

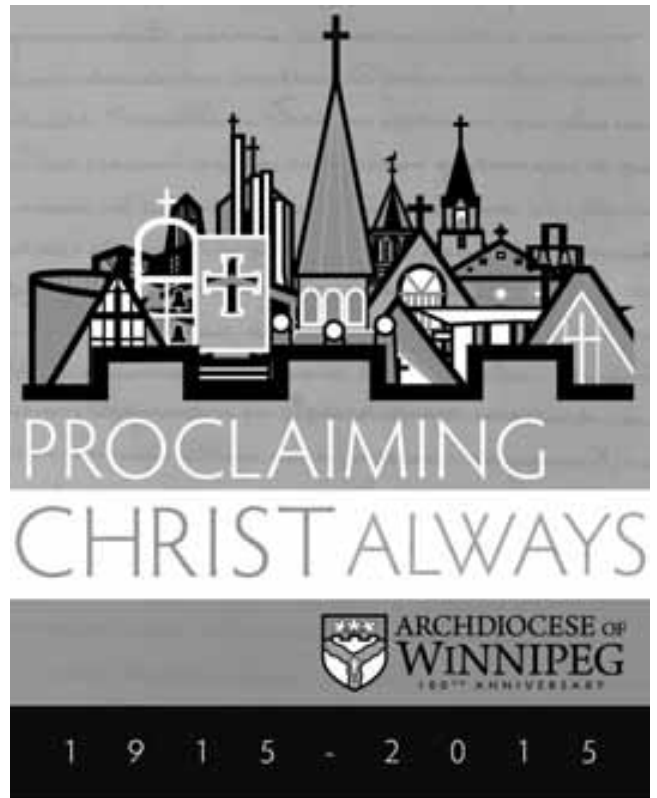


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#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### **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).



## January 10/11, 2015: Baptism of the Lord

**Baptism of the Lord:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

Watching the junior hockey final between Canada and Russia, I was struck by the energy of the crowd and of the players. Everyone somehow seemed more alive. The game seemed to be locked up in the second period as Canada amassed a 4 goal lead. A string of power plays and a couple of tricky bounces cut the lead to 1 in a matter of minutes. The Russians were certainly playing to win, but there was more to their play than claiming a title—they seemed to come back to life even as they faced a tough competitor. The Canadian players had a similar choice to make: roll over and die, or rise to the challenge. The match highlighted their skill, their drive, their passion, but above all else, it was a testament to life. It's truly amazing that the universe should come alive; even more delightful is when that life comes together to play. Before anyone was crowned champion, both teams exhibited the sheer joy that comes from being fully alive.

Our lives can sometimes feel like a sadistic game against death where the odds are never in our favour. Sure, there might be moments along the way where it seems like we've gained a healthy lead, but when the final buzzer goes, death takes everything—everybody—from us. It does so without prejudice for one's wealth, status, or righteousness. Death does not delight in our lives; it does not leap for joy, nor does it cry in pain over us. The real tragedy though is when we feel this way about God. Death holds a real power over us in a way that makes it feel like a god. God, however, is Lord of the living, and we do not seek our Lord among the dead, for he is risen.

As Jesus rose out of the waters of baptism, the heavens opened up and he heard a voice affirming him as a child of God, and that God was pleased with him. The reality of death makes God seem somehow displeased with us, his created, that he should want us to die, or at the very least doesn't care that we do. On the contrary, God delights in our lives so much that he wants us to keep living no matter what. As Jesus breathed his last on the cross, the barrier between heaven and earth—the curtain in the temple—tore in two, and a Roman Soldier cried out, "Truly this man was God's Son!" In baptism, God claims us as his children, so that death has nothing to take from us—we already belong to God. With nothing to lose, we can pull the goalie and play on against the certainty of death. We're not sure we'll win, but we can have faith that God will.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

**CWL:** The C.W.L. are holding their membership drive for 2015. You will find envelopes in the pews this weekend. 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.



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

January is Knights of Columbus "One in the Spirit" month. 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.



**K.C. Pancake Breakfast:** Next Sunday following Masses

### **Never Alone Christmas Dinner:**

Holly and I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone for their prayers, financial support and volunteering to help make our first 'Never Alone Christmas Dinner with Deacon Mike and Holly Thibert' a good start. We had 6 people attend, along with many volunteers who stayed for dinner. The leftovers were donated to the Sisters of Charity (Mother Theresa's order), who were deeply grateful to be able to feed many more people a Christmas Dinner. We look forward to next year.

+Blessings, Deacon Mike and Holly Thibert

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## January 10/11, 2015: Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, Jan. 11	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Ita Egan 12:30pm: Confirmation Session (Hall) 5:30pm: India Community Mass
Monday, Jan. 12	<b>Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin</b> No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Jan. 13	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 7:30am: Finance Council Meeting 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Cornelio Parado 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass
Wednesday Jan. 14	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +June Mandarino 7:30pm: K. of C. Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 15	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Elizabeth Raleigh
Friday, Jan. 16	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Doris Chenier
Saturday, Jan. 17	<b>Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5pm: +Nancy Dombroski
Sunday, Jan. 18	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: K. of C. Pancake Breakfast 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Bernard Egan 12:30pm: K. of C. Pancake Breakfast

**Fr. Mark on Holidays:** Fr. Mark will be away from the Parish from **January 19 to February 3**. Please pray for Fr. Mark to enjoy a safe and restful holiday.

**Sharing God's Gifts: Our Target: \$81,730**  
**Current Pledges & Donations: \$82,328.28**



**St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:**  
Pre-Authorized donations for December: \$21,886  
Christmas Offerings: \$18,112.25  
New Years Offerings: \$5,098  
January 3/4, 2015: \$3,121  
Bonus For Brebeuf: \$29,441

2015 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick-up at the Lanark entrance. Please advise the Parish Office of any changes.

### 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., Jack Tamava, 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.*

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

**Emily Cheryl Ann Wiebe**

who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism  
January 3, 2015.

**May God bless you and your family!**



**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.

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

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist:

**Evening of Forgiveness, Tuesday, Jan. 27, (4-5:30 pm/or 5:30-7pm)**, 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.

### Confirmation:

**Archdiocese of Winnipeg Gathering for Confirmation Candidates**, hosted by NET Canada, **Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7-9pm** (Registration 6:30pm), St. John Brebeuf Church. No charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Pastoral References:** All pastoral reference requests for students seeking admission to St. Mary's or St. Paul's High School must be in to Fr. Mark by **Jan. 16, 2015**. Please include a stamped, addressed envelope.

### Our Place/Chez Nous: Urgent Needs:

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



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