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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
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

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 5/6, 2015: Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 6	2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Matt Jones 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting
Monday, Dec. 7	Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina 6pm: School Board Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 8 Mass with the School	Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9am: +Herman Dombroski 10am: Rosary 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass 7:30pm: Year of Mercy Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral
Wednesday Dec. 9	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Carolyn Shaw 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 10	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Guy Cudmore
Friday, Dec. 11	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15: +Jean Perras
Saturday, Dec. 12	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am-Noon: Advent Reconciliation 5pm: +Grace Donald
Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: +Helen Margaret Allan 10:30am: Children's Catechism 10:30am: Children's Breakfast with Santa 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo 12:30pm: Confirmation Session

From the Archdiocese

Year of Mercy:

The Jubilee of Mercy begins with a Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's Cathedral on December 8 at 7:30pm.



St. John Brebeuf Parish Offerings:

Regular Offertory:

November 21/22, 2015: \$4989.15

Pre-Authorized donations for November: \$23,791.50

Least Coin Collection

Each weekend, a second collection of pocket change will be taken immediately following the offertory. These funds will be used for our ongoing ministry of charity, beginning with support of refugees.

November 28/29, 2015: \$662

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$83,720**

Current Pledges and Donations: **\$57,320**



RCIA:

Last week we formally welcomed our catechumens and candidates preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to discern God's call to the sacraments.

Catechumens:

David and Joseph Bielek
Chantel and Symone Moodoo

Confirmation Candidates:

Ed Kroeger
Jim Rey

Christmas Cake:

The remainder of the Gourmet fruitcakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition Canada will be sold following this weekend's Masses at the main church entrance: \$16 (Loaf cake), and \$25 for a round cake in a decorative tin.

Campaign



Sunday Missals: The 2015-2016 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are now available for your reference in the pews and for sale (\$5) at the Knights of Columbus Table.



Rest in Peace: **+Kevin Scharer**

(Husband of Breanne Sharer)
(Son of Donna and Gordon Scharer)



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, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

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



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.

December 5/6, 2015: Second Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent: *Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6*

Remember Advent of 2015? That was the year our parish decided to sponsor a refugee family. I remember because Justin Trudeau was newly elected as Prime Minister—the Syrian crisis was an election issue, and it was still on everyone's minds, especially after the attacks in Paris and Beirut. The Grey Cup was in Winnipeg that year. I remember because we could hear the fireworks from the stadium all the way at our house and the booms scared our two-year old, so I took her to the window upstairs so she could see. She named off the colours as each of the bright explosions lit up the sky in the distance. I imagined how scary it would be to live through an actual bomb attack. Was another family, somewhere in the city, listening to the same celebratory blasts and remembering the day their home was destroyed instead of long weekends and New Year's Eves of long ago?

We remember things by association—smells, sounds, little details that connect us to the past. When the prophet Baruch remembered God's promise to save the Israelites from captivity in Babylon, his mind wandered to the fragrant trees of home, and he envisioned those woods providing shade for them on the road back to safety. God smoothed out the hills and filled up the valleys, so that no high or low spot would stand in the way of their safe return. Luke's Gospel recalls the names of the leaders and priests in office the year that the word of God came to John the Baptist, son of Zechariah. God didn't act in some ambiguous past, but in an actual time and place. Our expectation during Advent is that, once again, God will act in a real and effective way—moving obstacles and bridging the gulf once more between ourselves and God's Kingdom.

The tasks ahead are of historic proportions. Manitoba alone will, hopefully, see 2,000 Syrian refugees arrive by the end of February. Newcomers will need homes, furniture, clothes, food, transportation, medical care, and above all careful guidance and support from established communities. We all will need to adjust as our languages and cultures move next door to each other. It will take effort from everyone to learn how to be good neighbours. The challenge is certainly daunting and the stakes are high—the way ahead looks more like climbing a narrow goat-path along a sheer drop than a cheerful saunter through a sunny meadow. When we look back on this Advent though, we will remember that God was there once again, faithfully smoothing the way, fulfilling those promises: every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Our Knights are selling Sobeys 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: **\$10,475**



2015 Keep Christ in Christmas

Colouring Contest:

Children K-7 and up 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. Details: www.kofcwinnipeg.org

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and Calendars:

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and Calendars featuring the artwork from the 2014 Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest are on sale now: Cards: 10 for \$10, Calendars: \$20.

Breakfast with Santa:

Children of our parish and school are invited to the Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, December 14 following 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Free Will Offering.

A letter to Fr. Mark from Winnipeg Harvest:

On behalf of everyone at Winnipeg Harvest and the many thousands of babies you have helped us feed – our heartfelt THANKS!

With your leadership and encouragement, you and your caring and generous parishioners have allowed us to distribute nourishing formula to give hungry babies in Manitoba a healthy start to life.

Thank you so very much each and every one of you for making such a huge difference.

Warmest regards and thanks,
Kate Brenner
Winnipeg Harvest



Our Place/Chez Nous:

As winter approaches, 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.



Spare Change (and bills) for the Poor: During Advent, we are collecting change and bills for Our Place/Chez Nous. Donation Jar will be located at the main church entrance.

CWL: This weekend following Masses, the CWL will be selling Mary's Angels for \$5 each, in support of the Marian Hour, a daily rosary program on CKJS Radio.



Advent Reconciliation: Advent Reconciliation will be offered **Saturday mornings, 9am to Noon** in the church on the following dates: Dec. 12 and 19.

Will you be alone at Christmas? Would you like to join us?

Deacon Mike and Holly Thibert invite you to join us for a traditional Canadian Christmas Dinner

**Sunday, December 27, 2015
Fellowship at 4pm/Dinner at 5pm
St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall**

Please contact Deacon Michael to **RSVP by Dec.20, 2015** at 204-688-4145 or Michael.Thibert@gmail.com



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