

SAINT JOHN BREBEUF ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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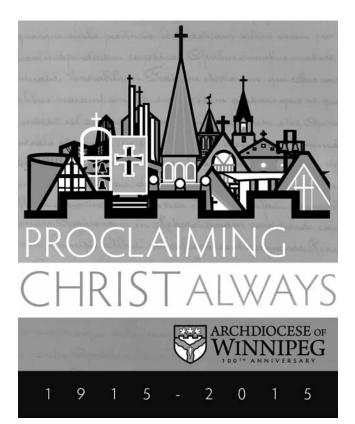
(Sundays, September to May) Ages 3-6: Bi-Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

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 <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).

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

For the next three weeks, our readings will come from a cycle in Christian Initiation known as the scrutinies. This week, the Samaritan woman at the well encounters Jesus and gradually comes to believe that he is the Messiah. In the same way, our candidates and catechumens have been preparing to encounter Christ in the sacraments of initiation this Easter.

The woman at the well is often conflated with other encounters that Jesus has with women where he forgives their sins. We hear that she had five husbands and the one she has now is not her husband, so we might assume that she had some serious sinning going on. This is not the case, as Jesus does not-at any point-refer to her sins, nor does he forgive or heal this Samaritan woman for her apparent addiction to relationships. It's curious, therefore, that Jesus bothers with this detail about her having had five husbands.

At the time, a man was entitled to send his wife away for any number of arbitrary reasons. This woman has been rejected by five different husbands—perhaps she wasn't able to conceive; maybe her husbands had wandering eyes. She might have internalized these past rejections to the point where she started to believe that she was somehow less valuable or desirable as a person-to the point where she didn't even insist that her current partner marry her. Certainly her status in the community wasn't great if she was going to visit the well in the midday heat. Was she avoiding the nosy stares and sly murmurs she would have encountered at the well during the peak hours in the morning?

While speaking with Jesus, her despair bubbles to the surface. She blurts out tellingly quick that she wants Jesus to give her the water he's talking about so that she never has to be thirsty, or come back to the well to draw water, again. Is drinking water that much of a hassle that she practically begs a complete stranger to guench her thirst? No, she isn't thirsty for water. She sounds like someone who is sick and tired of being overlooked and forgotten. What she craves is the intimacy of being known and valued. Yet, perhaps she has given up on finding that kind of acceptance, so she tries to bring up a reason why she isn't worthy to accept Jesus' offer: the disparity of worship between Jews and Samaritans. Jesus dispels this supposed barrier and she wonders aloud about the coming Messiah; she has put together the clues and she's ready to solve the puzzle. She leaves the well, forgetting her bucket behind, and goes off to share the good news. God pours the Holy Spirit into our hearts so we can know God's love and share it, even when we feel like we've been tossed away.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

From the Archdiocese:

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Attention all singers! In preparation for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg a 250 voice Centenary Choir and Youth Choir will be formed for the

Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday, May 3 at the MTS Centre under the direction of Fr. Geoffrey Angeles. All interested in singing for this event can register. Further details concerning the rehearsal times and locations (both city and rural) will be sent directly to each regisparticipant. Registration forms available at both tered church entrances.

2015 Jubilee Pilgrimage: March 1-December 4, 2015: Mary's Archbishop Gagnon has designated St. Cathedral as a Pilgrimage site where the Jubilee Indulgence may be gained: Mon-Fri 11:10am-12:10pm Saturday, 4pm- 5pm, Sunday 8:30am-1pm The other churches are: St. Augustine's. Brandon: Tues.-Thurs. 8:30am-4pm Friday 9:30am-5:15pm, Saturday 9:30am-10:30am & 3pm-5pm Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, Camperville: Tues., Wed.

& Fri. 5:30pm-6:30pm, Tues. & Thurs., 10am-6pm Saint-Francois Xavier, Saint-Francois Xavier. Sunday 8am-9am

Winnipeg Harvest:

Donations of feminine hygiene products needed.



Jubilee Fund Annual Meeting: All are invited to attend the Jubilee Fund's 16th Annual Meeting,

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Thursday, March 26, St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall. Registration and light lunch, 6pm followed by project presentations and meeting at 6:30pm. Call 204-589-5001 for details or to register.

Development and Peace: Responding to the cry of the rural poor with the bishops of Brazil:

In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. This has been eloquently stated by the bishops of Brazil: "We wish to take up daily the joys and hopes, the difficulties and sorrows of the Brazilian people, especially of those living in the barrios and the countrysidelandless, homeless, lacking food and health care-to the detriment of their rights. Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income. -Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 191.

Development and Peace has been working with the Brazilian bishops for many years to respond to the cry of the poor. Your generosity helps fund our partnership with their Pastoral Land Commission, which works to support the rural poor through agricultural development and land reform. Visit devp.org or call 1-888-234-8533 to donate.

March 7/8, 2015: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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 Lenten Reconcilation Services St. Ignatius. March 11, 7pm Holy Rosary. March 18, 7pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help. March 25, 9:30am St. Vital. March 25, 7pm St. Gianna.	
Monday, March 9	Lenten Ferial 9:15am: Int. of Romulo & Leah Magsino 1:30pm: Lectio Divina		
Tuesday, March 10	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Carla Moore 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass		
Wednesday March 11	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Shelagh Willcock 7pm: St. Ignatius Reconciliation 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting	Our Lady of VictoryMarch 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: First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:	
Thursday, March 12	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Jim Brennan		
Friday, March 13	Lenten Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Hank & Patrick Verry 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	Saturday, March 14, 10am-Noon Saturday, March 21, 10am-Noon If you have not already done so, please contact Tom in the Parish Office to sign up for a 10 minute slot. First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent Meeting:	
Saturday, March 14	7pm: Stations of the Cross Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent 10am-12pm: Gr. 2 Reconciliation 5pm: Int. of Matt Jones	Tuesday, March 24, 7pm Friendship Celebration: Saturday, May 23, 9:30am-1pm	
Sunday, March 15	4th Sunday of Lent9:30am: +Pasquale & Maria Trozzo10:35am: Children's Catechism11:30am: Missa Pro Populo	Sacrament of First Eucharist: Saturday, May 23, 5pm and Sunday, May 24, 10am Confirmation:	
Immaculate Conception		Upcoming Sessions: 12:30pm March 8, 22, April 12; 5pm April 26 Sacrament of Confirmation:	

Drop-In Centre:



On Easter Sunday, April 5 Conception Immaculate

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 St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings: 488-0893 to lend yours.

February 28/March 1, 2015: \$4,336

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

Sunday, May 3, 1pm, MTS Centre

from 10:30-11:30am.

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.

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