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#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### **Masses on the Lord's Day:**

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am

#### 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

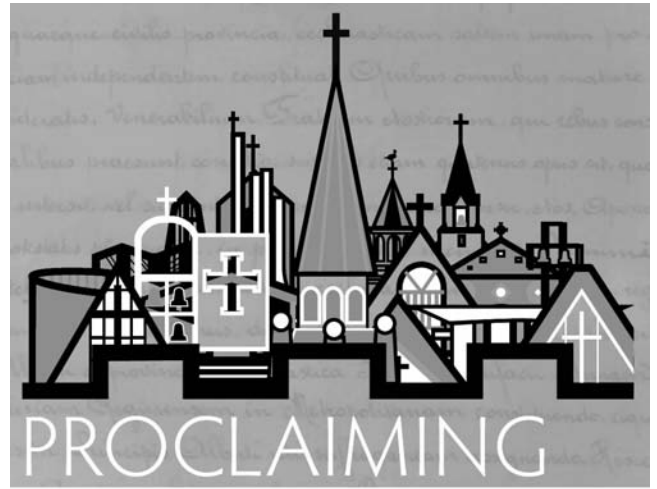
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#### **Parish Office Hours**

**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.*



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**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).

## July 4/5, 2015: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 5	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 10am: Missa Pro Populo
Monday, July 6	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> No Mass
Tuesday, July 7	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Cornelio Parado
Wed., July 8	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Ben D'Souza
Thursday, July 9	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +June Mandarino
Friday, July 10	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Hector Bruneau
Saturday, July 11	<b>Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5pm: +Anthony Derrick
Sunday, July 12	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 10am: Missa Pro Populo

**Baptism:** Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? For further information, please contact Tom in the Parish Office: 204-488-4467.

### Urgent Appeal

Hunger doesn't take a holiday. 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

#### **14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Moving Beyond Presuppositions** Ezek 2:2-5 Ps 123 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

On the April 11, 2009, episode of "Britain's Got Talent," a middle-aged woman made her way to the stage and said she wanted to sing like one of Britain's most acclaimed stars of musical theater, Elaine Paige. At that, the judges for the contest barely concealed their amusement, and after a few minutes, the audience was whispering their doubts and criticisms. How could this frumpy and unattractive woman set herself forward like this? When asked why she'd waited so long to make her debut, Susan Boyle said she hadn't had the chance before.

Then, amid the snickers of the audience, she began to sing "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Misérables." In that instance, skepticism changed to astonishment. As Boyle's beautiful voice delivered note after note, the shocked audience stood and applauded. Boyle had been judged unfairly by those who assumed they knew what to expect from her. Three days after that broadcast, in her *Herald Scotland* column "The beauty that matters is always on the inside," Colette Douglas Home called Boyle's story a modern parable and a rebuke to the human tendency to judge others based on physical appearances, making presuppositions about who they truly are.

Unfortunately, these tendencies continue to divide us. When we are familiar with another person, we tend to think we know all about them -- how they'll behave, what to expect, how they'll always be. As a consequence, we are not open to growth or surprises or new discoveries. That lack of genuine acceptance places a barrier between us and the other person, and sometimes that barrier has to come up against a big shock before it can be removed. Such was the shock delivered to Boyle's judges and audience.

But the tendency to judge others unfairly is not a new phenomenon. As we see in today's Gospel, Jesus' hometown friends and neighbors were sure they knew him. They had him pegged as the carpenter's son, and they became offended when he startled them and proved their assessment of him to be lacking. They were resentful that he might be more than they gave him credit for.

Charles Cousar points out that the Greek verb for "take offense" (v. 3) is used elsewhere in Mark to describe those who begin well but then fall away (4:17), those who start walking but then stumble (9:42-48) and those who become deserters (14:27-29). (See *Texts For Preaching*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Ky.: 1993.) When Jesus first taught in the synagogue in Nazareth, those present were "astonished." But soon that sense of awe evaporated because they were unwilling to get over themselves and accept that God was being revealed to them in Jesus. Do we make the same mistake?

Jesus' response to them, "a prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house," rings as true today as it did during Jesus' ministry. Why? Because when someone is familiar, we assume that we know them, and we are too often unwilling to let them be greater than our opinion of them.

As a result of their closed-mindedness, Jesus "was not able to perform any mighty deed" for his hometown folks. As Bonnie Bowman Thurston has observed, Jesus does not force anyone (*Preaching Mark*, Fortress Press, Minneapolis: 2002). Even he cannot work in us without our acquiescence to him in faith. Jesus freely offers his wisdom and his mighty deeds, but human beings are free to respond, or not.

In today's first and second readings, the praying assembly can admire the sincere responses of Ezekiel the prophet and Paul the evangelist. Ezekiel willingly accepted God's call. By God's grace, he was able to serve the spiritual needs of his contemporaries before and during their exile in Babylon, adapting God's message as the situation warranted. From the time he was called by the risen Jesus on the Damascus road, Paul endured weaknesses, hardships, persecutions and constraints -- but his resolve to preach the good news never wavered. He regarded his sufferings as a venue in which the powerful grace of God could be made manifest. As a result of his writings, preaching and extensive travels (some say more than 15,000 miles), the Gospel spread throughout Judea, Cyprus, Asia Minor, Greece, Crete, Malta and Rome. Still today, wherever on earth his words are proclaimed, his mission continues.

From Paul, Ezekiel and Jesus, we take our cue for our own ministries and daily response to God. Let us be ever open to God's grace and to the prophets whom God places on our way to reveal something of God's love, mercy and beauty.

~Patricia Datchuck Sánchez (used with permission)

## July 11/12, 2015: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 12	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 10am: Missa Pro Populo
Monday, July 13	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> No Mass
Tuesday, July 14	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Elizabeth Letwin
Wed., July 15	<b>Memorial: St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +John Michael Murphy
Thursday, July 16	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Deceased Trainor Family members
Friday, July 17	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Fernand Kirouac
Saturday, July 18	<b>Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, July 19	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 10am: +Mimi Trainor

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



***Elías Cade Blanco***

who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism  
July 5, 2015.

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

**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., Margaret Lafrenière,  
Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Debra M., Kelly M.,  
Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur,  
William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Evan Morton,  
Eric Moscarella, Amparo Pagtakhan, Peter, Georgia Poirier,  
Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, Kevin Sharer, 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. Permission is required to  
publish/remove names.*

**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Job or Vocation Amos 7:12-15 Ps 85 Eph 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13**

Think about your life 20, 40, 50 or even 60 years ago. What were your plans? What did you envision for your future? What did you hope to be when you grew up? Did you achieve your hope, or are you doing something with your life that you never imagined? Questions like these encourage us to consider the paths our lives have taken and find the hand and heart of God in the midst of it all. In that way, we become open to new paths and to new callings we might never have dreamed of answering.

Most of us have to work to make a living. So we educate ourselves and get a job. Amos (first reading) had *two* jobs. He was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. While at his job, Amos was called by God to speak for God, to be a prophet. Judging from his conversation with Amaziah, being a prophet was never on Amos' to-do list. On the contrary, he did not even want to be associated with the guilds of prophets whose frenzied ecstasies were very strange and difficult to discern. Nevertheless, by God's grace, Amos prophesied, and as a result, his word continues to challenge God's people to uphold God's justice and be defenders of the poor and downtrodden.

Jesus had been a carpenter and was called by God to leave that safe and relatively comfortable life behind in order to call people to "repent and believe, for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15). So closely attuned was Jesus to God's call that he suffered rejection, torture and mockery, and in the end, he gave his life.

In today's second reading, the author of Ephesians celebrates the many accomplishments of Jesus and the blessings that are ours by virtue of his efforts. In Jesus, we have redemption and forgiveness; in him we have become God's adopted sons and daughters. In Jesus, we were also chosen, called and commissioned to give praise and glory to God by serving the needs of others.

When Jesus called the Twelve, each already had his own means of livelihood. But, at Jesus' invitation, each was willing to set aside his job and share in Jesus' vocation. His instructions to them were simple; they were to preach repentance, heal people and continue Jesus' battle with the powers of evil. What has Jesus called you to do and to be?

Like the Twelve, we are to be his emissaries. This will not necessarily require us to travel to foreign lands. But what will be necessary is a shift in our way of thinking. What if we were to regard our job as our vocation, as an activity where I am called by God to witness to truth, justice and goodness? What if I were to treat my coworkers as gifts from God? How might the work I do become better, more careful, more generous? Maybe the drudgery of the workaday routine would turn into peace and serenity. No matter what the job, by God's grace, it can be a vocation.

When Cardinal John Henry Newman was attempting to find his way in life, he expressed his trust in God and in God's will for him: "God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. ... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep the commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. ... He does nothing in vain" (from *Meditations and Devotions*, 1848). Newman's journey included several calls from God. From being the British Anglican church leader of the Oxford Movement, he followed God's call to the Catholic church, where he became a cardinal. A fine preacher and a superb author, Newman also administered the Catholic University of Dublin. For a time, he joined the Congregation of the Oratory, a group of priests living and praying in community without monastic vows. Through it all, Newman knew, as did Amos, Jesus and the Twelve, that God had called him for a purpose. Have you discovered God's purpose for you?

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