

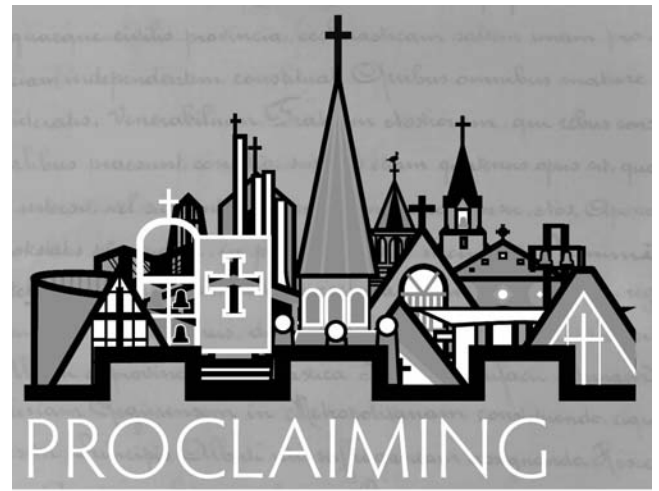


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MASS SCHEDULE

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
Kim Graeili, Financial 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).

February 28/March 1, 2015: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Second Sunday of Lent: *Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-35, 37; Mark 9:2-10*

Part of the religious consciousness of the Ancient Near East was an understanding that what took place on earth mirrored shifts in the spiritual world. Say, for instance, the local king was deposed and we all became subjects of the guy two valleys over—the ancients would have understood that such an event was paralleled in heaven. In their minds, the god who won the heavenly battle determined which despot would rule on earth. So, the ancients had to appease and suck up to the gods, not only to win spiritual favour, but to sway the outcome of earthly events. Our hypothetical king not only lost on the battlefield, he also lost the mystical contest. His loss could be chalked up as much to his priests' insufficient sacrificial offerings as it could be to an ill-prepared army. While we might look down on such feelings as unenlightened, even to this day we might have a sense that, when things don't work out for us, the universe has somehow tilted against us.

This mindset explains why Job's "friends" are so quick to pin all of his misfortunes on something he must have done. Bad stuff doesn't just happen at random—it comes down from above on those who have earned the wrath of the divine. Likewise, the bigger the offering, the better one's odds were at earning the approval of the gods. What bigger offering could a person make than their child? We encounter the horror of child sacrifice in the first reading, and the text goes over the top to build up the drama, "Take your son Isaac, your only son, whom you love..." Another little detail makes the story seem especially appalling: Abraham makes his son carry the very wood meant to fuel the burnt offering. All of this build up is meant to prove an important point to people caught up in their worldview that they can somehow earn the blessings of the gods through their offerings. The God of Abraham reveals himself to be a provider, not a taker, of offerings and blessings.

We still need to hear this story today, because something of that ancient mindset persists in our own faith. We sometimes take a transactional approach to God, especially during Lent. It goes something like, "Okay God, I'll do something hard for you, so you have to do something for me." So long as we get what we want—the new job, the clean bill of health, the stainless steel microwave—then this kind of faith holds out. It doesn't weather the times when things fall apart though: when the biopsy comes back malignant; when a pink slip shows up instead of a pay cheque; when those unbreakable vows turn out to be more fragile than imagined. Those times make it seem like we're stuck carrying the wood that will consume our lives. It's then that we look to the cross and see that our God provides for us, so we are blessed even when things aren't going our way.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

From the Archdiocese

Evening of Prayer and an Examination of Conscience:

As part of our celebrations for the Centennial Year, all parishioners are invited to attend Evening Prayer and an Examination of Conscience on **Sunday, March 1 at 7pm**. As a sign of unity, all parishes throughout the Archdiocese will be gathering at the same time for this service. The purpose of this gathering of the Faithful of the Archdiocese will be to acknowledge our sins of the past as a Church with the resolve to better "Proclaim Christ Always."



2015 World Day of Prayer

Ecumenical Service:

All are invited to a World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service Friday, March 6, St. John Brebeuf Church. Reception follows, Parish Hall.



Rest in Peace: +Joan Meronek

(Mother of Maureen McLeod)

+John Popko

(Father of Ardelle Martin)



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Development and Peace: Share Lent 2015

Each year during Lent, Canadian Catholics are invited to stand in solidarity with communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who are struggling for dignity and justice.

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Focusing on the role of women and men family farmers in fighting hunger, Development and Peace invites you to continue to raise your voice with Catholics and people around the world who are calling for an end to hunger through the "One human family, food for all" campaign launched by Pope Francis in 2013.

Jesus taught us to pray 'Give us this day our daily bread'. The significance of this prayer for millions around the world is easy to forget for those of us who so easily and confidently access food every day. Hunger is not caused by a lack of food but by a lack of justice. With your generous donations, Development and Peace is working to build a more just food system, and a more just world.

To donate, visit www.devp.org or call **1-888-234-8533**.



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

February 28/March 1, 2015: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 1	2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting 7pm: Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience
Monday, March 2	Lenten Ferial 9:15am: Deceased members of Smith family 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, March 3	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +John McDougall
Wednesday March 4	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: Int. of Norman & Tricia Barnabe
Thursday, March 5	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +June Mandarino
Friday, March 6	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Barbara Straszynski 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 1pm: World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 7	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent 10am-12pm: Gr. 2 Reconciliation 5pm: +Anthony Derrick
Sunday, March 8	3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Al & Pat Bean 12:30pm: Confirmation Session

Lent 2015:

Fridays during Lent:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
9:45am to Noon, followed by **Benediction.**



Stations of the Cross begins at 7pm

On Fridays during Lent, Catholics aged 14+ are obliged to abstain from eating meat. Those outside of the age limits or whose state in life (i.e. pregnancy, manual labourers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of Lenten fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

St. Ignatius.....	March 11, 7pm
Holy Rosary.....	March 18, 7pm
St. John Brebeuf.....	March 24, 7pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help.....	March 25, 9:30am
St. Vital.....	March 25, 7pm
St. Gianna.....	March 26, 7pm
Our Lady of Victory.....	March 27, 7:30pm

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.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist:

(Change of date) **Sacrament of First Eucharist:**

The date for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, originally scheduled for May 2/3 is now **May 23/24.**

First Reconciliation:

First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:

Saturday, March 7, 10am-Noon

Saturday, March 14, 10am-Noon

Saturday, March 21, 10am-Noon

Please contact Tom in the Parish Office to sign up for a 10 minute slot.

RCIA: This is the time to deepen your relationship with God. If you are considering being baptized, becoming Catholic, or if you just want to learn more, consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact Tom in the Parish Office. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

February 21/22, 2015: \$3,257

Please call the Parish Office to learn more about our convenient pre-authorized offering options.

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., Matt Jones, Carol Kruse, Margaret Lafrenière, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Evan Morton, Eric Moscarella, Peter, Georgia Poirier, Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, 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.

To have names published, we require permission requesting that their name be added or removed from the prayer list.

Church Bulletin Advertising:

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call **Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.**



Confirmation: *(Change of date)*

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 24 at the MTS Centre has been changed to **Sunday, May 3, MTS Centre.**

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