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PARISH CONTACTS

Finance Council: Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith
Parish Pastoral Council: Johnston Smith
School Board: Mariella Di Santo & John Osler
Ministers of the Word: Leann Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist: Joe Brekelmans
Altar Servers: Keith Mathewson
Catechism: Parish Office
Spiritual Journeying: Margaret Kingdon

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE (May 19/20 to Sept. 29/30*)

Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

**Dates and Times subject to changes. Regular schedule resumes Oct. 6.*

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

(Sundays, October to May)

Grades 1-6: Weekly 10:40am in the school
Grades 7-8: Bi-weekly 10:40am in the school

SHARE THE WORD

(Sundays, October to May)

Ages 3-6: Bi-Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor ext 213
Deacon Joseph McLellan
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. Assistant ext 210
Deb Bernier, School Admin. Assistant ext 241

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

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, 4:15 to 4:45pm (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 2:00pm on the third Sunday of the month (September to June).

Knights of Columbus Council 1107: Meets at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (September to June).

Grand Knight - Mike Garlinski 255-5195

JUNE 23/24, 2012: THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Vigil: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist		
Saturday, June 23	5pm	Mass: +Ilona Szidorov
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist		
Sunday, June 24	10am 4pm	Mass: Missa Pro Populo St. John Brebeuf School Graduation Mass
Weekday Ferial		
Monday, June 25	No Mass	
Weekday Ferial		
Tuesday, June 26	9:15am	Mass: +Saverio Masi
Weekday Ferial		
Wed., June 27	9:15am	Mass: +Wade Lafreniere
Memorial: St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr		
Thursday, June 28	9:15am	Mass: +Pat Bean
Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles		
Friday, June 29	9:15am	Mass: Int. of Linda Boyko
Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday, June 30	5pm	Missa Pro Populo
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sunday, July 1	10am	+Charlotte Penner
Weekday Ferial		
Monday, July 2	No Mass	Parish Office Closed

Rest in Peace: +Bob Sunka
+George Ferris (Husband of Judy Ferris)



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:
June 16/17 Envelopes: \$3668.65
June Pre-Authorized Donations: \$21,546.50

Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound: *Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed, (James 5:15)*

Gisèle Bertalanffy, Erlinda Blanco, Helen Borody, Frank Cielen, Allison Filmon Carvey, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, Stella Ledger, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Jim Mahon, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, Catherine McLeod, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Armand Poirier, Louise Soubry, Tom Stefanson, Julia Van De Spiegle, Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

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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.

Baptism:

Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? We are returning to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. Our next Baptismal Preparation Session will be in the fall leading to the September 29/30 Baptism Weekend. For further information, please contact Tom Bailey-Robertson at 488-4467 (Ext. 217).

St. John Brebeuf School:

Dear Parishioners:

As we head into summer I would like to express my gratitude to you all for the amazing contributions you have made in supporting St. John Brebeuf School over the years. I would like to thank you for your prayers, for your volunteer work and for your financial support. In particular this past year, I would like to thank you for our new state-of-the-art Mabel Skelly Library. Without you it would have not been possible.

St. John Brebeuf School is leading in innovation and technology instruction and learner success. We provided many vibrant opportunities for our learners throughout the year where students were engaged through stimulating, relevant and inspiring experiences, both spiritually and academically. St. John Brebeuf School is sought by many but our space is at full classroom capacity.

This has been an incredible year, thanks to the dedication and commitment of all staff members entrusted to provide every student with a quality education. This dedication is extremely evident in the number of extracurricular activities offered at St. John Brebeuf School throughout the year.

To conclude our school year, I would like to invite you to join us on June 24 at 4:00 pm as we celebrate our Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony for our 26 wonderful grade 8 students. For some of them St. John Brebeuf School has been their home for the past 9 years. We have prepared them to succeed and contribute their full potential to the future by *Living, Learning and Serving in Christ* as our mission mandates.

To all, thank you and have a blessed summer, Mrs. Laura Carreiro, Principal

Note to Liturgical Ministers: Please check in at the Sacristy prior to summer Masses to see if your help is needed to fill in for those who may be away. Thanks!



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Christian Outreach:

Winnipeg Harvest has issued an urgent plea for food donations. Their most important need is for nutritious, high-protein items including **canned fish and poultry, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, rice, pasta and cereal.** Winnipeg Harvest feeds 55,000 Manitobans each month. Half of those receiving food are children. Donations are accepted at the main church entrance.



Knights of Columbus #1107:

Purchase Sobeys Gift Cards, (\$25, \$50 or \$10) after weekend Masses. Cash, cheque, debit, Visa and MC accepted. Redeemable at **Sobeys, IGA and Price Choppers.** Help the Knights to help our church, school and community, or indicate that you would like to donate your gift card to **Winnipeg Harvest** and they will issue you a tax receipt.



Nativity of John the Baptist: "God Is Gracious"

It's good that pregnancy lasts nine months. Parents need time to ready their hearts, minds and souls to embrace the precious new life growing within.

My Uncle Romeo and Aunt Corinne had no such luxury. After they spent six years yearning for a child, a young birth mom chose them as adoptive parents. In a blink of an eye, everything changed. They felt overwhelmed, amazed and giddy. They welcomed Melanie with open, trembling arms, with an immense shiver of gratitude.

When John the Baptist was born to the formerly barren Elizabeth and Zachariah, a shiver of gratitude shot through our collective Judeo-Christian family. John's very conception was miraculous. His coming was heralded by an angel, his name given by God; people were already asking what kind of child he would be.

What does John have to teach us?

First off: Nothing is impossible for God. What is the most barren within us can foster the greatest life. If Elizabeth and Zechariah could bear a son in their old age, what is possible for each of us?

We all have barren patches in our lives, places seemingly abandoned and as dry as dust. We expect little from these places — yet could it be that God does his greatest work here?

John also teaches us: Names help to establish our identities. They have always been particularly important for firstborn sons; in many traditions, a firstborn son is named after his father. Such was not the case with John. As those surrounding Zechariah and Elizabeth were quick to point out, no one in the family was named John. What was wrong with the most obvious choice? "Zechariah" means "the one whom God remembers." What a fine name, especially for a boy who could follow in his father's footsteps and become a priest!

Yet God knew this boy was destined to break with family tradition. He needed a new name. His father was a priest; he was a prophet. His father worshiped Yahweh; his son recognized the Messiah. John broke open his father's faith, allowing all that was foretold to be revealed. John was a bridge between the Testaments.

John means "God is gracious." God is indeed gracious when he makes our barren places fruitful. God supported John as he grew in wisdom and maturity; God yearns to work similar miracles within us. Are we willing to receive his gift?

Think for a moment of those places you have left uncultivated in your own life. Perhaps you don't trust your mental capacities or your ability to love. Do you have the courage to let God cultivate your barren place? Think of what life could erupt from this place. This new life could send a shiver of gratitude through you and all you know.

Discerning our own unique vocation is such a difficult task — and yet it is an essential one if we are to become the people God envisions we can be. Sometimes, like John, we need to have the courage to break with family tradition and forge a new path. Even when our path fits within family tradition, it is important that we flavor our life's work with all the unique gifts we have been given.

There is only one John the Baptist. And there is only one you. While our life's work will probably not redefine the course of history, it will define us and help shape all those around us. Each of us has a destiny that only we can fulfill. Are we ready for the challenge?

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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. For further information about our parish and school, please visit www.sjbcommunity.ca.

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