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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
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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 26/27, 2015: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday Dec. 27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:30am: +Peter Clarke 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo (Mass with Baptism) 4pm: Not Alone Dinner
Monday, Dec. 28	Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Parish Office Closed) No Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 29	5th Day of the Octave of Christmas Parish Office Open 8:30am-Noon 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Rose Chyzy
Wednesday Dec. 30	6th Day of the Octave of Christmas Parish Office Open 8:30am-Noon 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Anthony Derrick
Thursday, Dec. 31	Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Parish Office Open 8:30am-Noon 5pm: +Mimi Trainor
Friday, Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10am: Missa Pro Populo
Saturday, Jan. 2	Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord 5pm: +Peter Clarke (Mass with Baptism)
Sunday, Jan. 3	Epiphany of the Lord 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Eileen Nash 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting

Epiphany of the Lord: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

The city of Jerusalem gave a different sense of scale to the caravan than the desert. Amidst oceans of sand and rock, the camel train seemed as trivial as a flea in comparison; but when those same hundreds of animals stretched the length of the city's walls, a true impression of its vastness could be grasped. Merchants and their entourage came carrying all manner of precious cargo: "gold, silver, jewels and pearls, fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet, all kinds of scented wood, all articles of ivory, all articles of costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble, cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, choice flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, slaves—and human lives." Even a relative backwater of the Roman Empire like Judea had a prodigious appetite for exotic goods.

Among this band of travellers, a few sought a treasure of a different kind. Unlike their companions, these few were not driven by adventure or profit, but by a dream of a different sort. The rising and falling of market prices did not capture their imaginations; they were attuned to the rhythms of the earth and sky. They read the signs of a shift in power: the arrival of a new king. What did they hope this change might mean to them that they sought to find its source? I wonder if some of their friends tagged along to see what all the fuss was about, jeering them along as they walked the road. Yet the few wise travellers carried on undeterred, filled with hopeful anticipation.

Upon finding the child, they fell to the ground in awe, overwhelmed with joy. The rest must have scratched their heads at the scene: a poor young Jewish girl had a baby in a barn... so what? After enjoying a laugh at their friends' expense, they would have returned to their business—unchanged. Only the three remained to bear witness to the fulfillment of God's promises. Money comes as easily as it goes, but an abundance of joy can change a person's heart forever. They knelt down and opened their chests of precious gifts to offer to the child; then they set off for home, their bags lighter and their minds clearer.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

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.

Winnipeg Harvest: There is currently an **urgent** need for **non-perishable food items** and **baby formula** to fill the shelves for our city's hungry.



Winnipeg Harvest Top 10 most wanted items:

1. Canned fish and poultry— tuna or salmon (packed in water) chicken or turkey
2. Canned fruit and vegetables (packed in own juice)
3. Canned stew, chili, brown beans
4. Peanut Butter
5. Whole Grain/Whole Wheat Pasta
6. Baby Food— jars of chicken, beef, vegetables or fruit, infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice, **Formula with added iron**
7. Rice— brown, converted or par-boiled
8. Canned spaghetti sauce or tomatoes
9. Cereal— high fibre, non-sugar coated
10. Canned Soup— lentil, pea, vegetable

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.

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: **\$11,885**



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

January 2/3, 2016: Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3	Epiphany of the Lord 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Eileen Nash 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting
Monday, January 4	Weekday Ferial No Mass
Tuesday, January 5	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Stanislau Sajac 7pm: Diocesan Development & Peace Mtg.
Wednesday January 6	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Larry Cameron
Thursday, January 7	Memorial: St. André Bessette, Religious 9am: Mass with the School: +Nellie Vistan
Friday, January 8	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15: +Cornelio Parado
Saturday, January 9	Vigil: Baptism of the Lord 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, January 10	Baptism of the Lord 9:30am: Deceased members St. John Brebeuf Bridge Club 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Jim Mahon 12:30pm: Confirmation Session (with sponsors)

Holy Family: *Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52*

Rapper Tupac Shakur applied some biblical wisdom to his perspective on gang life; he echoed John 15:16 when he said, "I didn't choose the thug life, the thug life chose me." In other words, gangs tend to attract desperate people who are out of better options. Fr. Greg Boyle, founder and director of a successful gang-intervention program in Los Angeles, Homeboy Industries, says that he's, "never met a hopeful kid that joined a gang." Kids join gangs to escape a worse situation at home. Today is a celebration of the Holy Family, but all of us have had experiences of family that were not so holy. Some situations get so bad that children are driven from their homes to seek out survival in the distorted family of a street gang.

During the Christmas season, we revel in the warm glow of Nativity scenes: the Blessed Virgin Mary kneeling in the hay, her serene gaze directed to the be-haloed babe swaddled in her arms; Joseph—bearded and clad in robes—stands by her side, one hand chastely on her shoulder, while the other holds a shepherd's crook. Their situation was desperate, they were homeless and impoverished, but God promised to bless this small family beyond measure. This blessing didn't pour in all at once, but grew slowly, just as the boy Jesus did. There were growing pains along the way. Today we hear about the time Jesus went missing and his parents mounted a frantic search for him. All kinds of thoughts must have run through their heads: Was he hurt? Had he been kidnapped by slave traders? Had he fallen in with a gang of street thugs? So, it's understandable that Mary had some heavy words for her son when they finally found him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

Jesus tested the limits of his parents' love as only a pubescent child can, running away and giving them a good scare. Seeing that he was sought after reassured him that his parents did indeed love him, and that this love had no limits. Jesus learned about God's love from his parents, who themselves had been made into a family through God's own love. God made a family for Christ, so his family could be a home for God. Our own families can be homes for God too, because God makes our families. The street gang tries to build family out of toughness and strength, but authentic love is perfected in weakness. When the child goes missing, the parent stops at nothing to find them. When the parent falls ill, the child cares for them, "even if his mind fails, be patient with him." For better or worse, we learn how to live and how to love from our families; it's never perfect. Love is risky business—it's always precarious—and yet it's their fragility that makes families holy.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Congratulations and Blessings on:

**Lloyd Burnham & Linda Simpson
Married on December 19, 2015**

Married in the Lord



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.

Confirmation:

Our next session is **Sunday, January 10, 12:30pm.** Sponsors are invited to attend.

Rest in Peace: +Garth & +Paula Kerr

A funeral Mass will be celebrated for the Kerr's January 19 at 10:30am.



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., WJ, Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

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

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