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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).

December 14/15 2013: Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent Year A: *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11*

This season can be as much a source of stress and loneliness than of peace and joy. The “holiday spirit” can feel less like a promise from God and more like a command from an oppressive regime. So it’s fitting that we run into desert imagery in today’s first reading. The dry cracked earth waits patiently for the flash of rain that rouses the dormant greenery to life. Likewise, we too wait thirstily for God to revive our spirits during the darkest, coldest months. The temptation while we wait for God in the desert is to force his arrival. We sometimes short-circuit the waiting by settling for false gods: consumption masked as generosity; ostentation disguised as hospitality; “holiday magic” passing as holy sacrament. We can be patient though, because God works constantly in our lives to bring life and hope, even when it seems like the seeds to that life are trapped under the parched sands of despair. Pope Francis’ first encyclical letter talks about faith and this kind of waiting on God:

“The history of Israel also shows us the temptation of unbelief to which the people yielded more than once. Here the opposite of faith is shown to be idolatry. While Moses is speaking to God on Sinai, the people cannot bear the mystery of God’s hiddenness, they cannot endure the time of waiting to see his face. Faith by its very nature demands renouncing the immediate possession which sight would appear to offer; it is an invitation to turn to the source of the light, while respecting the mystery of a countenance which will unveil itself personally in its own good time.” (*Lumen Fidei*, 13)

John the Baptist was going through something of his own spiritual drought. King Herod arrested John for publicly decrying his relationship with his brother’s wife. So when reports about Jesus reached John, his imprisonment spoiled the good news for him. His anxiety got the better of him, and he displayed a moment of uncertainty uncharacteristic of a prophet. After all, the Messiah was expected to bring liberty to captives, and here John was stuck in jail. Yet Jesus praises John. His uncertainty is not a weakness; it is the opposite of idolatry. The Baptist’s question is our own as we await God to show up in our lives, “Are you the one?” When our own spiritual drought gives way to a blossoming oasis—when the soil we thought was lifeless will teem with new life—we can give thanks to the one who planted the seeds without us even realizing they were there all along.

~Tom Bailey Robertson, Pastoral Associate

St. John Brebeuf School:

St. John Brebeuf School is now accepting registration for the **2014-2015 school year**. Space is available in most grades. For more information, please contact Mrs. Laura Carreiro, Principal at carreiro@sjbcommunity.ca, 204-489-2115 and visit www.sjbcommunity.ca/school



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.



Knights of Columbus #1107:

Sobeys Gift cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. Purchase a gift card for Winnipeg Harvest and a tax receipt will be issued.



Villa Rosa: \$10 gift packs can be purchased and donated on your behalf to single mothers at Villa Rosa.

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards:

On sale following weekend Masses:
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 K-7 & up with prizes in each age category. Details: www.kofcwinnipeg.org

Sharing God’s Gifts:

Our Target: **\$68,530**
Current Pledges & Donations: **\$50,601**



Adult Faith Formation: Next session: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the St. Marie Room

Seasonal Reminders:

Christmas Hospitality: Extra help is needed to assist Christmas visitors and make them feel welcome in our parish at our 5pm and 7:30pm Christmas Eve Masses. Because of the numbers of people attending these Masses, help is required to direct visitors to the exits and washrooms, to keep order at a busy time, and be on hand to assist in case of emergencies. If you plan to attend one of these Masses and can offer your help, please contact Tom Bailey-Robertson at 204-488-4467 (Ext. 217).

Fragrance Sensitivity, Etc.:

For the information of those who are sensitive to strong fragrances, please note that there will be no incense used at the 10pm December 24 Mass. During the Christmas season and beyond, we respectfully ask that you eliminate or limit the use of colognes, perfumes or fragranced personal care products when attending Masses, parish events or the parish office. We also ask for your cooperation in parking considerately in our parking lot and surrounding areas to maximize our parking spaces for all who are attending Christmas liturgies.

Ministry at St. John Brebeuf:

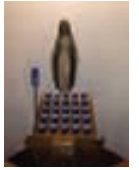
As begun last year, our music ministries will once again serve the parish on a rotational basis for Christmas Eve Masses. This year, the 11:30am Choir (Una Voce) will be at 5pm, the 9:30am Choir (Emmaus) will serve at 7:30pm, and our 5pm Choir (Tehillah) will minister at the 10pm Mass.

December 14/15, 2013: Third Sunday of Advent

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| Sunday, Dec. 15 | 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 9:35am: Share the Word 10:30am: K. of C. Breakfast with Santa 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Frank Cielen 7pm: Confirmation Session |
| Monday, Dec. 16 | Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina |
| Tuesday Dec. 17 | Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Michael Murphy |
| Wed., Dec 18 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Erzsebet Fulop 10am: Tuxedo Villa 1:30pm: School Christmas Concert |
| Thursday, Dec. 19 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Jean de Rocquigny 7pm: School Christmas Concert |
| Friday, Dec. 20 | Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Catherine McLeod 4pm-7pm: Advent Reconciliation |
| Saturday, Dec. 21 | Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent 5pm: +Peter & Evelyn Cafferty |
| Sunday, Dec. 22 | 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Bernard Egan |

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.

Vigil Lights: Why did we install Vigil Lights? In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "I am the Light of the World." In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors. The lighting of candles has been observed since the early the time of the early martyrs. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.



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.



Christian Outreach:
Our Place/Chez Nous Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you." (Matthew 26:11) Our Place/Chez Nous continues to be the star of love for those who live on the streets. Their demand always exceeds their supply. Please help fill their needs by donating:



- **Dark coloured Toques, Mitts & Scarves**
- **Socks and Underwear**
- **Toiletries, Spare change and bills**

Winnipeg Harvest There is currently an urgent need for non-perishable food items and baby formula. Top 10 list and donation bins for both organizations at main church entrance.



Rest in Peace: +Mary Esperson
(Mother of Larry Licharson)



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

December 7/8: 4,118

Philippines Emergency: Total to date \$7,180

*The Canadian Government deadline for the matching of donations has been extended until **December 23, 2013.***

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.



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, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., 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, W.J., 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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