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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

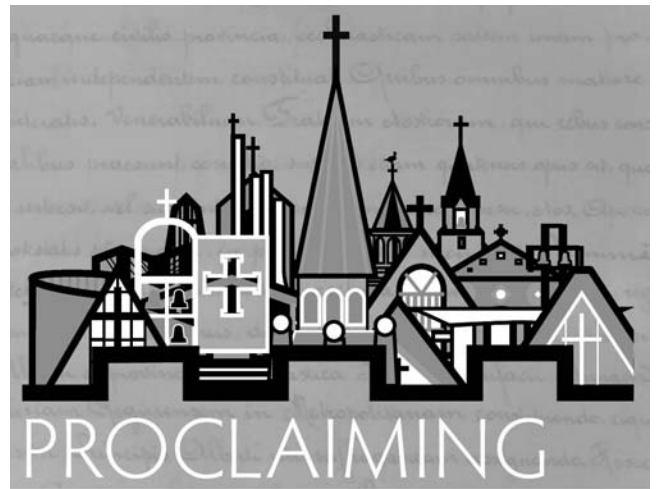
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Parish Office Hours

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.



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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 22/23, 2015: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mass with Baptisms) 10am: +John Tarrant
Monday, August 24	Feast: St. Bartholomew, Apostle No Mass
Tuesday, August 25	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Betty Borger
Wednesday, August 26	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: Intentions of Thomas Callaghan
Thursday, August 27	Memorial: St. Monica 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Mary Morier 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Residence Mass
Friday, August 28	Memorial: St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: Int. of Michelle & Michael Riese
Saturday, August 29	Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, August 30	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Harold Midgley

Winnipeg Harvest: Children and Poverty

One in five children in Canada and 40% of Aboriginal children living off-reserves live in poverty. 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. Please give what you can each month!



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**



Rest in Peace:

+Catherine Pearse



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Come Home"

There comes a time when we have to make a choice. We can't keep putting it off or think it doesn't matter what we believe or that we can just play the field because that's what most people do.

As the Israelites entered the Promised Land, they discovered a variety of other religions and were forced to define their beliefs. Joshua reviews the history of Israel, recounting God's fidelity. He challenges the others to commit to the covenant. Then, in powerful words, he says that others can do what they choose, but "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Peter and the other disciples were confronted with the same moment of truth over Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. How can he give us his body and blood to eat and drink? Without understanding this profound mystery, Peter affirms his loyalty to Jesus: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Faith, by definition, asks us to accept truths we cannot understand. The existence of God may be logical, but the existence of a personal God who is love, who sent the divine Word into history in Jesus, the God Man who died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead for our redemption — all of this is beyond proof. To affirm the real presence of Jesus in Communion requires a deep act of faith every time we receive it. Our own trust that we will survive death in some other existence with God is an act of faith we must make at every funeral, or as we imagine our own final moments on earth.

The great temptation is to postpone our act of faith, to cruise within a culture that frowns on religiosity and approves sophisticated skepticism. We may think we can get by being decent and fair, a good person who cares about others. But when the time comes, either a health crisis or loss of a friend or family member, we will begin, however quietly or anonymously, to rediscover our need for God.

This is normal, the way most of us grow into our faith, even as we grow in wisdom as we age. Life gets more complicated as we go, and deeper questions require deeper answers. No one escapes the mystery of suffering and loss that leads to either hope or despair.

God welcomes us, whether we come in desperation or in a more intellectual search for truth, or because we have felt what author Evelyn Waugh called the "twitch upon the thread" that is God's summons to a wandering soul to come home.

Jesus, who is the seal upon our hearts from baptism, welcomes us to discover who we really are. All our experiences reveal the emerging Christ within us, the image and likeness of God that remains when all other false images and masks are exhausted. It is time to come home, for we are beloved, even in our sinful ways and wasted opportunities. Like the great convert Augustine, we confess, "Late have I loved you." Better late than never.

The Eucharist is our handle on everything we believe. There is no greater sign of faith than to receive Communion regularly. It teaches us to pray, brings us into the community, nourishes our hungers and sends us forth to find and feed others who are starving to death, spiritually and sometimes literally. We have other options for a Sunday morning, but none as satisfying as this. Listen to the stories again, hold hands with one another as we say the Lord's Prayer, give one another the peace of Christ. Come home.

~Pat Marrin (used with permission)



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the rubber hits the road

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried,” wrote British author G.K. Chesterton. The gospel teachings are indeed challenging; they go against the grain, especially in a culture that encourages us to focus on a different “trinity”—the self-absorbed trinity of Me, Myself, and I. Jesus challenged us to look beyond our own needs (which God is fully aware of in any case) and respond to the needs of those around us. Many walked the other way when they heard this message. But others stayed. Will you stay or will you go?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 (122)*. “Many of Jesus’ disciples who were listening said, ‘This saying is hard; who can accept it?’”

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Fear will not stop me

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke name Bartholomew as one of the original 12 disciples. Scripture also puts him among the witnesses who retreated to the upper room after Jesus’ Ascension. Tradition holds that Bartholomew traveled to Mesopotamia and Persia to preach the gospel and, as a result, he was brutally martyred. Ask yourself, “What kind of a person could persuade me to abandon the safety of the familiar to preach a message of love so radical that it could cost me my life? Do I have the courage to follow where Jesus leads me?” Saint Bartholomew, pray for me.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629)*. “Come see for yourself.”

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

The stories we tell

To share the gospel is to share a part of yourself. You bring your life experience to bear on the Word of God you hear at Mass. These stories become a part of who we are to the point that we sometimes forget we are the living word, witnesses to the gospel in everyday life. This is no easy task, but you are worthy. Share yourself with those around you through acts of love today, and the gospel will become more real, not just for those you encounter but for you, too.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26 (426)*. “We were determined to share with you not only the gospel but our very selves.”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Beauty is an inside job

Truth, goodness, and beauty are prime virtues. The church fathers agreed with Greek philosophers on this list. Prime virtues don’t have to produce anything beyond themselves, since they’re intrinsically valuable. When we find truth, goodness, and beauty in the world we catch a glimpse of God, their source. We expect to find God in truth and goodness, but often overlook the beautiful. Perhaps we’ve been deceived by the shell of attraction that often hides something less appealing. Seek beauty that permeates all the way through people, things, ideas, and actions.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427)*. “Whitewashed tombs . . . appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men’s bones.”

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 FEAST OF MONICA

A parent’s love

Saint Monica is widely recognized due to her famous son, Saint Augustine of Hippo. By his own account, Augustine was a restless, wayward young man. Monica was deeply troubled by his life choices. Legends say that she wept for him every night and prayed for him constantly. She also sought help from others, including a bishop who, seeing her persistence, remarked, “The child of those tears shall never perish.” Shortly before Monica’s death in 387, Augustine embraced the church. Today, walk with Saint Monica in hope and prayer for all those who are struggling to find their way in life.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428)*. “We have been reassured about you, brothers and sisters, in our every distress and affliction, through your faith.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

FEAST OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

War no more

“War, what is it good for?” asked the Vietnam War-era protest song. It is a question that echoes through the ages. Just war theory argues that while very terrible, war is not always the worst option. There may be responsibilities so important, atrocities that can be prevented, or outcomes so undesirable they justify war. Though many early Christians were pacifists, Saint Augustine was an early proponent of the just war theory. The problem is that one nation’s notion of wickedness is another nation’s notion of just cause. Pray for a time when war will be seen as an obsolete strategy for resolving differences.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429)*. “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 FEAST OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Truth or silence?

What kind of person sees the brokenness of human relationships and refuses to remain silent confronted by the alienation of sin? Someone, perhaps, who is “holy and upright” and who speaks truth that is rooted in God. Thus it was with John the Baptist, who spoke truth to power even though it cost him his life. Refusing the path of silence, the preacher and prophet John prepared the way for the one who is the “truth and the light.” We who accept God’s call to follow are equally “obliged to honor and bear witness to truth,” as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says. Speak truth with kindness throughout this day.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 (430); Mark 6:17-29 (634)*. “It is not right for you to live with your brother’s wife.”



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

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