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MASS SCHEDULE

Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am

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 TEAM

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor ext 213
Deacon Michael Thibert
Deacon Joseph McLellan, Emeritus
Laura Carreiro, Principal ext 242
Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate ext 217
Genevieve Makinson, Financial Administrator ext 211
Eddie Melo, Building Operations ext 220
Debbie Dusanek, Parish Admin. Coordinator ext 210
Deb Bernier, School Admin. Assistant ext 241

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.

*"Missioned to Stewardship, we
are a community that Lives,
Loves and serves in Christ."*

PARISH CONTACTS

Finance Council: Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith
Parish Pastoral Council: Johnston Smith
School Board: Elizabeth Matyi
Ministers of the Word: Leann Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist: Joe Brekelmans
Altar Servers: Keith Mathewson
Catechism: Parish Office
Spiritual Journeying: Margaret Kingdon

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).

November 30/December 1, 2013: First Sunday of Advent

First Sunday of Advent Year A: Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Popular depictions of the great flood tend to focus on the adorable parts of the story: Noah's ark; the pairs of animals; the rainbow and the dove. It's the kind of scene we find in children's books. Perhaps this cuteness helps us avoid the part of the story where God vows to blot out humanity from the earth. We might want to write off God from the nasty parts of the Bible to make the story fit with our view of Jesus as meek and mild. However, the full account deserves our attention. In it, we hear that our God is bursting to be in a relationship with us. When humans turned away from that relationship, God almost sounds like a jealous lover: "And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on earth, and it grieved him to his heart." (Gen 6:6) In the midst of what sounds like sorrow and regret (divine disappointment?), God found in Noah a righteous man. God established a covenant with Noah and through him enacted a plan to recreate the world anew. "When the earth was flooded because of [the unrighteous], wisdom again saved it, steering the righteous man by a paltry piece of wood." (**Wis 10:4**) Does this sound familiar?

Advent is a season of preparation. Sometimes it can feel like we know what's coming; it can feel like just another Christmas. However, we're starting on the way not only to Jesus' nativity, but also to the foot of the cross. The beauty of Christmas is that God is coming into our lives, not just to hang out, but to work a plan of salvation.

Jesus is our Noah, the righteous man through whom God promises to restore all of creation. The cross of Christ is our ark, that "paltry piece of wood" to which we cling; it is our only hope amid the storms of life. Jesus gathers us at the cross, the ark of our salvation. Just as God prepared Noah with an ark to save his family from the flood, so too does Jesus prepare us for the mystery of the cross. If the cross, or even the story of the flood, tells us anything, it's that God works freely and unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. We can be watchful for God this Advent because Christ has prepared us. The one who carries the cross—our ark—on our behalf is coming.

~Tom Bailey Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Did you know that your purchase of Sobey's Gift cards can help feed the hungry in our city? Our Knights are on hand selling cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses.



To donate your gift card to **Winnipeg Harvest**, simply indicate this at the time of your purchase and a tax receipt will be issued. To date, parishioners have purchased over **\$5,465** in gift cards toward the purchase of **much needed baby formula**. Thank you for your support!



Keep Christ in Christmas Cards:

Christmas Cards created from Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest entries from the past two years are on sale following weekend Masses at the Knights of Columbus table. 2011 cards: 17 for \$20, 2012 cards: 15 for \$25.

Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest:

Children are invited to submit a hand drawn picture (up to 8 1/2" x 14") or collage to the Parish Office by Dec. 27. Contest open to children from K-7 and up with prizes in each age category. More information at main church entrance bulletin board and www.kofcwinnipeg.org

St. John Brebeuf School presents:

"Where's the Newborn King"

Dec. 18, 1:30 pm and Dec. 19, 7pm in the church. All are welcome! Free will offering.



CWL: The CWL will be selling Mary's Angels before and after Masses for \$5 in support of the Marian Hour Centre.



The CWL is also selling Gourmet fruitcakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition Canada. These rich, traditional, custom-baked cakes make an excellent Christmas gift. \$13, Deluxe 1 lb. size, \$16 for the Loaf Cake, and \$25 for a round cake in a decorative tin. Quantities are limited.

Our Place/Chez Nous:

Our Place/Chez Nous is a drop-in centre on the corner of Higgins and Main that provides free snacks, clothing and showers, and a place to rest three mornings per week for our city's less fortunate. With winter weather upon us, the Centre's most needed items include:

- **Men's and Women's Jeans, Hoodies, Fleece Pants, T-Shirts, Mitts, Hats, Jackets, Backpacks**
- **Disposable Razors, Toothbrushes, Deodorant**
- **Blankets, Sheets, Pillows, Towels, Sleeping Bags**

Please leave donations in the bins at the main church entrance. For further information, please contact Eileen at 204-489-3748. Volunteers are also needed. If you can help, email opcn1@shaw.ca or call 204-956-1359, or visit 676 Main Street between 9am and 11:45am Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Spare Change for the Poor: During Advent, we will once again collect change and bills for Our Place/Chez Nous. Donation Jar will be located at the main church entrance.



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 and drop in the offertory basket, or forward to the Parish Office. www.sjbcommunity.ca

November 30/December 1: First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 1	1st Sunday of Advent: Year A 9:30am: +Cornelio Parado 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Deceased members of St. John Brebeuf Bridge Club 12:30pm: C.W.L. Christmas Luncheon 7pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Dec. 2	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday Dec. 3	Memorial: St. Francis Xavier, Priest 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: In Thanksgiving
Wed., Dec 4	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Betty Anne Denis
Thursday, Dec. 5	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Catherine McLeod
Friday, Dec. 6	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Maria Szabolesi
Saturday, Dec. 7	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent: Year A 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Dec. 8	2nd Sunday of Advent: Year A 9:30am: +John Fulop 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 12:30pm: +Eileen Nash

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? We have returned to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. For further information, please contact Tom in the Parish Office.

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). Inquirers meet Sundays, twice monthly, following 11:30am Mass in the St. Marie Room. Contact Tom in the Parish Office at 204-488-4467 ext. 217 for more information.

Adult Faith Formation: Next session: Wednesday, December 11, 10am in the St. Marie Room

2013 Advent Reconciliation:
Friday, December 13: 4pm-7pm
Friday, December 20: 4pm-7pm

Christmas Plants: Each Christmas season, our parish purchases many poinsettias to decorate our worship space. Parishioners can purchase plants in gratitude for their loved ones, living and deceased, for only \$10 each from the Parish Office. All purchased plants will be marked with a gift tag honouring your loved one. Call 204-488-4467, (Ext. 210) for more information.



Philippines Emergency: On November 8, the Philippines was struck by Typhoon Haiyan, the worst disaster in the country's history. Caritas Nassa, one Development and Peace's main partners in the country is on-site, coordinating the distribution of food and shelter for victims of this catastrophe. Donations can be made through St. John Brebeuf Parish in the designated envelopes at the church entrances. Or donate directly through Development and Peace: www.devp.org (<http://www.devp.org/donate/philippines>) or 1-800-664-3387. **The Canadian Government will match all donations until Dec. 9.**



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Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$68,530**
Current Pledges & Donations: **\$48,819**



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

November 23/24: \$4,433

Philippines Emergency: \$4,562

(Philippines donations will be matched by Canadian Government)

Eucharistic Ministry for the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Those who visit our sick and shut-in parishioners should note that Christmas plants will be available for delivery on **Friday, December 20.**

Rest in Peace: +Bill Thiessen



Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

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

Marie A., Don Barnicki, Nick Bencharski, Gisèle Bertalanffy, David Bruneau, Eduardo De Medeiros, Omer De Wandel, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, Therese LaClare, Margaret Lafreniere, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Jim Mahon, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, Suzanne Thille, Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

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.

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