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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).

## February 20/21, 2016: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30am: For the People 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 12:30pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, February 22	<b>Feast: Chair of St. Peter, Apostle</b> No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, February 23	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Deceased Rodrigues Family Members 4:30pm: 1st Eucharist Evening of Forgiveness
Wednesday February 24	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 9:15am: +Luigi Peluso 7pm: Evening Prayer/Welcoming the Stranger: An evening with author, Anne Mahon
Thursday, February 25	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Gilles Dansereau 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Residence Mass
Friday, February 26	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Lynne Heywood 9:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 27	<b>Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 9am: Ministry Leadership Council Meeting 5pm: +Iolanda Macario
Sunday, February 28	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Eileen & +Edward McGivern

### 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.



#### Fridays during Lent:

**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.....March 10, 7pm  
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

**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.

#### 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.

#### Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre:

On **Easter Sunday, March 27**

Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre is counting on St. John Brebeuf to provide a hot meal for over 250 of our city's poorest children, women and men. Your help is needed to prepare a batch (or more) of stew. Meat is provided by the parish and an easy stew recipe is available. Prepared stew should be dropped off at the church on Easter Sunday morning. Call Jane at (204) 488-0893 to offer your help.



**St. John Brebeuf Ladies Bridge Club**  
**Mixed Bridge & Lunch**  
**Sat., April 16, St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall**



Lunch: 11:30am/Bridge: 1pm  
Tickets \$15: Available at the Parish Office  
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*Proceeds in support of the St. John Brebeuf School Bursary Fund*

#### From Father Mark:

Last year, 15 funerals were celebrated at Saint John Brebeuf Parish. So many people are involved in our funeral ministry, including musicians, altar servers, our sacristan, parish and school staff, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, unofficial hospitality ministry, and the people who get taken so much for granted—those who take care of the funeral luncheons with love and quiet presence.

One of the greatest acts of charity and compassion we, as a parish, have the privilege to be part of, is holding the hands and comforting those who mourn the loss of precious loved ones.

*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.*



~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](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca)

## February 20/21, 2016: 2nd Sunday of Lent

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent:** *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36*

It's hard to know what to say when we try to comfort people going through difficult times. Sometimes we turn to a cliché that would be better left unsaid. Chief among such offenders is that tired aphorism, "everything happens for a reason." While it is acceptable for a sufferer to speak these words—they can express a sense of faithfulness amidst anguish—it is intolerable when a comforter utters them. It effectively shuts down any sharing of pain by short-circuiting the discussion; instead of listening, these words narrowly reframe the conversation away from hurt. Someone who refuses to allow a sufferer to share their pain is no comfort.

Even as Abram believed in the great plan God unfolded before him, he nevertheless felt overwhelmed—a "deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him." God had made sweeping promises to him. Though Abram was childless, God promised him descendants more numerous than the stars; though he wandered about homeless, God promised him land to settle on and make a great nation. It all seemed too good to be true, so Abram cried out, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" God responded with a covenant ritual: the two parties entering into a covenant pass together between the split corpses of animals, agreeing that they would rather suffer the same fate as these animals than break their relationship. In Abrams' time of distress, God assured him with a sign of mercy so he could trust God's plan for him.

God revealed to Jesus what lay ahead for him in Jerusalem. Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Jesus about his exodus—a journey that would take him through the abyss to break the bondage of death and lead the way to eternal life. This was the long-awaited restoration of humankind to perfect relationship with God, something that was foretold from the beginning of creation. This plan was incomprehensible to Peter, and he speaks out of turn; while Jesus is looking ahead to Jerusalem, Peter would rather set up camp and stay on the mountain. An overshadowing cloud of God's presence interrupted and saved poor Peter from further ruining the moment. It was a merciful, albeit forceful, sign from God to stop talking and start listening.

Listening is an act of compassion—it requires vulnerability to allow pain to be shared without rushing to explain it away. Sometimes out of insecurity we would rather hide others' pain with mild sentiments. God, however, uses powerful signs to assure us, so we can be strong enough to stay silent and listen to the hurt that others face.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

### **Knights of Columbus #1107:**

Our Knights are selling Sobey's 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**



### **St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:**

**February 13/14, 2016: \$4886.90**

### **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 13/14, 2016: \$535**

### **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Saint John Brebeuf date: **Thursday, June 2, 7pm**  
Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Presider

***"And when was it that we saw you a stranger and 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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