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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 I-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 TEAM

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

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.

"Missioned to Stewardship, we are a community that Lives, Loves and serves in Christ."

PARISH CONTACTS

Finance Council: Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith Parish Pastoral Council: Johnston Smith School Board: Elizabeth Matyi Leann Smith Ministers of the Word: Ministers of the Eucharist: loe Brekelmans Altar Servers: Keith Mathewson Catechism: Parish Office Spiritual Journeying: Margaret Kingdon

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 <u>before</u> 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).

March 15/16, 2014: 2nd Sunday of Lent

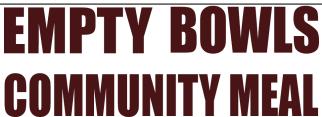
2nd Sunday of Lent: Gen 12:1-4; Ps 33; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Matt 17:1-9

People who sabotage their own success make for provocative, if not superficial, news stories. There's a smug satisfaction in seeing a hero fall—a sense that, "See, that's what you get for trying to be special." It's no wonder then that tabloid headlines are filled with juicy tidbits like millionaire pro athletes caught robbing convenience stores, politicians using drugs on camera, and Hollywood actors evading taxes.

However, elite athletes and celebrities do not have a monopoly on self-destructive behaviour. We are all perfectly capable of messing up in the face of regular life accomplishments; we just don't make headlines out of it. This is the guy who drinks too much after his girlfriend accepts his marriage proposal. It's the new parent daunted by endless responsibility, who racks up credit card debt buying stuff to sooth their insecurity. It's the kid with the full-ride scholarship who winds up addicted to online gaming and whose grades start to slip. Your hard work paid off, things are going your way, and then the self-doubt creeps in: "Who am I to be so special? I'm just going to blow it anyway." The harmful behaviour gives an excuse to fail. Failure becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, "See, I knew I wasn't good enough."

Scripture is replete with people who ran from God's calling to do great things. From Moses to Jonah, King David, and many other prophets, our spiritual ancestors could drum up any excuse to avoid being special. "Why are you calling me, God? I have a speech impediment, I'm too short, I'm nervous and my socks are too loose." The disciples were not immune to this reaction either. When they caught a glimpse of the glory of the resurrected Jesus at the top of a mountain, they fell on their faces in fear. The depth of God's love revealed in Christ's transfigured form was too intense. "No God, we couldn't be like that, we're not worth that much." Seeing them on the ground, Jesus approaches them and touches them. He heals their fear and doubt.

In Lent, we are getting ready to go to that awful, yet beautiful place where Jesus dies, is buried, and rises again. Like Peter, we might wish to stay where we are and not go through the pain and glory of Christ's Passion. Jesus rallies our resolve when we falter; he comes to us to heal our fears with a touch and the words, "Do not be afraid." We can get up and follow him, even when we feel we're not good enough to be so special. Jesus relied on God's power, and he uses it to strengthen us so we can follow him. I wonder what we might find when he takes us to the top of the mountain and shows us a glimpse of the things to come. ~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate







Employment Opportunities:

St. John Brebeuf Catholic School invites applications for the following full-time positions for the 2014-2015 school year:



- Resource Teacher
- French Teacher (Grades K to 8)

Application requirements and further details can be found at the main entrance bulletin board, or visit www.sjbcommunity.ca/school.

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Your purchase of Sobeys Gift Cards can help feed the hungry in our city? Our Knights are on hand selling cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses.

To donate your gift card to Winnipeg Harvest, simply indicate this at the time of your **HARVEST** purchase and a tax receipt will be issued.

Each dollar donated allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food. In 2013, St. John Brebeuf parishioners purchased \$11,005 in gift cards toward the purchase of much needed baby formula. Our 2014 total to date is \$1000.

First Reconciliation: First Reconciliations will take place on **Saturday, March 22, 10am-Noon**. If you have not booked your appointment, please contact Tom.



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.sibcommunity.ca**

March 15/16, 2014: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16	2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 9:35am: Share the Word Empty Bowls 10:35am: Children's Catechism Empty Bowls 11:30am: +Charlotte Penner
Monday, March 17	10:30am: +Genevieve Benoit Funeral Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday March 18	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Emilie Toews 7pm: School Board Meeting
Wed., March 19	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Richard Cadieux 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 10am: Serra Club Meeting
Thursday, March 20	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Murray Main
Friday, March 21	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: Int. of Evangeline De Leon 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 22	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent 10am-Noon: First Reconciliation 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, March 23	3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Int. of Magsino Family 9:35am: Share the Word Empty Bowls 10:35am: Children's Catechism Empty Bowls 11:30am: +Shelagh Willcock

<u>Baptism:</u> 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.

<u>Adult Faith Formation:</u> Next session: Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 10am in the St. Marie Room

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

March 8/9: \$4,436

You can share your gifts with convenient pre-authorized offertory options at St. John Brebeuf Parish. For more information, please call Genevieve at 204-488-4467.

Lent 2014:

Fridays during Lent:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:35am 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 Reflection Books:

Copies of the little black **Lenten Reflection Books** for adults are available at the church entrances.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

Our Lady of Victory	March 25, 7:30pm
St. Vital	March 26, 7:30pm
Holy Rosary	March 27, 7:30pm
St. Gianna's (revised date)	April 2, 7:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	April 9, 9:30am
St. Ignatius	April 9, 7:30pm
St. John Brebeuf	April 10, 7:30pm

Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre:

On Easter Sunday, April 20, Immaculate Conception Drop-In

Centre is counting on St. John Brebeuf to provide a hot meal for over 250 of our city's poorest children, women and men. Your help is needed to prepare a batch (or more) of stew. Meat is provided by the parish and an easy stew recipe is available. Prepared stew should be dropped off at the church on Easter Sunday morning. **Many hands are needed.** Call Jane at 488-0893 to lend yours.

St. John Brebeuf Ladies Bridge Club Mixed Bridge & Lunch

April 5, St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall Lunch: 11:30am/Bridge: 1pm Tickets \$15: Mona @ 204-832-5248

Also available at the Parish Office

Proceeds in support of the St. John Brebeuf School Bursary Fund

Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed (James 5:15)

Marie A., Don Barnicki, Nick Bencharski, Gisèle Bertalanffy, Jimmy Brechka, David Bruneau, Maria Colatruglio, Omer De Wandel, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Therese LaClare, Margaret Lafrenière, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, Suzanne Thille, Geraldine Walker, W.J., 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.

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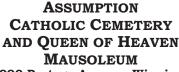
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