

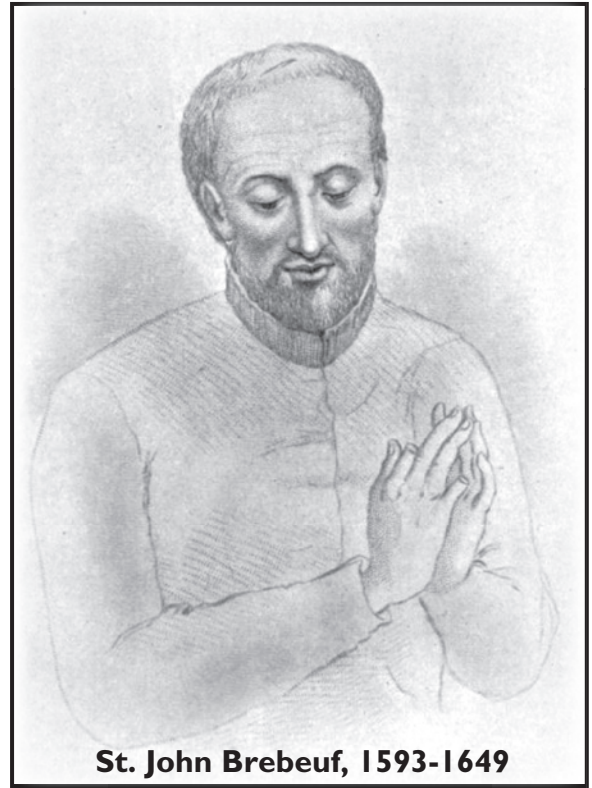


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**St. John Brebeuf, 1593-1649**

#### 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: Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

#### **PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Father Wayne Morrissey, Pastor	ext 213
Father Kaleab Eman Abdella, Associate Pastor	ext 264
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**

*Please note that office hours are subject to change*

*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 six months 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).

# December 16/17, 2017: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 16	<b>Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 5pm: +Peter & +Evelyn Cafferty 2pm-5pm: Advent Reconciliation
Sunday, Dec. 17	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: K of C Breakfast with Santa 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Patrick Verry 12:30pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Dec. 18	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Dec. 19	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Maria Medeiros
Wednesday Dec. 20	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +June Mandarino 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 10am: Serra Club Meeting 1:30pm: SJB School Concert Matinee 7pm: SJB School Concert
Thursday, Dec. 21	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Cesare D'Ottavio 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Residence Mass
Friday, Dec. 22	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Sheila Hughes
Saturday, Dec. 23	<b>Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent</b> 5pm: +Bernard & Ita Egan
Sunday, Dec. 24	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>10am:</b> +John Mulhern
Sunday, Dec. 24	<b>Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord</b> (Caroling begins 30 min. prior to each Christmas Eve Mass) 5pm: Missa Pro Populo 7:30pm: Missa Pro Populo 10pm: Missa Pro Populo
Monday, Dec. 25	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> 10am: Missa Pro Populo

## Archdiocese of Winnipeg

### Advent Reconciliation Schedule:

December 18, 7pm-8:30pm	St. Ignatius
December 19, 9:30am-10:45am	St. Ignatius
December 19, 6pm-6:45pm* and 8-9pm	St. Gianna's
December 20, 6pm-8pm	Our Lady of Victory
December 20, 9:30am-11am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
December 22, 4pm-5pm	St. Ignatius
December 23, 9:45am-10:45am	St. Ignatius

(\*weekly Novena Mass is celebrated at 7pm)

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

### Faith Formation: Change of Meeting Date!

The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Meeting originally scheduled for November 21 at 7pm will now be held **Sunday, January 21, 12:30pm** in the Computer Lab (lower church level adjacent to the elevator). This meeting is for parents only.

### Our Place/Chez Nous:

As winter approaches, the centre urgently needs:

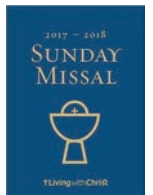
- + Men's jeans, sizes 32 and 34
- + Large Mitts

Donations are 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 Jars are at the main church entrances.

**Sunday Missals:** The 2017-2018 Living with Christ Sunday Missals will be available for your reference in the pews beginning the first weekend of Advent. Those who wish to purchase a personal copy may do so at the Knights of Columbus Table or at the Parish Office for \$5 per copy.



### St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

**December 9/10: \$13,041.50**

### Least Coin Collection:

**December 9/10: \$390.50**

**2017 Total to date: \$20,099.73**

2018 are now available for pick-up at the Lanark church entrance. Please advise the Parish Office of any errors, omissions, changes of addresses, etc.

### Sharing God's Gifts:

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

Donations received to date: **\$51,630**



### K. of C. Christmas Pancake Breakfast:

Children of all ages are invited to attend the K. of C Christmas Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, December 17, 10:30am, Parish Hall. Breakfast will feature a visit from a very special visitor! Free Will Offering. Ho-ho-hope to see you there!



### 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., Jan B., Shelby Brekelmans, Marie M., Don Barnicki, Gisèle Bertalanffy, Stephanie Blair, David Bruneau, Cathy Burke, Kathleen Foster, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Kay Hunt, J.D., Sr. Cathy Laviolette, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Tiago Miranda, Eric Moscarella, Peter, Adeline Schmidt, Leonard Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Brian Woods, D. 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.*

# December 16/17, 2017: 3rd Sunday of Advent

## The Archdiocesan Synod– Continuing our Walk Together

On the mild and sunny Saturday of December 2, 2017, delegates to the first Synod of the Winnipeg Archdiocese gathered once again at St. John XXIII Parish for our second general session. The gymnasium/ hall was very full, probably because rural delegates could drive safely this time: the first session's weather was stormy.

The delegates considered proposals from the four remaining Focus Commissions: Indigenous People, New Evangelization and Mission Outreach, Sacramental Preparation, Prayer and Devotional Life and Youth and Young Adults. Delegates had had plenty of opportunity to review and pray over the various Commissions' White Papers and proposals.

Parishioners who wish to read the White Papers and the proposals are invited to view these on the archdiocese's website: <http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/synod.php> But, to give you a sense of what the Synod doing at this point, we will offer you some commentary on the proposals concerning New Evangelization and Missionary Outreach.

"Evangelization" is the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ. For centuries, doing this meant sending missionaries to non-Christian communities. However, more recently, the Church has come to recognize that evangelization is an on-going process for the baptized, too. These particular proposals are nothing new to our Catholic community; rather, they encourage us to strive even more faithfully in areas which today require a particular attention. This realization is reflected in the four proposals coming from the Focus Commission. Proposal #1 is "We create fully welcoming parish communities." This is a reminder that parish life is not about "people just like us" but in fact is enhanced by our recognizing Our Lord's injunction in Matthew 25: "When I was a stranger, you took me in."

The second proposal reads, "We become a Church in continuous formation." We must work against the human tendency to sit in "a comfortable pew." We must be open to (indeed we must actively seek) the movement of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit moves in our times. Moreover, we must respond "Yes" to this Spirit even if the response might make us uncomfortable.

The third reads, "We seek to provide space to listen to and understand the life stories of the people of the Archdiocese." Every person has a unique history which colours his/her response to the Gospel. We are not a "cookie cutter" church.

The fourth reads, "We be fully a Church that goes forth in mercy." There is a woeful tendency today to pass judgment on those whose views and whose life choices are not identical to our own. We must be attentive that since "we all do pray for mercy; that same prayer doth teach us to render the deeds of mercy." (*Merchant of Venice*)

The Synod has now approved in principle all the proposals submitted by the various Commissions. However, many delegates have proposed amendments to clarify and elucidate the proposals. In our next few general sessions, delegates will consider these amendments.

It must be stressed that this process is not about voting on what each of us thinks. Rather, delegates are bound to reflect on and pray over proposals, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten us. The support of your prayers is fundamental to this process. Thank you.

Rev. Wayne Morrissey, Margaret Kingdon, Johnston Smith

**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 when purchasing. A tax receipt will be issued. Gift cards can be used at Sobey's **and** Safeway stores! **Each dollar donated allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food. 2017 Total to date: \$10,600**



**Christmas Plants:** Each Christmas season, our parish purchases many poinsettias to decorate our worship space. Parishioners can sponsor plants in gratitude for their loved ones, living and deceased, for only \$10 each from the Parish Office. All sponsored plants will be marked with a gift tag honouring your loved one. See Debbie in the Parish Office to purchase your tags.



## 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 category. Please visit the Knights of Columbus table, main church entrance, for details.

## MASS ETIQUETTE- 20 THINGS TO DO AND NOT DO IN MASS:

10. **Prepare your offering before Mass.** Christ tells us not to let your left hand know what your right hand is doing when you make your offering. Please prepare your offering before Mass so as not to disrupt the flow of the offertory collection. Source: [www.aggieatholicblog.org](http://www.aggieatholicblog.org)



ALL ARE INVITED TO THE  
*St. John Brebeuf School Christmas Concert*  
Wednesday, December 20  
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