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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).

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
Kim Graeili, Financial 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.

December 6/7, 2014: Second Sunday of Advent

SOUTH WINNIPEG ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE, DECEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 St. Gianna 7-8 p.m.	4	5 St. Ignatius 4 p.m.	6 St. Ignatius 9:45 a.m. St. John Brebeuf 10-12 Our Lady of Victory 2-4 p.m.
7	8 Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12-1 p.m. 4-6:25 p.m.	9 Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12-1 p.m. 4-6:25 p.m.	10 Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12-1 p.m. 4-6:25 p.m.	11 Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12-1 p.m. 4-6:25 p.m.	12 St. Ignatius 4 p.m.	13 St. Ignatius 9:45 a.m. St. John Brebeuf 10-12
14	15	16	17	18 Holy Rosary 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.	19 St. Ignatius 4 p.m.	20 St. Ignatius 9:45 a.m. St. John Brebeuf 10-12 St. Ignatius 6 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8*

I've been told that I am not the center of the universe and I accept this as fact, at least on an intellectual level. While my brain easily assents to this reality, there are certain experiences that would suggest to my skin that I am indeed the most precious self there ever was. Of all the trappings of modern life that might speak to my own individual importance—my car, my smartphone, my detached single-family dwelling—the most vocal of them all is the shower in my bathroom. The humble plumber, purveyor of pipes and hawker of hot water tanks, is to blame. No other creature can expect to bath in steam on a cold winter morning; it is illogical to expect it. Yet, with little more than a flick of the wrist, my shower sings hymns praising the glory of my own skin. All of that effort—the mix of elements on our planet, fused in distant stars over eons, collected by gravity, simmered by our sun, buried beneath rock, shaped into natural gas—carefully harvested and piped straight into my basement to heat my carcass. I know I'm not the center of it all, but the shower sings songs saying otherwise.

The people of Jesus' time were no strangers to hot water's alluring tune; the Roman bathhouses whispered softly to them too, "It's all for you." Perhaps this explains John the Baptist's bizarre get up. His itchy camelhair shirt, matted with locust legs stuck in honey, told his skin a story different from the shower's siren call, "One more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals." This truth spoke to the people's hearts—they came in droves from the civilized places to the wilderness, to wash away their sins in the cool waters of the river Jordan. The rushing water sung them a new song; baptism made room in their hearts for God's Spirit.

As we venture once more through Advent's season of measured anticipation, John the Baptist shows up to kick over the wreath and tear down the twinkly lights. He draws us to the deep pool of the font standing ominous as a tomb. His beady eyes flash through tangled hair and beard; his grimy hands hold firm to ours. The water crackles at our touch, bristling with potential energy like a storm cloud. It belts out the hymn of our baptism—that day when God plowed a path straight to our hearts. Whatever songs we've heard since fade away, mere static to the water's wild cry that says we belong to God.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

CWL: During Advent, the CWL are once again selling Mary's Angels for \$5 each, in support of the Marian Hour Centre, and gourmet fruitcakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition Canada: \$13, Deluxe 1 lb. size, \$16 for the Loaf Cake, and \$25 for a round cake in a decorative tin.



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



Our Place/Chez Nous: Urgent Needs:
Backpacks, long johns, underwear & socks
Dark coloured toques, mitts and gloves
Shampoo, deodorant, razors, combs, brushes
Toothbrushes & toothpaste



Please leave donations in the bins at the main church entrance.

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



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

December 6/7, 2014: Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 7	2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: +John Fulop 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Emilie Toews 12:30pm: C.W.L. Christmas Luncheon
Monday, Dec. 8	Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:15am: +Peggy Ashcroft 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Maria Szabolesi 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass
Wednesday Dec. 10	Weekday Ferial 9am: Mass with the School
Thursday, Dec. 11	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +George Dumontet 7:30pm: K. of C. Meeting
Friday, Dec. 12	Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Karen Knudsen
Saturday, Dec. 13	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent 5pm: +Anthony Derrick
Sunday, Dec. 14	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30pm: K. of C. Breakfast with Santa 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 5:30pm: India Community Mass

Advent Reflection: To me, Advent is the season of the poor. Poverty has not been created by God. We are the ones who have created poverty. Before God, we are all poor: Jesus is the one we take care of, visit, clothe, feed and comfort every time we do any of these for the poorest of the poor, the sick, the dying, the lepers and the ones who suffer from Aids. Should we not serve the poor like they were Jesus? We have refused to be instruments of love in the hands of God, to give the poor a piece of bread, to offer them a dress with which to ward off the cold: this has happened because we did not recognize Christ when, once more, he appeared under the guise of pain, identified with a man numb from the cold, dying of hunger when he came in a lonely human being, in a lost child in search of a home. God can work through nothings—small things like us. He uses us to do his work.

~Mother Theresa

In *Mother Theresa On Advent and Christmas*, Edited by John Scally (The Columbia Press, 2014)

Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed (James 5:15)

Marie A., Marie M., Don Barnicki, Nick Bencharski, Gisèle Bertalanffy, David Bruneau, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Matt Jones, Carol Kruse, Margaret Lafrenière, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Evan Morton, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, Geraldine Walker, 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.

Sharing God's Gifts: Our Target: \$81,730

Current Pledges & Donations: \$36,700

Donation envelopes available at church entrances.



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

Grace Whalen

who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism
November 30, 2014



May God bless you and your family!

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.

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.

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.



St. John Brebeuf School presents:
The Only Christmas Pageant in Town
December 17th: 1:30pm and
December 18th, 7pm, St. John Brebeuf Church
All are invited to come and celebrate Christ's birth!



Plant Delivery to Our Sick and Shut-In Parishioners:
Help is needed to deliver plants to our sick and shut-in parishioners December 17-19. If you can help, please contact Debbie in the Parish Office at 204-488-4467.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

November 29/30, 2014: \$4,749

2015 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick-up at the Lanark entrance. Please advise Parish Office of any changes in address, etc.

Rest in Peace: +John Murphy
(Husband of Leona Murphy)
+Frank Kolodka



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