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St. John Brebeuf, 1593-1649

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

Father Wayne Morrissey, 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 Wayne (ext 213) at least one year in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

Funerals: Please speak to Fr. Wayne **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 5/6, 2017: Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday, August 5	Vigil: Transfiguration of the Lord 5pm: +Ron Wildeman
Sunday, August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord 10am: Missa Pro Populo
Monday, August 7	Weekday Ferial No Mass Parish Office closed
Tuesday, August 8	Memorial: St. Dominic, Priest 8:50am: Morning prayer 9:15am: +Cornelio Parado 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass
Wednesday, August 9	Weekday Ferial 7:30am: Finance Council Meeting 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Pasquale & Rosina Mandarino
Thursday, August 10	Feast: St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr 8:50am: Morning prayer 9:15am: +Harold Midgley 10:15am: Boulton Bay Residence Mass
Friday, August 11	Memorial: St. Clare, Virgin 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Marshall Gregory
Saturday, August 12	Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: +Helen Luy
Sunday, August 13	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: Missa Pro Populo

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

July 29/30: \$2,368

For the sake of our earth, please consider sharing your gifts through pre-authorized donations. For more information, please call 204-488-4467.

Least Coin Collection:

A 2nd collection of pocket change taken immediately after the offertory. Used for our ongoing ministry of charity.

July 29/30: \$303

2017 Total to date: \$13,605.39

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$56,290**

Donations received to date: **\$21,875**

In this transitional year, please consider making a donation or pledge to ensure that we are able to fulfill our share of supporting the pastoral work of the Archdiocese.



Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? For further information, please contact Tom in the Parish Office at (204) 488-4467, ext. 217 or tombr@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.

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Sobeys Cards: Our Knights are selling Sobeys 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 Sobeys and Safeway stores!



St. John Brebeuf School:

St. John Brebeuf School will be offering 2 full day Kindergarten classes for the upcoming school year (2017-2018). Space is still available if you or someone you know is interested. Application forms are available for download at www.sjbschool.ca. Please contact the school office on or after August 24 for further information about the application process.



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! Summer office hours are: Monday to Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm (closed noon to 1pm for lunch). Friday hours are 8:30am-Noon. We will be closed Monday, August 7, and hours are subject to change.

Around the Archdiocese:

- **St. Laurent Parish 70th Anniversary Grotto Mass:** Sunday, Aug. 20, 11am, St. Laurent, MB. Please bring lawn chairs. Lunch served after Mass. In the event of rain, Mass will be held in the church.
- **Polonia Pilgrimage:** Sunday, Sept. 3, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Polonia MB. Archbishop Richard Gagnon presiding. Dinner to follow. For directions, please contact Fr. James Ahaneke 204-207-0054.



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)

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If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community, please contact the Parish Office. To have names published, we require permission requesting that their name be added or removed from the prayer list.

August 5/6, 2017: Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration of the Lord: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Faith doesn't sell very well these days. Our culture is deeply skeptical, aloof, and isolating. Consumerism has taught us to maximize our utility at every turn. So, how we spend Sunday morning is subject to a cost-benefit analysis. Church doesn't fare well against such a test for most. One lapsed Catholic comedian gave an honest assessment of himself why he stopped coming, "Part of it was I'm lazy... and the other part was I already heard all the stories... three or four times and the dude hasn't come back yet." More and more people are spiritual, but not religious—good people, to be sure, who are open-minded and kind, who reserve belief for things they can see. If we're honest with ourselves, we all feel that way sometimes. It's not that we haven't heard the Gospel—we know the stories—sometimes it's just hard to buy it.

While this feels like a new problem for the Church, it's been an issue from the beginning. To St. Paul's audience, the Gospel of a crucified Christ was a stumbling block and foolishness. From today's reading in the Second Letter of Peter, "For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty." It wasn't the cohesiveness of the narrative or the potential profit in running a church that won Peter over to Christ. It was the experience that transformed Peter from a fisherman to an apostle. He saw Christ on that mountaintop and heard the voice from heaven call Jesus "My beloved". He was there when Jesus was arrested, and he fled, scared that he might be next. The last we hear about Peter in Matthew's Gospel is him leaving and weeping bitterly at his own betrayal of his friend. The eleven disciples show up in the end, together on the same mountaintop as today's Transfiguration reading, but even then some among them doubted. So our doubts are nothing new.

The good news is that God lights the path from disbelief to faith, from death to life, so we find hope even in the bleakest of times. Peter did. Looking back on his experience, he came to see Christ as the Morningstar—the first light before the dawn rising in our hearts. Venus is the brightest light in the night sky, often appearing early in the morning before the sun, so it was named the Morningstar, a harbinger of the coming daylight during the darkest hours. The Morningstar reflected the light of sun yet to rise. The early Church saw in this a symbol for Christ, the firstborn of the new creation, blazing a path across the night sky, giving hope to all for the coming day. How many of us have faced a dark night in our own lives, when the path we're on has led us to a dark place? It is then that God gives us hope that the light is still there, ready to shine on us once again, even if we can't see it yet. We can trust the light of Christ to never burn out and to never lead us astray, even when we find ourselves adrift. So we set a course for ourselves, not by some arbitrary measure or by the latest fad; we travel a path that leads to an encounter with the risen Christ. It's a trip worth taking, even on lazy Sundays.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

St. John Brebeuf & St. Paul the Apostle Joint Refugee Sponsorship Syrian Family Update: It's a Girl!!



Alaa and Bilal, along with their children, Mohammad, Abdulatif and Jana are very excited to welcome their newest family member, Ekram!

Your help is needed to outfit her with much-needed baby items, including:

- Diapers
- Sleepers and Baby clothing (new and gently worn)
- Crib bedding and other basic baby care items

As we are mindful of the need to follow health and safety codes, we will be purchasing a new crib and car seat for the family. Please drop off your donations in the designated bin at the main church entrance. Thank you for your generous donations to our Least Coin Collection.

Winnipeg Harvest:

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. **Hunger doesn't take a holiday.**

Urgent items include: **Canned Meat**

Canned Beans

Canned Soups

Canned Fruit

Rice & Pasta


Despite the generosity of Manitobans, there is never enough baby/infant formula to meet the 1,600+ emergency requests each month. Please help Harvest feed the hungry adults **and children** in our midst by sharing what you can **every** month.



Development and Peace:

Development and Peace calls upon Canadian Catholics and all Canadian citizens to support the millions of men, women and children affected by the Famine Crisis in taking place in South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen. This complex crisis stems from a number of armed conflicts in the affected regions in which this famine is but one of the devastating consequences. Although the Government of Canada matching program has ended, donations are still greatly needed: **www.devp.org** or call 1-888-664-3387



 **Visiting us today? Welcome!** If you wish to join us, registration forms can be found on the main entrance bulletin boards or at www.sjbcommunity.ca. Please return completed form via offertory collection or forward to the Parish Office.

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