

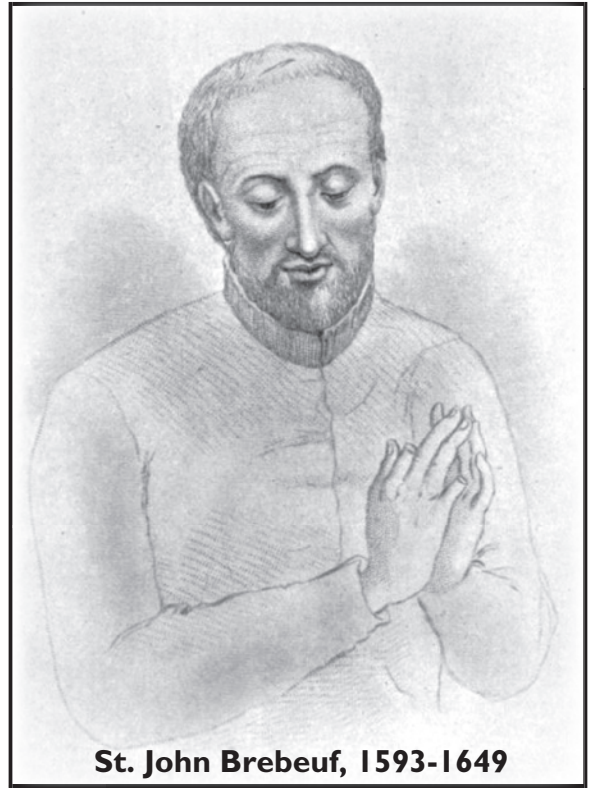


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St. John Brebeuf, 1593-1649

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).

December 31, 2016/January 1, 2017: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, Jan. 1	Solemnity: Mary, Mother of God 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo
Monday, Jan. 2	Memorial: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors No Mass (Office Closed)
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Sadie Lonn
Wednesday Jan. 4	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: Intentions of Paula Keith
Thursday, Jan. 5	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Beatrice Sheridan
Friday, Jan. 6	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Mario DiFonzo 10am-1pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction
Saturday, Jan. 7	Vigil: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Jan. 8	Solemnity: Epiphany of the Lord 9:30am: +Marcella Mathewson 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Jim Mahon 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting

Congratulations and Blessings on:

Sean O'Neil & Michelle Sousa
Married on December 31, 2016

Married in the Lord



We welcome into the family of God and the Community of St. John Brebeuf

Jovanna Cameron and Margaret Aurora Domaratzki Steiner



who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John Brebeuf Church on December 18.

May God bless you and your families!

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? For further information, please contact Tom in the Parish Office at 204-488-4467, Extension 217 or tombr@sjbcommunity.ca

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 at 204-488-4467 ext. 217. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

Thank you, Rick!

For many years, our church Christmas décor has been enhanced by the beauty of a magnificent live Christmas tree. These beautiful trees have been donated by Rick St. Croix, one of our faithful parishioners. We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Rick for his continued generosity.



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 when purchasing. A tax receipt will be issued. Gift cards can be used at Sobey's and Safeway stores! **Each dollar donated allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food.** 2016 total to date: \$ 14,355



Pastoral References:

Students currently in Grade 8 seeking admission to St. Mary's Academy or St. Paul's High School are reminded that Pastoral Reference requests must be obtained, and must be in to Fr. Mark by **January 11, 2017**. Please include a stamped, addressed envelope.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

Regular Offertory

December 17/18, 2016: \$14,330

Pre-Authorized Donations for December: \$21,845.50

2017 Offertory envelopes are now available for pick-up at the Lanark entrance. For the sake of our earth, please consider sharing your gifts through pre-authorized donations.

Least Coin Collection:

A 2nd collection of pocket change taken immediately after the offertory. Used for our ongoing ministry of outreach.

December 17/18, 2016: \$647.50

Total collected to date: \$45,945.22

Updated Christmas season financials will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$97,950**

Current Pledges and Donations: **\$85,307.94**

If you have already donated or pledged pre-authorized donations, thank you!



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., Jan B., Marie M., Don Barnicki, Gisèle Bertalanffy, Stephanie Blair, David Bruneau, Cathy Burke, Kathleen Foster, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Carol Kruse, Paul L., Sr. Cathy Laviolette, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, M.M., Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, John Mulhern, Peter, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Joan Vadas, W.J., Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community, please contact the Parish Office.

December 31, 2016/January 1, 2017: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Shepherds' Gift

In our traditional way of telling the story, we short-change the shepherds. The typical manger set reveals the imbalance: While Magi arrive at the Nativity bearing magnificent gifts in their arms, impoverished shepherds show up empty-handed. Well, almost. Sometimes a shepherd holds a lamb in his arms, or drapes one across his shoulders. Certainly sheep trail in the shepherds' footsteps. Nothing suggests these animals are presented as gifts. When you're a shepherd, sheep come with the territory.



Of course, nativity sets are a composite of two gospel accounts. In no biblical infancy story do Magi and shepherds arrive in tandem to pay their respects to the Christ child. Either you get one set of visitors or the other. Matthew prefers the noble visitors with symbolic gifts. They fit into his overall scheme of presenting Jesus as the one sought by outsiders even as he's rejected heartily by the historical King of the Jews, Herod. Meanwhile, Luke recounts his Nativity story with shepherds. Humble visitors suit Luke's agenda: that the poor are specially poised to hear the good news this child will announce.

Following Luke's strand today, let's listen closely to what he's actually saying. Unlike the popular carol about a drummer boy who comes "with no gift to bring," the shepherds do bring an astonishing offering to the Holy Family. They proclaim a message delivered to them in angelsong. The heavenly message goes something like this: Good news! Today everyone has something to celebrate. The Messiah of David's house is here! The faithful on earth will know his peace.

Is this message as valuable as those other, more famous presents? While it's easier, perhaps, to compose three verses about the wise men's more tangible gifts, good news for everyone on earth is a pretty special declaration. Has there been such an announcement before or since? Usually the daily news is good for some, not so good for others. Most of the time, to be honest, it's good for the few, and bad for the many. Good news for everyone is surprisingly hard to visualize, like world peace. Can an event that takes place on this planet possibly be good for everybody?

Is it a failure of imagination on our part that we can't seem to see the shepherds' gift? Or is it that the allure of gold, pleasing perfume, and ominous myrrh are so much more vivid to us? On this World Day of Peace, will any of us commit to "peace on earth, good will toward all" as more desirable goal even than gold? Mary put the shepherd's words into her heart and treasured them for a lifetime. They've outlasted all the other gifts.

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CWL:

The C.W.L. are holding their membership drive for 2017. You will find envelopes in the pews the weekend of January 14/15. If you wish to become a new member or to renew your membership, please fill out the form with your remittance of \$30 and place in the collection basket.



Membership Brunch: All C.W.L. members and ladies of the parish are invited to a membership brunch Sunday, January 15, 1pm at Aalto's Canad Inns Polo Park. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Jane at 204-487-3258.

Winnipeg Harvest:

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