

SAINT JOHN BREBEUF ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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ST.JOHN BREBEUF CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten to Grade 8 605 Renfrew Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3N IJ8 Phone: (204) 489-2115 Fax: (204) 928-7455 Email: schooloffice@sjbcommunity.ca



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, Retired	
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 <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 1/2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The Presentation of the Lord – Malachi 3:1-4; Ps 24; Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18; Luke 2:22-40

Simeon was waiting for the promised messiah, God's anointed one, who would bring salvation to all people and glory to Israel. His exclamation when he sees Jesus in the Temple, "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled..." is prayed at the end of the church's night prayer. When people turn in for the night, we set aside the work and worries of the day, and seek the peaceful rest of sleep. At least we try. The day is never long enough to get everything done. The things left undone or unsaid seem to have a way of sneaking into our minds just as we are trying to settle down. There's always one more email to send, one more show to watch, or one more problem to solve in our heads before falling asleep.

The restlessness that comes with trying to lay still isn't new to our technologically-endowed age; it is something that dogged even our ancient predecessors. Early Christians took to the quiet of the desert to find peace, only to have evil thoughts rise up to fill the emptiness. Jesus knew this all too well: he encountered Satan and temptation when he sought refuge in the wilderness. Yet, when Jesus and these early desert ascetics stuck it out, they experienced the deep consolation of the Holy Spirit.

For Simeon, who anticipated the coming of Christ, the temptation would have been to forgo the battle of waiting, and to simply decide for himself who would be the Messiah. At his age, he wouldn't be around much longer to be proven wrong anyway. He could have picked any kid being brought to the Temple and declared his wait over. Why should he suffer through a protracted delay—one filled with doubt and anxiety—when he could have satisfied God's promise himself?

We know from the Cross that God's way is not an easy way. Discipleship meant leaving behind fishing nets and family, and setting out to follow the unfamiliar and the unknown. For Simeon it meant waiting an entire lifetime for God to fulfill a promise. He could wait though, because the Spirit of God remained with him. Jesus could overcome the devil's temptations in the desert because the Spirit of God was with him. The desert hermits found that God gave them the Spirit, who stayed with them throughout their trials. We can wait for God in our lives too. We can expect broken relationships to be mended, sicknesses to be healed, and trials to be endured with grace, because God's Spirit rests with us while we wait. The outcome of these worries matters less because God was there all along waiting with us.

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Purchase Sobeys Gift Cards, (\$25, \$50 or \$100) after weekend Masses. Cash, cheque, debit, Visa and MasterCard accepted. Redeemable at **Sobeys**, **IGA** and **Price Choppers**. You can help Winnipeg Harvest through the donation of gift **Cobeyr** cards. Indicate this at your time of purchase to receive a tax receipt.

2014 Basketball Free Throw Challenge Results:

Age	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
9	Maitias Amsler Kaitlyn McDaniel	Isaac Frayer Katya Cisneros	Reet Singh
10	Khalil Coward	Jack Bennett	Colten Tramburg
11	Jack Filmon Katie Sierhuis	Braden Care Emma Stephanson	Gavin Ibanez Sophia Anadranistakis
12	Quinton Bailey	Ryan Lemay	Andrew Kaul
13	Keenan Gowdar Chloe Ellerbrock	Daniel Nguyen	Trey Garlinski
14	Stephen Crew	Shane Simoens	

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate





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 1/2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, Feb. 2	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo (Fr. Geoffrey Burwell) 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado (Fr. Geoffrey Burwell) 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting
Monday, Feb 3	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday Feb. 4	Weekday Ferial 9:15: Morning Prayer
Wed., Feb. 5	Memorial: St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +James Mahon
Thursday, Feb. 6	Memorial: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs 9:15: Morning Prayer 7pm: School Open House
Friday, Feb. 7	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Emilie Toews
Saturday, Feb. 8	Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Feb. 9	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: +George Walker 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Al & Pat Bean 7pm: Confirmation Session

Fr. Mark on Holidays: Please note that Fr. Mark will be away from the Parish from **Jan. 20 to Feb. 7.** His office hours will resume Tuesday, Feb. 11. In his absence, the weekday schedule will include a combination of Morning Praver and Masses. Please pray for Fr. Mark

to enjoy a safe and restful holiday.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

January 25/26: \$3,059

Did you know that you can share your gifts through the convenience of **Pre-Authorized Withdrawal** from your bank account, credit card or through post-dated cheques? Forms are available at both church entrances or the Parish Office.

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.

Adult Faith Formation: Next session: Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 10am in the St. Marie Room

The Empty Bowls Project:

This year, St. John Brebeuf Parish and School hopes to really make an impact in our community as we help our youth understand the effects of hunger and poverty in our neighborhoods and in our world.



During the months of February and March St. John Brebeuf School students, along with students of the Catechism classes of St. John Brebeuf Parish will be creating their own unique bowls to symbolize those who go hungry each day. These bowls will be designed, painted, glazed and then fired in a kiln.

On April 27, 2014, the entire parish community will come together to share a simple meal of soup and bread. The limited menu is to signify to everyone involved that many homes do not experience an abundance of food at meal times and that often children go away from the table hungry.

At the dinner, all of the art the students have created and the bowls they have made will be displayed and shared with the community, with each family having the chance to take home their child's bowl.

We are excited to announce that some of our local "celebrities" have signed bowls for a silent auction at our event. Two of the "biggies" are Andrew Ladd and Dustin Byfuglien from the Winnipeg Jets. If you know a "celebrity" who you would be willing to ask to sign or make a bowl please contact Marni Waggoner, St. John Brebeuf School Parent Council at <u>marniw@shaw.ca</u>

Christian Outreach:

Our Place/Chez Nous would like to thank St. John Brebeuf Parish for the recent donations of \$150 from our Advent Spare Change for



the Poor collection, and winter wear. Current urgent needs include **backpacks**, **long underwear**, and **dark coloured toques and mitts**.

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, Maria Colatruglio, Omer De Wandel, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Therese LaClare, Margaret Lafreniere, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, Suzanne Thille, Geraldine Walker, W.J., 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.

