards can be used at Sobey's **and** Safeway stores! **Each dollar donated allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food.** 2016 total to date: \$ 7,630.



Archdiocese of Winnipeg Synod Listening Sessions:

Archbishop Richard Gagnon has called a Synod for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, bringing together clergy, religious and laity of the local church to deliberate on the pastoral needs of the diocese. Sessions include:

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7pm: North Winnipeg Deanery, St. Anthony of Padua Church (WK), 250 Burrin Ave., Wpg, MB

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7pm: Westman Deanery, St. Augustine's Parish, 327 Fourth St., Brandon, MB

Thursday, Oct. 13, 7pm: South Winnipeg Deanery, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 4588 Roblin Blvd., Wpg, MB

Saturday, Oct. 15, 1pm: Parkland Deanery, St. Viator's Parish, 307 Whitmore Ave. E., Dauphin, MB

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7pm: Central Winnipeg Deanery, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2400 Portage Ave., Wpg, MB

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10am: Interlake Deanery, Christ the King Parish, 315 2nd St. East, Stonewall, MB

Four additional sessions to be scheduled with Clergy, Youth & Young Adults, First Nations Communities and Ministers, and at Our Place/Chez Nous Drop-In Centre. Details at church bulletin boards and www.archwinnipeg.ca



Let us Pray for our sick, homebound and those who need our prayers:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed (James 5:15)

Marie A., Jan B., Marie M., Don Barnicki, Gisèle Bertalanffy, Stephanie Blair, David Bruneau, Cathy Burke, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Carol Kruse, Paul L., Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, M.M., Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Peter, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Joan Vadas, Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community, please contact the Parish Office.

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August 20/21, 2016: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

This question has been asked many times down through the ages. And it always seems to carry with it an attached degree of anxiety, as in: “Will I be saved?” “Will I be among the select few?”

But, as urgent as this question is, Jesus’ response in today’s Gospel is somewhat baffling. It’s almost as if someone had asked him, “Is today Tuesday?” and he responded, “Seek the pig wearing a hat.”

To recall, here is Jesus’ response to the question about who will be saved: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate.” A narrow gate? Where did that concept come from? And what is it a gate to? No clear answer is given.

So let’s try to unpack what’s really going on here and hope that helps us understand better why Luke included this vignette when writing his Gospel.

Central to Luke’s message is the idea that everyone is invited to participate in the journey of dying to our egotistical self and rising to a life of generosity and mercy. Everyone is invited to follow the way of life Jesus dramatically portrayed. He refers to it as the “narrow gate.” He calls it that because it opens onto a path that is not our usual first choice.

We don’t want to squeeze through some narrow gate. We want to coast through the big, broad one — the gate of self-service, not other-service; the gate of ease and comfort, not hardship; the gate of power and influence, not the one of selfless surrender.

And that’s why it’s called “narrow.” Few naturally choose it.

To put it another way, Jesus invites us into an inverted world, one that seems turned upside down. In this world, we are infinitely loved by a God who pursues us and welcomes us into an intimate relationship distinguished by such virtues as generosity, service, and mercy. It’s a relationship defined by the word “love.”

Love, by its very nature, takes us out of ourselves. That’s what marriage is all about. That’s what raising a child is all about. That’s what family is all about.

Love is about solidarity, not individualism. It’s about community, not aloneness. It’s about sharing, not taking. It’s about service, not self-satisfaction.

But our natural response to all this is to say that it’s too hard, too difficult, too demanding.

Jesus’ response to our natural reaction is captured in the first word he uses to answer the man’s question: strive. In the original Greek, the word connotes engaging in an intense struggle and effort against great opposition. It is similar to the word describing the passionate anguish that Jesus himself endured in the agony in the garden.

Strive. Struggle. Endeavor. Attempt.

These are the words that the disciples of Jesus are to take to heart.

Songwriter Leonard Cohen says, “There is a crack in everything, and that’s how the light gets in.” Our faith journey is one of striving to find the cracks in order to see the light of hope. It’s one that embraces the old saying that goes: “The candle says to the darkness, ‘I beg to differ.’”

Strive to “Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate.” Strive to “Forgive seventy times seven, as your Father does.” Strive to “Seek first the kingdom of God.” Strive to be among those to whom the Lord will say, “I was hungry and you gave me food.”

To enter through the narrow gate is to follow Jesus, to love what Jesus loved, and to live like Jesus lived.

Strive.

~Ted Wolgamot, The Narrow Gate

From the Parish Office: Staff members are in and out of the Office due to the nature of their responsibilities, or may be away on vacation. **Please call before you come** to ensure that the person you need to see will be available to assist you, and you won’t have made a wasted trip! **We are closed for lunch weekdays 12pm to 1pm, and summer hours are subject to change.**

Winnipeg Harvest 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.



Winnipeg Harvest:

The recent influx of Syrian Refugees, in addition to current clients has caused an urgent food shortage in our province. Winnipeg Harvest has a **critical need for 5 of its top 10 foods**, crucial to the food kits that get sent out to nearly 64,000 Manitobans each month. Urgent items include:

Canned Meat
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Canned Fruit
Rice & Pasta

Please help Winnipeg Harvest feed the hungry in our midst by sharing what you can **every** month.



Visiting us today? **Welcome!** If you are new to our area, and are seeking a new parish family, we invite you to join us. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards at the main entrances. Please complete your form and drop in the offertory basket, or forward to the Parish Office. For more information about Saint John Brebeuf Parish and School please visit: www.sjbcommunity.ca

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