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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 TEAM

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor ext 213
Deacon Michael Thibert
Deacon Joseph McLellan, Emeritus
Laura Carreiro, Principal ext 242
Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate ext 217
Genevieve Makinson, Financial Administrator ext 211
Eddie Melo, Building Operations ext 220
Debbie Dusanek, Parish Admin. Coordinator ext 210
Deb Bernier, School Admin. Assistant ext 241

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.

*"Missioned to Stewardship, we
are a community that Lives,
Loves and serves in Christ."*

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).

December 7/8 2013: Second Sunday of Advent

South Winnipeg Deanery Advent Reconciliation Schedule, December 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		St. Gianna's 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Holy Rosary 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		St. John Brebeuf 4 – 7 p.m.	St. Ignatius 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	St. Ignatius 1 – 2 p.m.	St. Ignatius 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Our Lady of Victory 7 p.m.		St. Ignatius 4 – 5 p.m. St. John Brebeuf 4 – 7 p.m.	St. Ignatius 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. 7 – 8 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent Year A: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12*

Our 4-month-old daughter has begun picking up and biting things—well, gumming them. She gets upset when she tries to put something in her mouth when her soother is already in there. She'll bring up her teething ring for a bite, only find that there's no room for it. Her frustration builds as she repeats this over and over again. I could stand by and watch the comedy unfold, but I know this is going to end only when she starts crying. So I intervene and pluck the soother out for her, freeing her to chomp greedily on the rubber ring. Sometimes we need help letting go of the things in our lives that keep us from being truly fulfilled.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist imagines Christ as a thresher—one who separates the grain kernels from the straw. Jesus gathers the seeds in his barn and pitchforks the husks into an "unquenchable fire." The image is a stark one, scary even, if we consider ourselves to be either seeds or straw. We hope we're the grain that gets saved, but we're not always sure. Sometimes we feel more like the hollow shells that get crushed under foot and swept aside. Why would God want to save people who hold grudges for years; people who say one thing, then do another; people who insist on their own way; people who are too scared to reach out and help their neighbours? Maybe we feel the opposite: we encounter other people like this and wish that they would be cut down at the root and tossed away.

In reality, we all have parts of ourselves that aren't bearing good fruit. We're all part straw and part grain. Like the thresher, Jesus comes into each of our lives to clear out the straw—the stuff that gets in the way. God clears away the unnecessary things that keep us from bearing good fruit. The Pharisees and Sadducees presumed they were entitled to baptism because of their identity. In the heavenly kingdom however, the only status that matters is being a child of God. This is conferred through God's grace, not by one's family of origin or profession. All other parts of our identity get cleared away. Maybe this won't be so scary after all, but more like a parent helping their child set aside what's in the way so she can sink her teeth into what really matters.

~Tom Bailey Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Sobeys Gift cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. Purchase a gift card for Winnipeg Harvest and a tax receipt will be issued.



Keep Christ in Christmas Cards:

On sale following weekend Masses:
 2011 cards: 17 for \$20, 2012 cards: 15 for \$25.

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 Dec. 27. Contest open to children K-7 & up with prizes in each age category. Details: www.kofcwinnipeg.org

CWL: This weekend is your last opportunity to purchase Mary's Angels before and after Masses. The cost is \$5, with proceeds to the Marian Hour.



Remaining Gourmet fruitcakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition Canada will also be on sale. These rich, traditional, custom-baked cakes make an excellent Christmas gift. \$13, Deluxe 1 lb. size, \$16 for the Loaf Cake, and \$25 for a round cake in a decorative tin.

St. John Brebeuf School presents:

"Where's the Newborn King"

Dec. 18, 1:30 pm and Dec. 19, 7pm in the church. All are welcome! Free will offering.



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

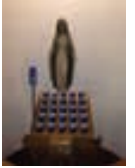
December 7/8: Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 8	2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: +John Fulop 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 12:30pm: +Eileen Nash
Monday, Dec. 9	Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:15am: +Victims of Typhoon Haiyan 1:30pm: Lectio Divina 6pm: School Board Meeting
Tuesday Dec. 10	Weekday Ferial 9am: Mass with the School 1:30pm: Portsmouth Mass
Wed., Dec 11	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Herman Dombroski 10am: Adult Faith Formation 7:30pm: K. of C. Meeting 7:30pm: Archbishop Weisgerber Farewell Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral
Thursday, Dec. 12	Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Jack Lane
Friday, Dec. 13	Memorial: St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 9:15am: +Robert Chipman 4pm-7pm: Advent Reconciliation
Saturday, Dec. 14	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent 5pm: Int. of Kathleen Foster
Sunday, Dec. 15	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 9:35am: Share the Word 10:30am: K. of C. Breakfast with Santa 10:35am: Children's Catechism 12:30pm: +Frank Cielen 7pm: Confirmation Session

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.

Adult Faith Formation: Next session: Wednesday, December 11, 10am in the St. Marie Room

Vigil Lights: Why did we install Vigil Lights? In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "I am the Light of the World." In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors. The lighting of candles has been observed since the early the time of the early martyrs. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.



From Deacon Mike:

Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you." (Matthew 26:11) Our Place/ Chez Nous continues to be the star of love for those who live on the streets. Their demand always exceeds their supply. Please help fill their needs by donating to our Giving Tree:



- **Dark coloured Toques, Mitts & Scarves**
- **Socks and Underwear**
- **Toiletries**

Donations will be accepted in designated boxes throughout Advent.

Blessings+ to you and your families,
Deacon Mike

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$68,530**
Current Pledges & Donations: **\$49,319**



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

November 30/December 1: \$4,183
Philippines Emergency: Total to date-\$6,550

*The Canadian Government deadline for the matching of donations has been extended until **December 23, 2013.***

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.



Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

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

Marie A., Don Barnicki, Nick Bencharski, Gisèle Bertalanffy, David Bruneau, Eduardo De Medeiros, Omer De Wandel, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Therese LaClare, Margaret Lafreniere, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Jim Mahon, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, Suzanne Thille, 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.

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