

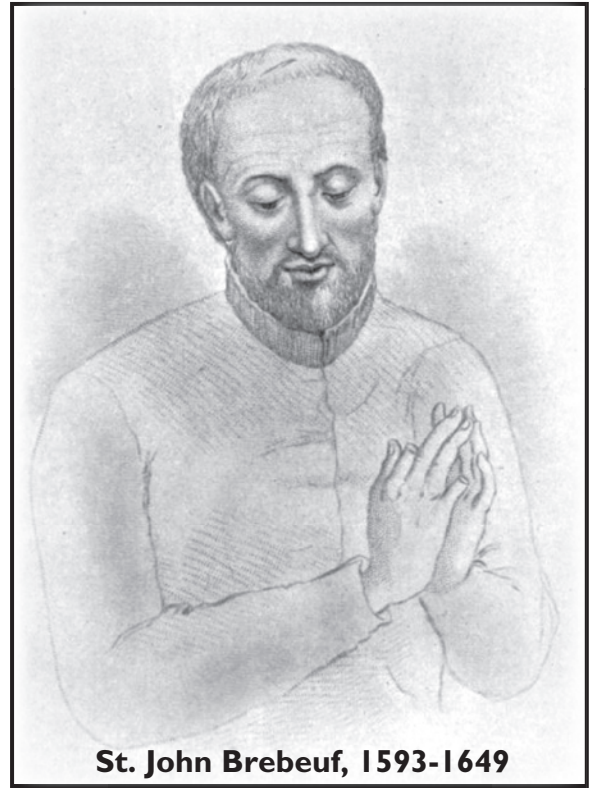


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St. John Brebeuf, 1593-1649

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 30/December 31, 2017: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, Dec. 31	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 10am: +Sereno Macario (Mass with Baptism)
Sunday, Dec. 31	Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 5pm: +Oliver Campbell
Monday, Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10am: Missa Pro Populo
Tuesday, January 2 <i>Parish Office re-opens 8:30am</i>	Memorial: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Christopher Brock
Wed., January 3	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: Intentions of Rev. Alex Kirsten, SJ
Thursday, January 4	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Mary Hughes
Friday, January 5	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Doreen Snart 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction
Saturday, January 6	Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord 5pm: +Jim Mahon
Sunday, January 7	Epiphany of the Lord 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 11:30am: +Christopher Brock 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting 7pm: Sunday Vespers

We welcome into the family of God and the Community of St. John Brebeuf



Noelle Elizabeth Bailey-Robertson

who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John Brebeuf Church on December 31.

May God bless you and your family!

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? For further information, please contact Tom Bailey-Robertson in the Parish Office at (204) 488-4467 (Ext. 217).

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.

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 at (204) 488-4467 ext. 217. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

Sunday Missals: Those wishing to purchase a personal copy of the 2017/2018 Sunday Missal 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 16/17: \$7,392.00

Pre-Authorized Donations for December: \$20,872.50

Least Coin Collection:

December 16/17: \$436.00

2017 Total to date: \$20,535.73

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**



Rest in Peace: +Dorothy Lothar



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.** Our 2017 total to date is: **\$12,725**



Our Place/Chez Nous:

As temperatures plummet, the centre urgently needs Men's jeans (sizes 32 & 34), Large Mitts and heavy winter coats. Bin at main entrance.



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.



Visiting us today? **Welcome!** If you wish to join us, registration forms can be found on the main entrance bulletin boards or at www.sjbccommunity.ca. Please return completed form via offertory collection or forward to the Parish Office.

December 30/December 31, 2017: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40*

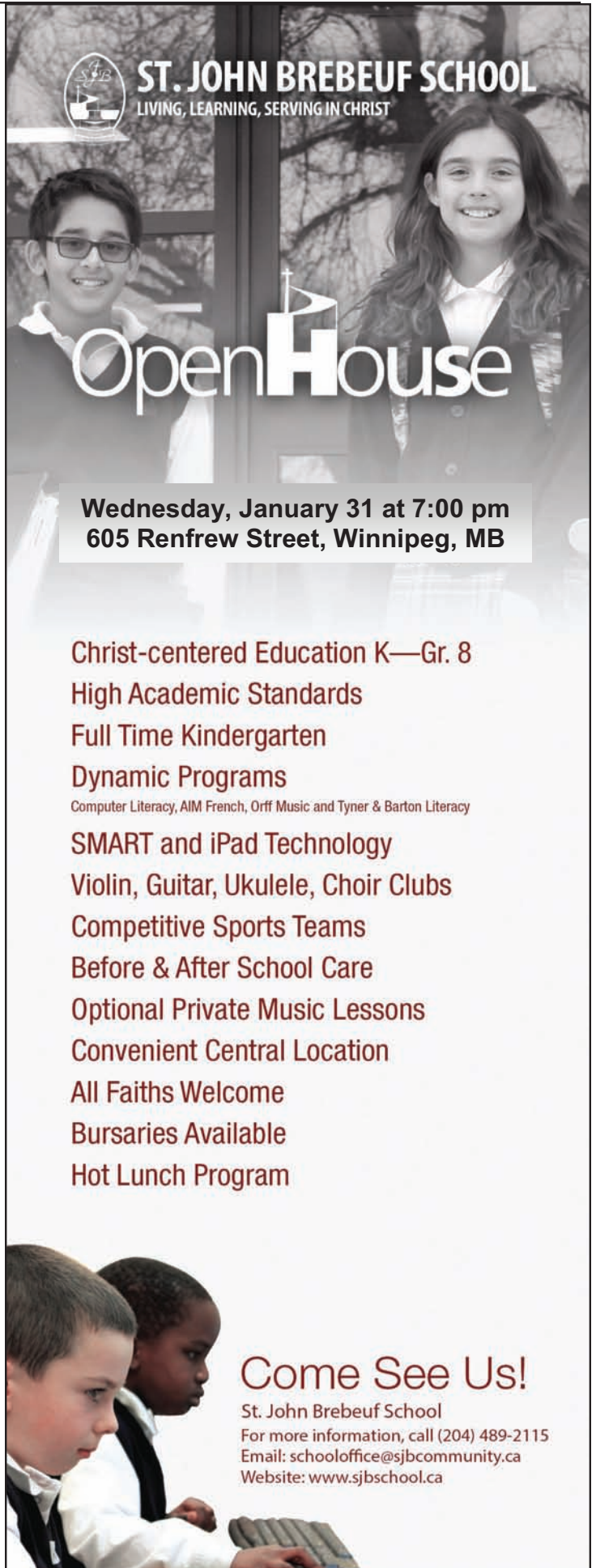
Paul's letter to the Colossians outlines some necessary skills to living a harmonious family life. Although straightforward, these skills are often difficult to put into practice. For instance, forgiveness doesn't just happen automatically—it is enacted and brought to life, carefully and consciously. When we practice forgiveness in our homes, we open ourselves to a hopeful future that is not ruled by past disappointments. Forgiveness liberates us to be the kinds of neighbours, friends, parents, and children, God calls us to be. God builds up our families with the gift of forgiveness, so we experience God's grace in our homes.

God taught Jesus about forgiveness through his own family and their traditions. In Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate their firstborn to the Lord. Their Jewish faith prescribed this ritual to them and they followed it diligently. As they approached the temple to make their offering, a pair of prophets, Simeon and Anna, encountered the family, blessed them and left them with a word of God's goodness through this child. This scene reminds us that Jesus was brought up in a faith-filled environment, one rich with tradition. The people in Jesus' community were deeply embedded in the stories of their faith, so they lived in expectation that the Lord would continue to work in their lives in mysterious and astonishing ways. The radical message of God's endless mercy that Jesus would testify to as an adult took root in him as a child. He grew up steeped in the stories of how God acted in the world to show mercy to those most in need, and how God's justice brought down the powerful and the proud.

Like Jesus, we too have access to stories and traditions—passed on to us from our families—that build up our sense of wonder and delight in God's forgiveness. We get to live out the stories ourselves, and bear witness to the next generation how God shows up in our lives too. God shows up for us those times when we are strangers in a new place and we are welcomed; when we feel guilty beyond measure and receive forgiveness instead of condemnation; when we find joy again after the loss of a loved one. God's grace abounds in our lives, so we can sing God's praises to others and show them a love that exceeds our own capacities. St. Paul includes singing as a practice that builds up families. Jesus drew on the psalms he would have heard as a faithful Jew to articulate the good news of God's mercy to those who needed to hear it. We bring our kids to church and sing to them songs about a love that never ends, about a life that extends past death, and about a bond of friendship that never breaks, so they too can look for those moments of grace in their lives and so they can be agents of God's kingdom to those most in need of a word of good news. ~Tom Bailey-Robertson

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

11. **Respect the boundaries of others.** You might want to hold hands to pray, they may not. Some prefer not to shake hands at the sign of peace due to illness or personal reasons. Please respect the rights of others to worship in different ways. Source: www.aggiecatholicblog.org



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