

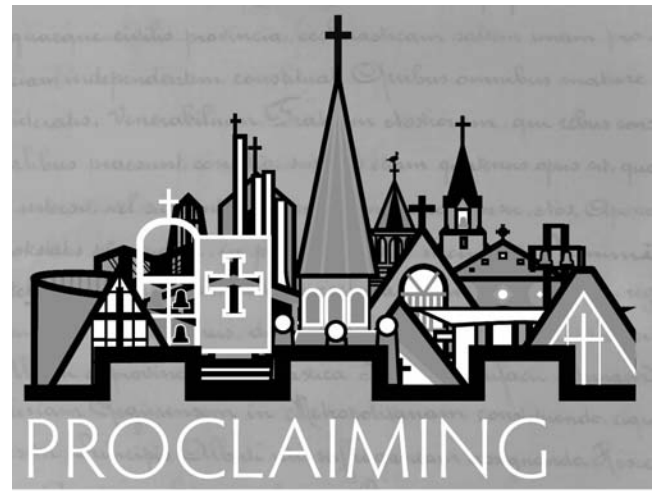


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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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 7/8, 2015: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

The ambo is no mere reading stand; it is the edge we climb up to God in prayer and it is the precipice from which God stretches down to us. It is reserved for the Word of the Lord. From Sacred Scripture we hear all manner of messages: accounts of God's actions in the past, songs of praise and thanksgiving, letters written from apostles to their church communities, and stories of Jesus' life. From the same ambo, we also hear eulogies for our loved ones, we offer our petitionary prayers on behalf of the world, and we listen to our pastor break open the readings to show us some good news.

We respond to what we hear, often out of reflex, but sometimes because what we are moved to cry out in agreement. We might nod our heads enthusiastically with the prophet Micah, "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" In the same way, we might shake our heads in frustration or sadness at some of the things we hear. In those times we might withhold our voice, even as the people around us give a resounding, "Thanks be to God." It can be very lonely to stand in silence amid a congregation that is oblivious to how the words from the ambo have wrenched at one's heart.

Today's first reading shows us that there is a lot of room in how we respond to God. Our responses do not have to always be pious thanksgiving. Job, the poster boy of meaningless suffering, does not shy away from giving voice to his misery. He fought against the facile explanations of his friends and carved out space for his lamentation. One line today stands out in light of the Gospel, "But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn." Jesus encountered endless crowds looking for healing, "The whole city was gathered around the door." The text tells us that he healed "many"—that could be a lot of people, but it may not have been all of them. I wonder if Jesus just couldn't physically get to all of the people. Maybe they were a bottomless pit of suffering that could never be filled. Did encountering the black hole of others' neediness and his own limitations to satisfy them cause him to toss and turn in bed; did it make him run off to a deserted place to pray? Driven to the edge, he turned to God in meditation and received the peace he needed to go on. Jesus prays for us, so we never stand alone when we're at the edge of our limits. It is from those outskirts that we run to when there is nowhere else to turn that we find God, standing there to wait with us until dawn.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Countdown to Lent:

You are invited to bring in your blessed palms from last year to be burned for ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday liturgies. A basket is available at the main entrance to the church.



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.

Ash Wednesday Masses
Wednesday, February 18:
9:00am & 7:30pm

Fast and Abstinence Guidelines:

Fasting: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those aged 18 to 59 should only have one full meal. Two smaller meals, as needed, but eating solid foods between meals should be avoided.

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. 20):

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 10am to Noon, followed by **Benediction.**

Stations of the Cross begins at 7pm

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



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: **\$275**



Our Place/Chez Nous: Urgent Needs:

Backpacks, long johns, underwear & socks
Dark coloured toques, mitts and gloves
Shampoo, deodorant, razors, combs, brushes
Toothbrushes & toothpaste

Please leave donations in the bin at the main church entrance.



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:
January 31/February 1, 2015: \$4,216

February 7/8, 2015: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Feb. 8	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: +Helen Luy 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 12:30pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Feb. 9	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina 7:30pm: Liturgy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Memorial: St. Scholastica, Virgin 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Intentions of Derrick Family 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass 7pm: Diocesan Development & Peace Mtg.
Wednesday Feb. 11	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Harold Midgley 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 12	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Mel Tremblay 10:30am: +Grace M. Donald Funeral Mass
Friday, Feb. 13	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Margaret Lough
Saturday, Feb. 14	Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Feb. 15	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: +Pasquale & Rosina Mandarino 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Edward McGivern
Monday, Feb. 16	Weekday Ferial No Mass Parish Office Closed

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking, February 8, 2015:



O God, when we hear of children and adults deceived and taken to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labour, and organ 'harvesting' our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are ignored through threats, lies, and force. We cry out against the evil practice of this modern slavery, and pray with St. Bakhita for it to end. Give us the wisdom and courage to reach out and stand with those whose bodies, hearts and spirits have been so wounded, so that together we may make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good. Send the exploiters away empty-handed to be converted from this wickedness, and help us all to claim the freedom that is your gift to your children. Amen.

Each year, about 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery: 60% are women and children. They often suffer abuse and unspeakable violence. On February 8, 2015, the Feast Day of Josephine Bakhita, a freed Sudanese slave who became a Canossian nun and was declared a Saint in 2000, there will be an International Day against human trafficking.

For more information, visit:

www.a-light-against-human-trafficking.info

From Fr. Richard Arsenault:

In preparation for the next Synod of Bishops in the Fall of 2015, the Holy See has asked for a response from all the faithful to a number of questions which the Synod Fathers will discuss.



To that end, on our Archdiocesan website, you will find a letter from the Archbishop and a copy of the questionnaire. All parishioners are invited to visit **www.archwinnipeg.ca**, download the questionnaire and share your views. As it is an extensive survey, Fr. Richard has indicated that it is acceptable to select three questions and provide your responses no later than Monday, Feb. 16 to the *Communications Office, Synod Responses, 1495 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg, MB R3T 2C6* or email jbuchok@archwinnipeg.ca

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**.

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.

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