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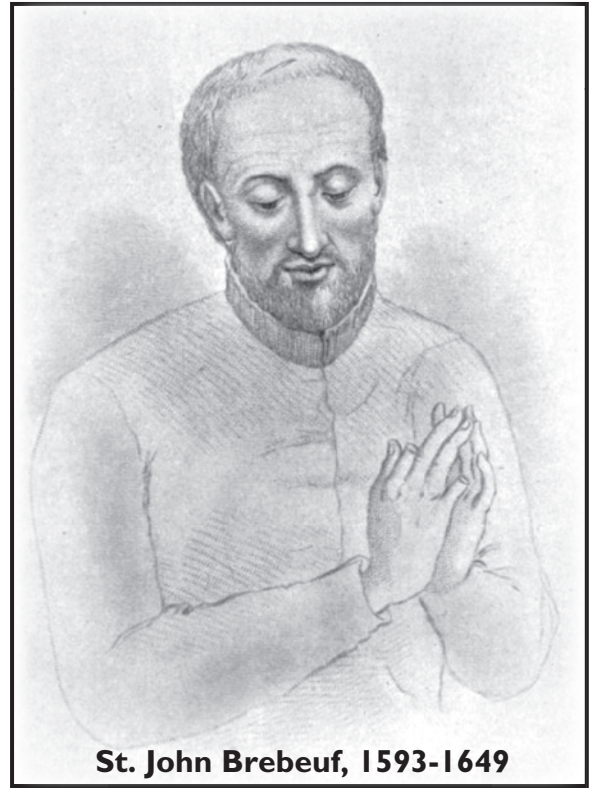
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St. John Brebeuf, 1593-1649

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: Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Father Wayne Morrissey, Pastor	ext 213
Father Kaleab Eman Abdella, Associate Pastor	ext 264
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

Please note that office hours are subject to change

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 Wayne (ext 213) at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

Funerals: Please speak to Fr. Wayne **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 27/28, 2018: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 27	Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: +Renata Morrow
Sunday, January 28	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Harold Midgley 12:30pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Jan. 29	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, January 30	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Bert Shasko
Wed., January 31	Memorial: St. John Bosco, Priest 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Barry Reid 10am: Bereavement Group 7pm: St. John Brebeuf School Open House
Thursday, February 1	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Sr Rita Bisson & Sr. Raymonde Arcand
Friday, February 2	Feast: The Presentation of the Lord 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Catherine Danylchuk 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction
Saturday, February 3	Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: +David Willcock
Sunday, February 4	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Al and +Pat Bean

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

January 20/21: \$2731.00

Pre-Authorized Donations for January: \$21,245.00

Least Coin Collection:

January 20/21: \$358

2018 Total to date: **\$1,147**

If you have not yet picked up your offertory envelopes for 2018, they are available near the Lanark entrance. Please advise the Parish Office of any errors, omissions or changes in addresses, etc.

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., Marcel B., Shelby Brekelmans, Marie M., Don Barnicki, Gisèle Bertalanffy, Stephanie Blair, David Bruneau, Cathy Burke, Kathleen Foster, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Kay Hunt, J.D., Sr. Cathy Laviolette, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Tiago Miranda, Eric Moscarella, Peter, Adeline Schmidt, Leonard Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Brian Woods, D. Woods

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

From Archbishop Gagnon:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I bring you greetings in this New Year and I pray that our community of faith will be blessed by the Lord in a special way in 2018! I write this letter so as to recommend to you a special event occurring in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg on Saturday, February 7, 2018 at St. Mary's Academy. This event is entitled, "Catholic Discussion Forum" and is meant to be an opportunity to learn how our Church responds to and answers the important questions facing people today. Such topics as: Faith and Reason; Teaching on Sexuality, and; Religion and Violence, are a few of the areas that will be focused on. Our facilitator for the day will be Dr. Brett Salkeld, Archdiocesan Theologian for the Archdiocese of Regina.

It is vitally important today to be informed about what our Church actually teaches about these topics and other controversial issues of our day. Information is available on our Archdiocesan Web Site and specific enquiries can be directed to 204-452-2227 ext. 231.

Thank you for your consideration in attending the Catholic Discussion Forum.

Yours in Christ,
Archbishop Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg



Sacrament of First Reconciliation: First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:
Saturdays, Feb. 17, March 3, March 10, 9am-Noon

CWL Membership Brunch: All C.W.L.

members and ladies of the parish are invited to a membership brunch Sunday, Feb. 11, 1pm at Aalto's Canad Inns Polo Park. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Debbie at 204-509-7902.



Bereavement Group:

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one and need some support? Come join us Wednesday, January 31 from 10am until noon in the St. Marie Room. For more information, please contact Carol Maynard at 204-999-4619.



MASS ETIQUETTE- 20 THINGS TO DO AND NOT DO IN MASS:

15. Pray after Mass if you feel called to do so. It is a good custom, though not required, to offer a prayer of thanksgiving after Mass is over. Source: www.aggiecatholicblog.org



Visiting us today? **Welcome!** If you wish to join us, registration forms can be found on the main entrance bulletin boards or at www.sjbcommunity.ca. Please return completed form via offertory collection or forward to the Parish Office.

January 27/28, 2018: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONTINUING OUR WALK TOGETHER: THE THIRD SYNOD GENERAL SESSION

On Saturday January 20, 2018, St. John XXIII Parish once again hosted the Archdiocesan Synod for the third of its General Sessions. About 160 delegates gathered to pursue our mission: to discern the “signs of the times” and the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese and, eventually, to offer Archbishop Gagnon our best advice.

As you may recall from our last report, in December the Synod completed its initial consideration of the proposals of the seven Focus Commissions. Since that session, the Secretariat (a group charged with managing the Synod and with collating and sifting delegates’ various comments on proposals) has been considering amendments proposed by delegates. In our January General Session, the Synod looked at the Secretariat’s proposed amendments and additional proposals, discussed them and voted upon them. As in the past, delegates who have concerns about this or that amended or new proposal have been invited to submit commentary to the Secretariat.

As we have reported to you, this synodal process is not like some public opinion poll. Delegates’ votes are not based on their personal opinions and are not tallied like a parliamentary vote. Rather, delegates are called to listen to one another and to the Faithful in our various parishes and, most importantly, to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to cast our votes according to the best interests of the whole archdiocesan church and not just by our own opinions. To give our fellow Brebeufians a sense of what this process is like, we will share an example of one amended proposal.

At the Synod’s first General Session, we considered the following proposal from the Focus Commission on Marriage and the Family: “The archdiocese affirms as a priority that we educate clergy, seminarians and pastoral workers on recognizing and ministering to ‘irregular/unconventional/alternative’ family situations.” This particular proposal, according to the Secretariat, received the most email commentary among all the proposals. The Secretariat considered all the comments and proposed the following amended proposal: “Our parishes seek to respond in love and in fidelity to the church’s teaching to the various forms of family life present in our communities.”

Now, in a secular debate, there would be a back-and-forth, a challenge of views contrary to one’s own and a show-down vote. This is not at all what happened in our third General Session. Rather, various groups of delegates quietly discussed the proposed amendment. For example, in one group, much was made of how in the proposed amendment, the obligation to reach out in charity falls not upon the clergy but, rather, upon the parish communities, noting how the emphasis now was upon a *change of heart* rather than upon a *change of mind*. And in the phase of asking the Secretariat for clarification, it became clear that some delegates were concerned about the phrase “in fidelity to the church’s teaching,” reasoning that ALL proposals are presumed to be so.

At this point, Archbishop Gagnon, the presider over the Synod, made what is (so far) his only intervention into the formal process. The Archbishop noted that our Christian response must always be from *love* but also from *truth*. This response seemed very welcomed by the Synod. Delegates then voted by a large majority to support the amended proposal, though delegates can still offer to the Secretariat their ideas for improvement of the phrasing.

The Synod is scheduled for several more General Sessions. The work of these sessions will be to prioritize the proposals. In his concluding remarks to the January session, the Archbishop compared the upcoming process to that of funneling. The Synod’s mission will be to discern what is essential in the proposals, to distill them and hone them into a plan for action. In the meantime, please continue to pray for the Synod and for its work.

Fr. Wayne Morrissey Margaret Kingdon Johnston Smith

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

In 1899, Victor Records adapted a painting by English artist Francis Barraud for its logo. The seated dog listening attentively to a phonograph became one of the most recognized images of the 20th century. Francis’ inspiration for the painting, so the story goes, was his brother’s dog, Nipper. His brother, Mark, had died four years earlier. He left Nipper in Francis’ care, as well as a cylinder phonograph. When Francis played some wax cylinder recordings of his deceased brother, he noticed that Nipper cocked his head in curiosity at the sound of his late master’s voice. Francis’ painting of the scene was perfect for selling the new technology; it implied that the phonograph reproduced sound so authentically it could even trick the sensitive ear of a dog.

The story of Jesus preaching in the synagogue features a moment of recognition too. The people were astounded at his teaching, for he taught as one having authority. They were listening directly to the Lord’s voice, and it stirred something within them to stop and pay attention. Jesus also piqued the interest of an unclean spirit. The voice of the demon was fractured and anxious. It referred to itself as “us” and worried about its own destruction. In contrast, Christ was wholly attuned to God, speaking clearly together as one voice. Even the unclean spirit recognized, “the Holy One of God.” Jesus silenced the confusing and accusative voices of the demon with a voice unified with God.

Our own spiritual lives are marked by a chorus of voices competing for our attention. Some voices are easily dismissed—they drip with disdain, greed, envy, or pride. Other voices are less obviously harmful. They speak to us in the guise of virtue, but seek to steer us gently away from God’s one true call: self-doubt falsely dressed up as humility, or paralyzing anxiety under the façade of prudence. How do we recognize the way forward? Imagine poor Nipper surrounded by many phonographs each playing some recreation of his master’s call. To pierce through such cacophony, God speaks to us with a voice we recognize, so we turn to follow the Lord. We don’t have to settle for mere reproductions, our Master speaks to us with one true voice.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

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