



## SAINT JOHN BREBEUF ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 TEAM**

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor ext 213  
Deacon Michael Thibert  
Deacon Joseph McLellan, Emeritus  
Laura Carreiro, Principal ext 242  
Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate ext 217  
Genevieve Makinson, Financial Administrator ext 211  
Eddie Melo, Building Operations ext 220  
Debbie Dusanek, Parish Admin. Coordinator ext 210  
Deb Bernier, School Admin. Assistant ext 241

#### **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.

*"Missioned to Stewardship, we  
are a community that Lives,  
Loves and serves in Christ."*

#### **PARISH CONTACTS**

Finance Council: Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith  
Parish Pastoral Council: Johnston Smith  
School Board: Elizabeth Matyi  
Ministers of the Word: Leann Smith  
Ministers of the Eucharist: Joe Brekelmans  
Altar Servers: Keith Mathewson  
Catechism: Parish Office  
Spiritual Journeying: Margaret Kingdon

**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 11/12, 2014: Baptism of the Lord

**Baptism of the Lord:** *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17*

One of the best advertisements of 2013 was the Guinness commercial, "Basketball". The spot opens in a gym with a group of men in wheelchairs playing a brutal game of basketball. Sweat pours off their brows as they jostle for the ball. Their wheels clash and bodies tumble while the game intensifies. At one point, one of the players tips over in his wheelchair, and in a display of determination, rights himself using just his arms. The end of the game reveals a twist: only one of the men actually uses a wheelchair fulltime; the rest of the guys unstrap themselves from the chairs and walk as they all leave together. These guys don't need wheelchairs, but they choose to play their basketball game in them so their friend can play too.

This is condescension in a good way—these men humble themselves so everyone can fit in. Jesus displays a similar attitude to John the Baptist. John is reluctant to baptize Jesus; he recognizes Jesus as "one more powerful than him" who baptizes not just with water, but with the Holy Spirit. "If anything," John says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?" Implied is the question: why would Jesus need to be baptized? Without sin, he did not need to repent of anything. As God's anointed, he certainly did not need the recognition.

The movement that takes place tells us something of God's action. Jesus lowered himself into the waters of the Jordan, and as he did, the Spirit of God descended as well and rested on him. Jesus' baptism is an extension of his Incarnation—his becoming human. By entering our humanity so completely, the Spirit of God embraces him.

So often we might think that as a church we are supposed to lift ourselves out of the fracas of our humanity; that we are supposed to float above the fray as a community of holy people. Jesus' humility suggests that God works differently: God's Spirit embraces us in our human frailty so that we can belong to God's family. Our own baptisms are not being "cured" from our broken humanity: we could no more rise above our human nature than a friend in a wheelchair could lift herself out of it by simply trying harder to stand. Baptism is another time when God says "yes" to our humanity. The Holy Spirit comes down and straps in with us for the ride, saying, "You are my beloved, with you I am well pleased."

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

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

Did you know that your purchase of Sobeys Gift Cards can help feed the hungry in our city? Our Knights are on hand selling cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses.



**Sobeys**

To donate your gift card to Winnipeg Harvest, simply 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.** In 2013, St. John Brebeuf parishioners purchased **\$11,005** in gift cards toward the purchase of much needed baby formula. Our 2014 total to date is **\$250**. Thank you for your support!

## **Christian Outreach:**

**Our Place/Chez Nous** Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you." (Matthew 26:11) Our Place/Chez Nous continues to be the star of love for those who live on the streets. Their demand always exceeds their supply. Please help fill their needs by donating:



- **Dark coloured Toques, Mitts & Scarves**
- **Socks and Underwear**
- **Toiletries and cash donations**

**Winnipeg Harvest** There is currently an urgent need for non-perishable food items and baby formula. Top 10 list and donation bins for both organizations at main church entrance.





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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 11/12, 2014: Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, Jan. 12	<b>Feast: The Baptism of the Lord</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Helen Luy 7pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Jan. 13	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> No Mass 10:30am: +James Mahon Funeral Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday Jan. 14	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Greta & Leo Mulhern 1:30pm: Portsmouth Mass 7pm: School Board Meeting
Wed., Jan. 15	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Allison Filmon Carvey 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass
Thursday, Jan. 16	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Ita Egan
Friday, Jan. 17	<b>Memorial: St. Anthony, Abbot</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Nancy Dombroski
Saturday, Jan. 18	<b>Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Noon: Ed Balon & Lucy De Sousa Marriage 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Jan. 19	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:30am: +Bernard Bernacki 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Jackie Smith

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

*George Edmund Domaratzki Steiner*  
*June Alice Domaratzki Steiner*



who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John Brebeuf Church on January 5, 2013.

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

**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.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Next session: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the St. Marie Room

**First Reconciliation/First Eucharist: Evening of Forgiveness, Tuesday, January 28, (4-5:30 pm/or 5:30-7pm),** for children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please contact Tom in the Parish Office by Jan. 24 at 204-488-4467 (Ext. 217) to let him know how many from your family will be attending.

**Ministry of the Word:**

Please check your email to see the January to April 2014 Readers' Schedule. If you have not received the schedule, please contact Leann at 204-488-2604 or ronleannsmith@mts.net. Paper copies are available on the main bulletin board, as well.

**Installation of Archbishop Gagnon:**

On Friday, January 3, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Archbishop Richard Gagnon was Installed as the Seventh Archbishop of Winnipeg. To view the Installation and Mass, visit [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca) and follow the Salt and Light TV link.



**Sharing God's Gifts:**

Our Target: **\$68,530**

**Final total of Pledges & Donations: \$67,556**



**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.**

**Rest in Peace:**

**+Bernard Bernacki**

**+Edith Davis**

**+James Mahon**



**Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:**

*Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed (James 5:15)*

Marie A., Don Barnicki, Nick Bencharski, Gisèle Bertalanffy, David Bruneau, Maria Colatruglio, Omer De Wandel, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Therese LaClare, Margaret Lafreniere, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, Suzanne Thille, Geraldine Walker, W.J., 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.*



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