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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 I-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
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Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate	ext 217
Debbie Dusanek, Administrative Coordinator	ext 210
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Mira Salter, Finance Officer	ext 211
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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 <u>before</u> 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).

## February 13/14, 2016: 1st Sunday of Lent

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Sunday, February 14	1st Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Int. of Romulo & Leah Magsino 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Jacquie Smith 2:30pm: Rite of Election, St. Mary's Cathedral	
Monday, February 15	Lenten Ferial No Mass Parish and School Closed	
Tuesday, February 16	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Phillipe Robleto Casanueva 7pm: School Board Meeting	
Wednesday February 17	Lenten Ferial 9:15am: +All Souls 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 10am: Serra Club Meeting	
Thursday, February 18	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Karl Riese	
Friday, February 19	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Mimi Trainor 9:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 7pm: Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, February 20	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent 5pm: +Harold Midgley	
Sunday, February 21	2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30am: For the People 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 12:30pm: Confirmation Session	

#### Lent: 2016

#### **Fast and Abstinence Guidelines:**

**Fasting:** On Fridays during Lent, Catholics aged 14+ are obliged to abstain from eating meat. Those outside of the age limits or whose



state in life (i.e. pregnancy, manual labourers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of Lenten fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

**Abstinence from Meat:** Those who are 14 years or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

#### Fridays during Lent (starting Feb. 12):

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, 9:45am to Noon, followed by **Benediction**.

Stations of the Cross begins at 7pm

#### **Lenten Reconciliation Services**

Holy Rosary	March 8, 7pm
St. Ignatius	March 9, 7pm
St. Gianna	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help.	March 16, 9:30am
St. Vital	March 16, 7pm
St. John Brebeuf	March 17, 7pm
Sacre Coeur	March 17, 7pm

#### First Reconciliation:

First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:

Saturday, March 5, 9am-Noon Saturday, March 12, 9am-Noon Saturday, March 19, 9am-Noon

Please contact Tom in the Parish Office to sign up for a 10 minute slot.

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Saint John Brebeuf date: Thursday, June 2, 7pm

Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Presider

#### From Father Mark:

Recently I was asked if we still had an obligation to the Eucharistic Fast, which is not eating or drinking before Mass. This is what the Church teaches: One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for the period of at least one hour before Holy Communion. A priest who celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist two or three times on the same day may take something before the second of third celebration, even if the period of one hour does not intervene. Those who are advanced in age or who suffer from any infirmity, as well as those who take care of them, can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have taken something during the previous hour.

The most important point regarding this question concerns why we ought to fast. St. Paul reminds us, we are "always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." (2 Cor 4:10). We too are charged to convert our whole lives—body and soul— to the Lord. This conversion process involves doing penance—including bodily mortification like fasting— for our sins and weaknesses, which in turn strengthens and heals us.

The Eucharistic fast assists us in preparing to receive Holy Communion wholly—body and soul. This physical mortification strengthens our spiritual focus on the Lord, so that we may humbly encounter the divine Saviour who offers Himself to us.

~ Fr. Mark



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** 

## February 13/14, 2016: 1st Sunday of Lent

First Sunday of Lent: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

A subsistence farmer surveys her stockpile while subtracting in her mind the number of mouths to feed times the number of days until the next harvest. The calculated figures are indifferent to the reality they represent: enough food for her family to eat, or a shortfall. The possibility of running out of food looms menacingly on one side of the equation. Yet she does not fear the outcome of her counting. The equals sign does not author her life, so it does not merit her worship. Before the count began, she had already set aside a portion of the grain.

She had poured the grain slowly into a basket. As she did, she mouthed the words she had learned as a child so that her voice and the sound of the falling kernels reverberated together, mingling in the air. The story that unfolded told of how her ancestors had struggled: they had been driven to a foreign land where they suffered oppression, so they cried out to the Lord. God heard their voice, saw them in their affliction, and freed them from their ordeal with a mighty hand and outstretched arm. Still, the people struggled with their newfound liberty—their freedom extended before them all the way out to the horizon. They couldn't see what lay beyond and they were scared. Many wished to return to captivity, to the places they knew. God fortified them with the

Holy Spirit, so they could face uncertainty with hope.

Now as the farmer sets out to measure her harvest, the story that shapes her life resounds in her heart. Whatever the total turns out to be, she has hope that God will be with her.

Much of our own lives are lived trying to balance out the gifts given to us. We make sure there will be enough money, enough gas in the tank, enough sleep, enough food in the fridge, enough time, even enough love. How much energy do we expend so that we end up on the plus side of a balance sheet? It can feel like life has to unfold within certain parameters in order to survive. Lent is a time to look up from the path we are on and see if it is leading us towards God. It is a joyful season, because we have the freedom to change course. This also makes it very scary. Changes come with a price, so what if we end up slipping on our balance sheet and falling short somewhere? The challenge of Lent lies in letting go of the things we think we need to support our existence. The good news is that God undergirds our lives, so we can face the unknown.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating | "And when was it that we saw you a stranger and Baptism for your child? We have returned to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. For further information, please contact Tom in the Parish Office: 204-488-4467.

#### 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. 2016 total to date: \$1075 Sobey

#### St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings: February 6/7, 2016: \$3744.40

#### **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.

February 6/7, 2016: \$538

welcomed you?" Matthew 25:38

Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees.

What fears might we face as we welcome refugees?

What about the Aboriginal community in Winnipeg- how do they fit in?

How open are we to be changed by welcoming refugees and marginalized people?

#### Welcoming the Stranger: An evening with author, Anne Mahon Wednesday, February 24, 7pm

Saint John Brebeuf Church

**Evening Prayer: 7pm** Presentation and discussion follows.



Author Anne Mahon will share her experiences of personal transformation and learning through her relationships with refugees in the community.

#### 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, M.M., Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Amparo Pagtakhan, Peter, George Reznik, Marjorie Romanik, 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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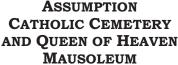
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