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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).

# January 9/10, 2016: Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 9:30am: Deceased members St. John Brebeuf Bridge Club 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Jim Mahon 12:30pm: Confirmation Session (with sponsors)	We welcome into the family of God and the Community of Saint John Brebeuf <i>Anika Margaret Linden</i> who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism December 27, 2015 & <i>Amber Clare McBride</i> who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism January 2, 2016 <b>May God bless you and your families!</b>	
Monday, Jan. 11	<b>Weekday Ferial:</b> No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina		
Tuesday, Jan. 12	<b>Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Ita Egan 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass	<b>Baptism:</b> 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.	
Wednesday Jan. 13	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Catherine Pearse 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting		
Thursday, Jan. 14	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 7:30am: Parish Finance Council Meeting 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Int. of Dick & Tina Sierhuis	<b>RCIA:</b> 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 at 204-488-4467 ext. 217. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.	
Friday, Jan. 15	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Kevin Scharer 10:30am: +Sheila Hughes Funeral Mass		
Saturday, Jan. 16	<b>Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 5pm: +Ronan Dias	<b>Confirmation:</b> Our next session is <b>Sunday, January 10</b> , 12:30pm. Sponsors are invited to attend.	
Sunday, Jan. 17	<b>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Beatrice Sheridan 1pm: C.W.L. New Year's Luncheon		

**Winnipeg Harvest:** There is currently an **urgent** need for **non-perishable food items** and **baby formula** to fill the shelves for our city's hungry.



**Winnipeg Harvest Top 10 most wanted items:**

1. Canned fish and poultry– tuna or salmon (packed in water) chicken or turkey
2. Canned fruit and vegetables (packed in own juice)
3. Canned stew, chili, brown beans
4. Peanut Butter
5. Whole Grain/Whole Wheat Pasta
6. Baby Food– jars of chicken, beef, vegetables or fruit, infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice, **Formula with added iron**
7. Rice– brown, converted or par-boiled
8. Canned spaghetti sauce or tomatoes
9. Cereal– high fibre, non-sugar coated
10. Canned Soup– lentil, pea, vegetable

**Our Place/Chez Nous:**

This winter, the centre urgently needs:

- + Men's and women's winter coats
- + Sweaters & hoodies, long-sleeved shirts
- + Jeans & Long sleeved shirts, Long Underwear
- + Warm blankets & throw blankets
- + Dark-coloured gloves and toques & neck warmers
- + Warm Socks and underwear (new only, please)
- + Personal sized toiletries (shampoo, soaps etc.)
- + Canned goods & Kraft dinner

Donations accepted at the main church entrance.



**From Fr. Mark:**

I said, "**Bailey's**"!!

~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)

# January 9/10, 2016: Baptism of the Lord

**Baptism of the Lord:** *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Is there a verb for “doing justice”? “Justice” brings to mind all kinds of principles—fairness, righteousness, decency, moral uprightness, truthfulness—yet there doesn’t seem to be an action that strictly describes bringing justice about. So when the prophet Isaiah talks about God’s chosen servant who will “bring forth justice,” what exactly is he doing to make justice happen? “A bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.” Whatever actions this servant would take, they would be peaceful enough to not disturb a smoldering candle. Yet this servant’s strength and will are such that, “He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth.” Looking at Jesus’ life, we see what Isaiah meant; God’s servant, a teacher and a healer, both gentle and strong.

Yet our image of Christ as this perfect servant of God can feel unrealistic to the extent that it puts him out of touch with our daily lives. To us, Christ can feel like a monk-like superhero, wandering around in a robe and sandals, dispensing wisdom, curing the sick, righting wrongs, teaching people the ways of the Force... I mean, the Holy Spirit. It’s a neat story, but when the curtain falls and it’s time to clear out the theater, what do we take with us? Do we look around and see this justice established in our world? Usually, the dim candles of our world get blown out and the bruised reeds get crushed underfoot. We wonder what justice is supposed to look like, and we might sometimes wish for a saviour that packs more punch.

Maybe that’s why people’s hearts were burning with expectation for John the Baptist. This mysterious figure had captured their imaginations with his message of repentance and the coming of God’s Kingdom. Perhaps they expected something dramatic to happen. In order for God’s Kingdom to reign, other powers would have to be swept aside. Some might have hoped for an overturning of unjust labour practices. Others were holding out for an end to Roman imperialism. Some saw the need to rebalance a volatile financial system that failed to provide for human needs. Still more might have seen John as the one to end corruption among religious leaders. Whatever their vision of justice, they expected something to happen, and for John to be the one to bring it about. So they lined up to be baptized, but John had some startling news: don’t look to me; look for one more powerful who is to come. Already there, baptized alongside them, was Jesus, filled with the Spirit and lighted by God’s love. God sent no mere servant, but his own beloved child. He established justice, not in our systems and institutions, but in our hearts.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate



## **Refugee Sponsorship Update:**

In case you missed this information when it was published before Christmas, St. John Brebeuf Parish has teamed up with St. Paul the Apostle to begin sponsorship of a refugee family. This is a big commitment for both of our parishes. There is a lot of energy around refugee sponsorship right now, but our commitment to this ministry must persist after the headlines have subsided and other crises call out for our attention. A committee made up of members of both parishes has met and is working on taking the next steps towards sponsorship—namely to secure the paperwork necessary for sponsorship and to set up the necessary groups who will be responsible for all aspects of resettlement. Our parishes will be responsible for all the needs of the family during their first year. This means providing housing, clothing, food, medical/dental/eye care, education, transportation, employment and skills development, personal finance, and social/leisure. Each area

will need a subcommittee. Our plan is to put one person from the main sponsorship committee as the contact person for each subcommittee, who will then recruit volunteers from each parish. Already parishioners are coming forward with offers of clothing and household items—there’s nowhere to put donations just yet! Our greatest need going forward will be devoted people with open hearts and time to volunteer. Stay tuned for more soon.

## **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. 2015 total : **\$12,185.** Thank you for your generous support!



## **Open House:**

St. John Brebeuf School Open House (K to 8)  
Thursday, February 4, 7pm  
605 Renfrew St.

Call 204-489-2115 or visit [www.sjbschool.ca](http://www.sjbschool.ca)



## **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, 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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