

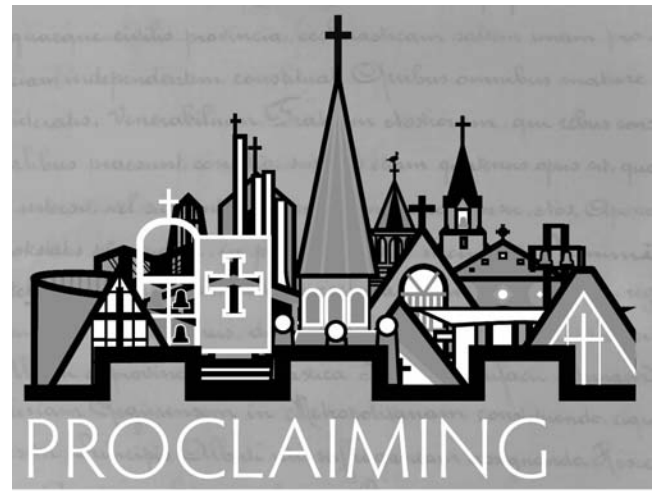


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# PROCLAIMING CHRIST ALWAYS



#### 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.*

**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 21/22, 2015: 1st Sunday of Lent

**First Sunday of Lent:** Gen 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Recall how, as a child, time seemed to pass so slowly. It seemed to take a decade to make it from September to Christmas, and even longer for summer to arrive. The future, ripe with endless expectation, always felt distant and inaccessible. If Advent were a person, it would be a young child, the bulk of her life lying before her crackling with promise, like an unopened present waiting under the Christmas tree. During Advent, God is envisioned as being soon to come, yet this effectively makes God seem far away.

In Lent, the Kingdom of God has come—it's a done deal. In its arrival, the Reign of God strips away the glossiness of sin and exposes it for a crippling illness. It's easy to think of Lent as an old man, his days spread over him, weighed down by their completeness and finality. The days ahead might bring some combination of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, arthritis, cancer, and ultimately death, as possibility wanes to inevitability. In this way, Lent can seem like a very dour season, joyless and derisive of life: Christ has come, found that we don't measure up, and so now we must somehow make up for being so wretched. At least, that's what those nagging doubts tell us, but such a vision of God's Kingdom is not in the Gospel.

The Gospel shows us that God releases us from sin, not so we might wallow in regret, but to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. This process might hurt a little bit—it's not without suffering—but it is pain with a purpose; it leads us to a life beyond compare. It hurts to set aside the things we have built up for ourselves and come to rely on. Jesus had to leave behind the cool waters of the Jordan river, away from the reassuring people and places, and venture out into seclusion to struggle with temptation. Lent is a personal time where we too try to stand without our titles, possessions, or accomplishments, to prop us up. Rather than bringing our strengths, we show up with our weaknesses to see us through this time. God will provide the ark that will see us through the flood—there is no mountain tall enough for us to stand on to see us through it. The joy of the season is that God does provide us with a life preserver as we take the plunge into the water, our pockets full of heavy stones: our sins. The surprise in Lent comes just when we expect to sink, that our hands wrap around the wood of cross, and we find ourselves afloat. God set us free from sin so we can open up: to each other, to the spirit, and to God's Son. So let go, jump in, and grab on.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

## From the Archdiocese

### **Evening of Prayer and an Examination of Conscience:**

As part of our celebrations for the Centennial Year, all parishioners are invited to attend Evening Prayer and an Examination of Conscience on **Sunday, March 1 at 7pm.** As a sign of unity, all parishes throughout the Archdiocese will be gathering at the same time for this service. The purpose of this gathering of the Faithful of the Archdiocese will be to acknowledge our sins of the past as a Church with the resolve to better "Proclaim Christ Always."



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

Your purchase of Sobeys Gift Cards can help feed the hungry in our city. Our Knights are selling cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. To donate your gift card to Winnipeg Harvest, indicate this at the time of your purchase and a tax receipt will be issued. **Each dollar donated allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food.**



2014 total: **\$13,342.40** in gift cards toward baby formula. 2015 to date: **\$650**

## **Development and Peace: Share Lent 2015**

This year, all Development and Peace Lenten resources are being offered on a smartphone app through the App store and Google Play. Running throughout the six weeks of Lent, this Lent Calendar app features stories of hope about our sisters and brothers around the world who are building a world without hunger. In the face of conflicts, climate change, and decreasing access to land, water and seeds, Development and Peace's partners around the world are sowing seeds of justice to ensure that small family farmers can feed themselves and their communities. You can use this app to guide you through the Lenten season with three simple steps each day: Learn, Pray and Act. Your calendar is included in today's bulletin. For more information about the work of Development and Peace or to donate, please visit **www.devp.org**



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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 21/22, 2015: 1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, Feb. 22	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30am: +Helen Luy 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Jacqueline Smith 12:30pm: Confirmation Session 2:30: Rite of Election, St. Mary's Cathedral
Monday, Feb. 23	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 9:15am: +Jim Brennan 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Feb. 24	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Florence McDougall 5pm-7pm: Evening of Forgiveness
Wednesday Feb. 25	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 7:30am: Finance Council Meeting 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Anthony Derrick
Thursday, Feb. 26	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Int. of Romulo & Leah Magsino 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Mass
Friday, Feb. 27	<b>Lenten Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +John (Joao) Carreiro 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, Feb. 28	<b>Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 5pm: +Dolly Stinziano Bremer
Sunday, March 1	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting 7pm: Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience

### Lent 2015:

#### Fridays during Lent:

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



**Stations of the Cross** begins at 7pm

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.

**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 Eucharist:

*(Change of date)* **Evening of Forgiveness, Tuesday, Feb. 24, (5-7pm)**, for children preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. If you were unable to attend the October parent meeting, please contact Tom to receive your materials. More details to follow.

#### *(Change of date)* **Sacrament of First Eucharist:**

The date for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, originally scheduled for May 2/3 is now **May 23/24.**

#### First Reconciliation:

First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:

**Saturday, March 7, 10am-Noon**

**Saturday, March 14, 10am-Noon**

**Saturday, March 21, 10am-Noon**

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

#### Confirmation:

#### *(Change of date)* **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 24 at the MTS Centre has been changed to **Sunday, May 3, MTS Centre.**

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

**February 14/15, 2015: \$3,926**

**Pre-Authorized Donations for February: \$21,836.50**

**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. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

**Winnipeg Harvest:** Until there is no longer a need for food banks in our community, we will continue to collect non-perishable food items and baby formula for Winnipeg Harvest.



#### 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, 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, Peter, Georgia Poirier, Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., 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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