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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

Kim Graeili, Financial 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.

*"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).

December 13/14, 2014: Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent: *Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11; Luke 1; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*

We might ask ourselves the questions posed to John the Baptist in today's gospel. "Who are you?" I imagine this will be as hard to answer at fifty years old as it was to answer at fifteen. Where do you start? The baptismal rite says, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body..." These words are spoken as the celebrant traces an oily cross on the newly baptized. It's a simple act that makes one a Christian in the most literal sense: Christ means "anointed one" so, to become a Christian, one need be anointed too. Who are you? A Christian; a little anointed one.

"What do you say about yourself?" With the title of "Christian" comes some of the same responsibilities expected of God's priests, prophets and kings (or queens). We hear some of those responsibilities in today's first reading: bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners; basically to proclaim today as the year of the Lord's favour. So, how are you coming along in your royal priestly duties? If you're daunted by these responsibilities, you're in good company. Baptism is no radioactive spider bite—I have yet to see a newly baptized person develop the kind of superpowers we might think are needed to bring liberty to captives. I liberated a piece of cheesecake from its refrigerator prison last night, but I don't think that's what Isaiah had in mind.

"Why then are you baptizing?" What's the point of being anointed like Christ if we are not the Messiah, Elijah, or the prophet? John knew he wasn't playing with a full bag of marbles—he was baptizing only with water—but he kept at it anyways. John was open to a mysterious hope, "Among you stands one whom you do not know." John knew he wasn't the light, but he had faith that the light was there, somewhere. The priests sent to investigate John were frustrated with uncertainty, so they sought after definitive answers. John lived with the ambiguity because he trusted God to work in surprising ways. For us, being anointed with God's Spirit doesn't guarantee anything, but it does open up the possibility that, gathered around an altar with some bread and wine, we might witness a holy transformation in ourselves. We can dare to call ourselves anointed, not because we wield the Holy Spirit, but because we hope for God to pour out his Spirit into our hearts and change us into somebody more than we are: bread into body; wine into blood; and sinners into priests, prophets, and kings/queens.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

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. In 2014, St. John Brebeuf parishioners have purchased **\$11,132.40** in gift cards toward the purchase of much needed baby formula.



Keep Christ in Christmas Calendars:

During Advent, the Knights will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas Calendars featuring the artwork from the 2013 Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest. Watch for details.

2014 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 the end of December. Contest open to children K-7 and up. Prizes in each age category. Details: www.kofcwinnipeg.org

Pastoral References:

All pastoral reference requests for students seeking admission to St. Mary's or St. Paul's High School must be in to Fr. Mark by **January 16, 2015**. Please include a stamped, addressed envelope with your request.

CWL: During Advent, the CWL are once again selling Mary's Angels for \$5 each, in support of the Marian Hour Centre, and gourmet fruitcakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition Canada: \$13, Deluxe 1 lb. size, \$16 for the Loaf Cake, and \$25 for a round cake in a decorative tin.



Our Place/Chez Nous: Urgent Needs:
Backpacks, long johns, underwear & socks
Dark coloured toques, mitts and gloves
Shampoo, deodorant, razors, combs, brushes
Toothbrushes & toothpaste



Please leave donations in the bins at the main church entrance.

Spare Change (and bills) 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.

St. John Brebeuf Parish along with Holly and Deacon Mike invite you to attend the **Never Alone Christmas Dinner** For those who have no family or who are alone during the Christmas Season
Sunday, December 28, 2014, 2pm-5pm
St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall

Please RSVP by December 21, 2014: Deacon Mike Thibert: michael.thibert@gmail.com or 204-688-4145



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

December 13/14, 2014: Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 14	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30pm: K. of C. Breakfast with Santa 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 5:30pm: India Community Mass
Monday, Dec. 15	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Dec. 16	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Rosina Mandarino
Wednesday Dec. 17	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Seamus Fitzsimmons 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 1:30pm: School Christmas Concert Matinee
Thursday, Dec. 18	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Erzsebet Fulop 7pm: School Christmas Concert
Friday, Dec. 19	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +June Mandarino
Saturday, Dec. 20	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent 5pm: +Peter and Evelyn Cafferty
Sunday, Dec. 21	4th Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Reverend Allan Stack



St. John Brebeuf Parish
Christmas Worship Schedule

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday, December 24th, 2014
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
Thursday, December 25th, 2014
10:00am Christmas Mass

Sharing God's Gifts: Our Target: \$81,730
Current Pledges & Donations: \$52,100

Donation envelopes available at church entrances.



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: 204-488-4467.

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 in the Parish Office at 204-488-4467 ext. 217. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

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.



Plant Delivery to Our Sick and Shut-In Parishioners: Help is needed to deliver plants to our sick and shut-in parishioners December 17-19. If you can help, please contact Debbie in the Parish Office at 204-488-4467.

Rest in Peace: +Annette (Ann) McInerney
(Mother of Cathy Boken)



Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

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

Marie A., Marie M., Don Barnicki, Nick Bencharski, Gisèle Bertalanffy, David Bruneau, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D.,

Matt Jones, Carol Kruse, Margaret Lafrenière, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Evan Morton, Eric Moscarella, Peter, Georgia Poirier, Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, 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.

Thank You, Rick! For many years, our church Christmas décor has been enhanced by the beauty of a magnificent live Christmas Tree. These beautiful trees have been generously donated by Rick St. Croix, one of our parishioners. If you are considering a live tree this year, please contact Rick @ 204-489-5008.



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:
December 6/7, 2014: \$5,515
2015 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick-up at the Lanark entrance. Please advise the Parish Office of any errors or omissions.

Church Donations: Those planning to make an annual donation for 2014 are reminded to contact Kim in the Parish Office by **December 29, 2014.**

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