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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 STAFF

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).

December 12/13, 2015: Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: +Helen Margaret Allan 10:30am: Children's Catechism 10:30am: RCIA 10:30am: Children's Breakfast with Santa 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo 12:30pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Dec. 14	Memorial: St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Dec. 15	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +David Willcock
Wednesday Dec. 16	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Anthony Derrick 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 1:30pm: St. John Brebeuf School Christmas Concert
Thursday, Dec. 17	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Larry Cameron 7pm: St. John Brebeuf School Christmas Concert
Friday, Dec. 18	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15: +Mimi Trainor 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Residence Mass
Saturday, Dec. 19	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent 9am-Noon: Advent Reconciliation 2pm: Linda Simpson & Lloyd Burnham Marriage 5pm: +Peter & Evelyn Cafferty
Sunday, Dec. 20	4th Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: Children's Catechism 10:30am: RCIA 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado

**St. John Brebeuf Parish
Christmas Worship Schedule**

**Vigil of the
Nativity of the Lord**
Thursday, December 24th, 2015
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass with the Children
7:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (with incense)
(Caroling begins 30 min. prior to Christmas Eve Masses)

**Solemnity of the
Nativity of the Lord**
Friday, December 25th, 2015
10:00am Christmas Mass

Merry Christmas!

ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

'Tis the Season

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 1:30 pm
Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm

St. John Brebeuf Church

Admission: Free Will Offering Refreshments courtesy of the SJB Parent Council

**Will you be alone at Christmas?
Would you like to join us?**

Deacon Mike and Holly Thibert invite you to join us for a traditional Canadian Christmas Dinner

**Sunday, December 27, 2015
Fellowship at 4pm/Dinner at 5pm
St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall**

Please contact Deacon Michael to **RSVP by Dec.20, 2015** at 204-688-4145 or Michael.Thibert@gmail.com

Check out our new web site designed by Evident IT (Roger Miranda, Parishioner): www.sjbccommunity.ca

Plant Delivery to Our Sick and Shut-In Parishioners:
Help is needed to deliver plants to our sick and shut-in parishioners December 16-18. If you can help, please contact Debbie in the Parish Office at 204-488-4467.

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., Marie M., Don Barnicki, Gisèle Bertalanffy, David Bruneau, 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, Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Amparo Pagtakhan, Peter, George Reznik, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

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

December 12/13, 2015: Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent: 9 *Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18*

W.H. Vanstone grew up during the Great Depression in a poor neighbourhood in the north of England. His father was the pastor of an Anglican parish which was the centre of social support for the community. However, by the time Vanstone became a parish priest himself during the 1950s, state-run social organizations met the material needs of his community, not the church. Nonetheless, the church persisted in a new role: to enrich and sustain the life of the community. For three generations, his parish had ran two schools, owned and maintained the district's sport fields, and had involved more people than any other local club or centre.

Then he was unexpectedly chosen to start a parish in a new community of corporate housing. There had been no church presence in this place before. He made over a dozen visits to the district before the church was built. Those he met were courteous to him, but without exception, all were indifferent to the new parish. The town's civic officials were satisfied with their planning and that were confident any unforeseen social problems could be addressed by their own organizations, effectively telling Vanstone that there was no need of a church. He faced the depressing realization that his new parish would be, at best, "a harmless hobby—an alternative to, and on par with, the activities of the Drama Society or the Scout Group." This was quite a contrast from his previous experiences of church and he fell into despair about his upcoming appointment.

Then one day, while touring the new district, he was suddenly filled with a deep and inexplicable sense of consolation. St. Paul knew that feeling too, what he calls "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding." Vanstone describes the feeling he received as a pure gift from God—a revelation that the purpose of the church lies beyond working to redeem human suffering in times of struggle, just as it lies beyond celebrating moments of triumph in times of plenty. Freed from the constraints of his own notions of church, he set about an intense period of practical activity to set up his new parish, all the while trusting his newfound conviction that the church's success was no longer contingent on the results or circumstances of the community it engaged. The church was not just another club or group, but the actual offering made to God in response to the love that Christ has poured out for the world.

Like Vanstone, John the Baptist also faced dissatisfaction with his ministry. The people kept asking John what they should do. His answers were right and just: share with the needy, treat your neighbours fairly, and don't abuse your office or position. The people were impressed with John and wondered if he might be the one anointed by God to redeem them. John however, wanted more. It was not enough to inspire people to be meet the needs of others, not enough to lead them to celebrate their own goodness. John pointed to that something more. Christ is on his way, to make of his people a pure offering, a perfect sacrifice. The excess of the harvest will be trimmed away, the chaff thrown to the fire, but the wheat will be gathered up and carefully saved. Not a single grain will be lost, as God will spend everything to make sure that every last grain is gathered up. We can rejoice in the one who spends it all to gather us together.
~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

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 at purchase. A tax receipt will be issued. 2015 total to date: **\$10,475**



CWL:

In October, the CWL hosted a baby shower in support of Pregnancy and Family Support Services. The event was very successful, raising \$650 and a significant amount of clothing, diapers and other layette items. Please see the main entrance bulletin board for a letter of thanks from Pregnancy and Family Support Services.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Offerings:

Regular Offertory:

December 5/6, 2015: \$4802.95

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.

December 5/6, 2015: \$661.50

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$83,720**

Current Pledges and Donations: **\$61,090**



Our Place/Chez Nous:

This winter, the centre urgently needs:

- + Men's and women's winter coats
- + Sweaters & hoodies, long-sleeved shirts
- + Jeans & Long sleeved shirts, Long Underwear
- + Warm blankets & throw blankets
- + Dark-coloured gloves and toques & neck warmers
- + Warm Socks and underwear (new only, please)
- + Personal sized toiletries (shampoo, soaps etc.)
- + Canned goods & Kraft dinner

Donations accepted at the main church entrance.

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

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.



Thank You! A special thank you to our St. John Brebeuf School Parent Council who works tirelessly to ensure our school is able to go that extra distance for our students, staff and community. Thanks to their work, we will enjoy some new tables and chairs in the Parish Hall.



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

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