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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 16/17, 2016: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Jan. 17	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 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
Monday, Jan. 18	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Harold Midgley 10:30am: +Garth & +Paula Kerr Funeral Mass
Wednesday Jan. 20	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Nancy Dombroski 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 10am: Serra Club Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 21	Memorial: St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Deceased Trainor Family members
Friday, Jan. 22	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Bernard Egan
Saturday, Jan. 23	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 5pm: +Grace Donald
Sunday, Jan. 24	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: +Helen McMenemy 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo 12:30pm: Confirmation Session

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

Jesus' first act of ministry in John's gospel is this seemingly innocuous transformation of water into wine at a wedding. As far as miracles go, it's not really that impressive. Maybe at the time it was a big deal, but these days science is uncovering things about the natural world that are at least as wondrous, if not more. Take quantum entanglement for instance. Particles can have certain states, like spin, that can be observed. Entangled particles react to observation of other particles, even if they are separated by great distances. The change is instantaneous, taking place at least 10,000 times greater, if not more, than the speed of light. An entangled particle observed to spin down means its partner at a distance will demonstrate an up spin. Einstein called this phenomenon, "spooky action at a distance." This is at least as fascinating as turning water into wine.

Perhaps that's why Jesus was hesitant to use his divine power in this way. Here is Jesus, the Word of God made flesh to live among us, at a wedding feast in Cana. It's a party for the bride and groom. It's not the time or place to start wielding his divinity. Keeping the party going was low on the priority list, and maybe that's the point. The stakes were pretty low. Running out of wine was not a matter of cosmic importance; at worst it would have been embarrassing for the couple. Yet Mary is persistent that Jesus intervene. Perhaps she understood, better than anyone else, how God's participation in the simplest of human affairs was more meaningful than sweeping acts of power that change the course of history. God extends divine concern over the smallest details of creation, so we can delight in finding God every day. As the steward says, "You have kept the good wine until now." It's this sense that God is there with us along the way, bursting at the seams for us to notice how harmonious and beautiful all of creation is because it points back to the Creator.

A wedding is the traditional setting to describe God's relationship to us—the joyful joining of two lives into one. Isaiah describes the Lord taking the Israelites as a spouse. Mary, as the bearer of God's Son, knows the importance of this image in a very personal way. So when Jesus shows reluctance to get involved in the wedding at Cana, Mary pushes him to recognize that nothing in creation is beyond God's concern. Like a married couple sharing every aspect of life together, our God has extended care to the smallest corners of creation, so we can know God's presence even in the smallest moments of our lives.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

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.

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. 2016 total : **\$675.00.**



CWL: All Catholic Women are invited to join the Catholic Women's League. Please feel free to pick up a membership form and envelope from the pews. Drop the envelope with your membership information and fees in the collection basket next Mass. A reminder that the CWL New Year's Luncheon for current and new members is being served in the Parish Hall January 17 at 1pm.



Let us Pray for our sick, homebound and those who need our prayers:

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, Wendy Mendes, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Amparo Pagtakhan, Peter, George Reznik, Marjorie Romanik, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., WJ, Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

January 23/24, 2016: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Jan. 24	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: +Helen McMenemy 10:30am: RCIA 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo 12:30pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Jan. 25	Feast: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Memorial: St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Jim Novotny
Wednesday Jan. 27	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Myron Nazaravich
Thursday, Jan. 28	Memorial: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Mimi Trainor 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Residence Mass
Friday, Jan. 29	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +John & Eduarda Pereira
Saturday, Jan. 30	Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: +Josephine De Coteau
Sunday, Jan. 31	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:30am: RCIA 10:30am: K. of C. Pancake Breakfast 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Ruth Waters 12:30pm: K. of C. Pancake Breakfast

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The people of Nazareth were hungry for a word from the Lord. For many, the well was starting to run dry. People were worn out; they were tired from work, from paying taxes—from simply trying to eke out an existence. The tasks of everyday living, once imbued with a sense of purpose and direction, now felt joyless and burdensome. It was like a contagious bout of spiritual desolation had swept through the town. Worse still, there was no reason for it; there was no event or tragedy that the people could pinpoint as the cause for their feelings, or rather, their lack of feeling. No one was angry or upset; it wasn't sadness or even pain. No, it was much worse than that. It was nothing.

Something changed when they heard reports about a man travelling around the countryside, opening up the scriptures for people and performing deeds of power. His teaching was unlike those of the scribes. He listened more than he spoke, and when he did speak he changed people's hearts. This sounded just like the kind of thing that Nazareth could use. So when word came that this preacher was coming to town, the entire assembly gathered in the synagogue on the Sabbath to hear word from the Lord.

The anticipation was palpable as they sat down and began their worship. Would the man show up? Would he speak words of wisdom and perform great works? When the time for the reading came, a man stood up and received a scroll from the attendant. The assembly fell silent as they watched the man unfurl the scroll—he seemed to take his time to find a particular passage, then he began to read. The crowd recognized the words of the prophet Isaiah. Their hearts leapt in their chests at the great reversal described: good news to the poor, freedom to captives, sight to the blind. After the reading, the man moved deliberately under the eager stares of all present. The tension built until it was nearly unbearable, but no one dared break the silence, until the man turned and said to all, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Waves of relief poured over the people. Once again they would know God's favour and the Spirit would return to their lives. They could trust this man's message, because God always keeps promises. For a fleeting moment, it seemed as if the people had found a signal from God after hearing nothing but static for so long. Then a voice from the crowd cried out, "Wait a minute, isn't this Joseph's son?" Suddenly the crowd wasn't so sure they could trust Jesus. Would they change their minds back, now that they knew he wasn't some scholar from Jerusalem, but the son of a humble carpenter?

~ Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

Regular Offertory:

December 24/25, 2015: \$36,171.25

December 26/27, 2015: \$24,059.60

December 31, 2015/ January 1, 2016: \$5193.75

Pre-Authorized Donations for December: \$22,011.50

Bonus for Brebeuf: \$2,515

January 2/3, 2016: \$3,975.40

January 9/10, 2016: \$4,088.45

Least Coin Collection:

Each weekend, a second collection of pocket change will be taken immediately following the offertory. These funds will be used for our ongoing ministry of charity, beginning with support of refugees.

December 24/25, 2015: \$2781.50

December 26/27, 2015: \$2,282.05

Dec. 31, 2015/Jan. 1, 2016 & Jan. 2/3, 2016: \$1,977

January 9/10, 2016: \$508

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$83,720**

Current Pledges and Donations:

\$74,355.19



Open House:

St. John Brebeuf School Open House (K to 8)

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