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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 27/28, 2016: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28	3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Eileen & +Edward McGivern
Monday, February 29	Lenten Ferial No Mass 10:30am: +Gerald Caron Funeral Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, March 1	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Pasquale & Maria Trozzo 7pm: Diocesan Development & Peace Mtg.
Wednesday March 2	Lenten Ferial 9:15am: +Harold Midgley
Thursday, March 3	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Angela Shozda
Friday, March 4	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Deceased Pemberton Family Members 9:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 5	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent 5pm: +John Scollin
Sunday, March 6	4th Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Intentions of Bertha O'Brecht 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo 12:30pm: Confirmation Session 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting

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

First Reconciliation:

First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:

Saturdays, March 5, 12 & 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

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.



Church Bulletin Advertising:

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2016 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at **1-800-268-2637**.



From Father Mark:

I heard that once upon a time Father Murray SJ said if you count the days of Lent, Sundays are not Lenten days, so they are like little Easter days. I love hearing that as Father Murray was a very pious and holy priest. He would have taken on many Lenten disciplines and in his kindness would remind people who were taking Lent seriously to "lighten up on the Day of the Lord." With the "loss" of Sunday in these past years, the Day of the Lord within the family situation has changed significantly – in that there is Sunday shopping, endless sports from the crack of dawn to the setting of the sun on this day, and the traditional practices of "giving up" or "taking on" Lenten practices have fallen away because the sense of fasting has slowly been dismissed.

We have come to the realization that it's the little things that can be the sacrifices, the penances of lent – the little martyrdoms. How far are we willing to go with our Lent – would we give up friendships, economic opportunities, the Internet, inappropriate fashions, coffee break critique, no donuts after mass, gossip or certain entertainment for the sake of our faith? These are small sacrifices, but because there are so few things we give up for Lent, these may be huge...they may be that lesson we teach our children, that there is a need to step away – even on a Sunday, because that may be the only time we can witness to our Lenten observance. Penance is not a punishment but a moment to practice what we preach... Father Murray would agree with me!



~Fr. Mark

February 27/28, 2016: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Third Sunday of Lent: *Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42*

For the next three weeks, our readings will come from a cycle in Christian Initiation known as the *scrutinies*. This week, the Samaritan woman at the well encounters Jesus and gradually comes to believe that he is the Messiah. In the same way, our candidates and catechumens prepare to encounter Christ in the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.

What distinguishes grace from other forms of love—charity, kindness, or mere fancy—is that it is undeserved. We do not earn God's affection, but rather merit the opposite: wrath, scorn, and rejection. This view of human wretchedness seems extreme, as though we were measuring humanity's esteem strictly by what gets written in online comment sections; we may feel tempted to lift up examples of humanity's innocence, generosity, and magnanimity. Sure, there are lots of neat people out there: great scientists curious about the nature of the universe; impoverished folks finding meaning and joy in the midst of adversity; nurses, teachers, fire fighters, social workers, soldiers, business owners, all of them living out service to their community. If there are really so many good people out there, then why is Donald Trump so popular? Even good people get scared, frustrated, and selfish. Search your feelings, you know it to be true—deep down we are all miserable wretches!

St. Paul didn't just know this about humans, he embraced the fact that people—himself first and foremost—are sinners. This didn't depress him though, because faith revealed the enormous reach of God's love: that even while we were still weak and unrighteous, Christ died for us. God didn't wait around for humans to lift themselves out of the mire, but dove right in to join us and to raise us up. Moses knew this too, for while the Israelites were complaining, God drew water out of a rock to satisfy their thirst. God was among them, even as they tested the limits of divine love. God's grace draws joyful life out of the hardest of hearts.

The Samaritan woman in the gospel also had firsthand experience with human contempt. She had to visit the well during the heat of noonday, probably to avoid derision from her neighbours. She was different from them, in her beliefs and in her social status, so she was likely mistreated. She had also had a bad streak with men. Her five previous husbands had divorced her, as was their right in those days, for whatever reason they wanted. Perhaps she couldn't bear them children or perhaps her husbands had wandering eyes. The man she was with now wouldn't even bother to marry her. So she genuinely taken aback when Jesus—a Jewish man—engages her in conversation and is even willing to ask her for a drink. She keeps reminding Jesus of the many barriers that exist between them, yet Jesus overcomes each one and teases out the faith that she holds deep within. He uncovers in her a hope for a redeemer, and then fulfills that hope when he reveals his identity as the one she expects. This hope becomes a wellspring in her that she can't contain, so she runs to spread the news to her neighbours, who also come to believe for themselves. God's grace can draw living water out of the hardest of hearts, so we can live with hope too.

~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: **\$1960**



St. John Brebeuf Ladies Bridge Club Mixed Bridge & Lunch

Sat., April 16, St. John Brebeuf Parish

Lunch: 11:30am/Bridge: 1pm

Tickets \$15: Available at the Parish Office

Mona: 204-832-5248/ Marg: 204-489-7097



Proceeds in support of the St. John Brebeuf School Bursary Fund

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

Regular Offertory, February 20/21, 2016: \$4320

Pre-authorized donations for February: \$22,095.50

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 20/21, 2016: \$554

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.

Rest in Peace: **+James Rodrigues**
(Husband of Maria Rodrigues)
+Gerald Caron
(Father of Lawrie Caron)



Cuba 2016 World Day of Prayer Friday, March 4

Cuba Presentation: 1:45pm

Ecumenical WDP Service: 2pm

Westworth United Church, 1750 Grosvenor Ave.



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, 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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