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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 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
Ministers of the Word: Leann Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist: Joe 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 **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).

March 29/30, 2014: 4th Sunday of Lent

4th Sunday of Lent: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

The man with blindness was minding his own business on the street, probably begging, when along comes Jesus and his entourage of disciples. He overhears one of them commenting on his blindness, attributing his condition to sin, and then Jesus' reply about revealing God's glory. I imagine the sensations were quite bizarre for him. He hears Jesus spit on the ground and, from the squishing sound, perceives dirt being mashed into mud. Did he know what to expect when he felt someone gently lift his face up? The earthy smell might have tipped him off that Jesus was holding the mud. Maybe the cool coarseness of the muck Jesus pressed onto his closed eyelids even made him shiver a little.

Mud is not the first thing that comes to mind when talking about vision. It might have made more sense for Jesus to use sparkling clean water to restore the blind man's sight. The faith God gives us works kind of the same way. We might expect God to work clearly and logically in our lives by giving us the things we anticipate we'll need: strength, hope, and clarity amid the messiness of life. We don't expect a God who astonishes us—a God who throws mud in our eyes. We might not be comfortable with a faith that we have to wrestle with, but this is what we get.

The man with blindness was healed as he washed off the mud, but he didn't have faith in Jesus yet. "Who healed you?" his neighbours asked him. "The man called Jesus." The healed man did not know who, or where, the man called Jesus was. Brought before the Pharisees, he explained as best he could what had occurred. When asked what he thought about Jesus, he began to think differently. "He is a prophet," he said. The Pharisees kept needling him—and his parents—with questions, trying to find holes in his story. The man began to grow impatient that they were not listening to him. If only they could experience what he had, then they would want to follow Jesus too. The reality of what happened sunk in for him just then. Jesus was not just a man, not just a prophet, but he was from God, and he wanted to follow him.

This realization came not from having his sight restored, but from having his experience questioned by others. God astonishes us with a messy faith, one we have to wrestle with and question. Jesus came into the world "so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." We may expect God in the pristine calm of life; what a surprise to find God stooped over in the mire, ready to smear our eyes with mud.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL: HELP YOUR PASTORS NOT TO BE MEDIOCRE

Vatican City, 26 March 2014 (VIS) – "The Sacraments of the Holy Orders and Matrimony, two specific vocations and two great paths to the Lord" were the theme of the Holy Father's catechesis during today's general audience in St. Peter's Square. "The ministers who are chosen and consecrated for this service prolong Jesus' presence over time, and they do so with the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God, and with love".

"Those who are ordained are placed at the head of the community. Yes, they are at the 'head', but for Jesus this means placing their authority at the service of the community. ... 'whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be your slave'. ... A bishop who does not serve his community does not do good; a priest or a curate who does not place himself at the service of his community does not do good, he is mistaken". Pope Francis emphasized that "impassioned love for the Church" is a characteristic that always derives from this sacramental union with Christ. "The bishop, the priest, love the Church in their own community, they love the Church greatly. How? How Christ loves His Church. ... The spouse loves his wife as Christ loves His Church. ... The priesthood and matrimony are two Sacraments that represent the path by which people habitually reach the Lord".

Finally, the Pope cited the words of St. Paul to Timothy when he advised him not to neglect, but rather always to revive the gift given to him. "When the ministry is not nurtured by prayer, by listening to the Word of God, with the daily celebration of the Eucharist, and also with regular confession, the authentic sense of one's own service is inevitably lost from view, along with the joy that comes from profound communion with Jesus. ... The priest who does not do these things loses, over time, his union with Jesus and becomes mediocre, which is not good for the Church. Therefore, we must help bishops and priests to pray, to listen to the Word of God that is our daily bread, to celebrate the Eucharist every day and to confess regularly".

"Access to the priesthood cannot be sold. This is an initiative the Lord takes. The Lord calls", he added, and concluded by encouraging the young who hear this call to "cherish this invitation and pray so that it might grow and bear fruit in all the Church".



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

EMPTY BOWLS COMMUNITY MEAL



Sunday April 27th at St. John Brebeuf
12:30-2:30 pm

Soup Kitchen- Parish Hall
Bowl Display & Silent Auction-School Gymnasium

Please bring a tin for the bin

All proceeds to benefit Winnipeg Harvest



March 29/30, 2014: 4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 30	4th Sunday of Lent 9:30am: +Pasquale & Maria Trozzo 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo
Monday, March 31	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Genevieve Benoit 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday April 1	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Stephanie Sorba
Wed., April 2	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Pasquale & Rosina Mandarino 7:30pm: St. Gianna's Reconciliation
Thursday, April 3	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Int. of Palina Aiello
Friday, April 4	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Bernard Egan 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 5	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent 11:30am: SJB Mixed Bridge and Lunch 5pm: +Jennifer Foran
Sunday, April 6	5th Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting 7pm: Confirmation Session

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 Reconciliation Services

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.

Easter Flowers:

Each Easter season, our parish purchases many flowering plants to decorate our worship space in celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Parishioners can purchase plants in gratitude for their loved ones, living and deceased for only \$10 each from the Parish Office. All purchased plants will be marked with a gift tag honouring your loved one. Call 488-4467 (Ext. 210) or stop by the Parish Office for more information.



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.

Adult Faith Formation:

Next session: **Wednesday, April 23, 2014**, 10am in the St. Marie Room

From Deacon Mike: As married couples, we continue to be life affirming, no matter where we are in our life's journey. We do this by staying involved in the lives of young people as spiritual mentors, teachers and wisdom figures. Please join us in the Parish Hall Friday, April 6 from 8 to 10pm for some refreshments and to welcome our six couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.
 ~Deacon Mike and Holly Thibert

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

March 22/23: \$5,769

Rest in Peace: +June Mandarino

(Wife of Luigi Mandarino)



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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