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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 8/9, 2014: 1st Sunday of Lent

1st Sunday of Lent: *Genesis 2:7-9,16-18,25; 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus was hungry, and not just 3-p.m.-scour-the-office-for-cookies-hungry; he was bone-weary, worn out, and depleted. The physical sensation of hunger had long ago been replaced by a spiritual emptiness that had him questioning his whole existence. The voice at his baptism calling him God's beloved, the drive of the spirit pushing him out into the desert: had it all been real? Maybe his friends back home were right, that he was getting caught up in delusions of grandeur. Could it be better to forget the whole thing and move on?

After all, life since that day in the river hadn't been easy. No endorsement deals floated his way to help him put food on the table. It's not as though camel dealerships were offering to pay him for appearances, nor were toga designers asking him to lend his name to their latest collection. If he really were God's Son, shouldn't he be able to command these rocks into bread to fend off starvation?

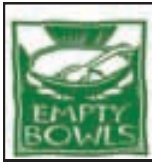
Suddenly a scene from scripture popped into his head: his Hebrew ancestors were hungry in the desert too, until God fed them with manna. The Israelites had been tempted to hoard the heavenly bread which appeared each morning like dew. They were only allowed to gather enough manna for the day, but, like children testing a parent's command, they tried collecting more. Their reasoning was sound: they could sleep better at night, secure in knowing they had the bread they needed for tomorrow. By morning though, the hoarded manna went foul and bred worms. They had to learn to trust that God keeps promises. The bread filled their bellies, but it would be God's word that filled their lives. God had not promised them security, but instead breathed life into them that would last through any trial.

Hunger in the desert drove the Israelites to wish they had never left Egypt—they longed for the food that sustained them during their slavery. God had in mind a life for them beyond mere existence as slaves: a life freely and fully alive. A peace fell over Jesus as he imagined what this gift of life might mean for him, God's beloved. Like the Israelites, he too could depend on God's promise to fill him with life.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

The Empty Bowls Project:

On March 9 and 16, children in our Sunday School and Share the Word will be making clay bowls in the parish hall as part of the Empty Bowls Project. This campaign raises awareness about hunger in our community and supports Winnipeg Harvest. The bowls will be displayed on April 27 in our school gym at the Empty Bowls community meal (12:30 p.m.) as a powerful and tangible sign of the pervasiveness of hunger in the world. A silent auction that day will feature bowls signed by some of our favourite Winnipeg Jets and Blue Bombers, with all proceeds going to Winnipeg Harvest.



Prayers: The Vocation to the Sacrament of Marriage is such that it witnesses to the everyday love of God. Couples give of themselves selflessly to form the foundational needs of love that creates the society in which we live. Our community has been blessed with many couples who are discerning this vocation. Our community will be hosting a Marriage Preparation weekend for these couples on April 11 and 12, 2014. As a community, please offer prayers to these couples in their discernment, and for those who have graciously volunteered to help journey with our couples.

Blessings+
Deacon Mike and Holly Thibert

Rest in Peace: +Phil Paolucci



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, March 26 2014**, 10am in the St. Marie Room

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

March 1/2: \$3,519

First Reconciliation:

First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:

Saturday, March 15, 10am-Noon

Saturday, March 22, 10am-Noon

Please contact Tom in the Parish Office if you have not already done so to sign up for a 10 minute slot.

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Sobeys Gift cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses.

Purchase a gift card for Winnipeg Harvest and a tax receipt will be issued.



**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



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

March 8/9, 2014: 1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 9	1st Sunday of Lent 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 9:35am: Share the Word Empty Bowls 10:35am: Children's Catechism Empty Bowls 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado 7pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, March 10	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: Int. of Yvonne Kelly 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday March 11	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Robert Hrousalas 1:30pm: Portsmouth Mass
Wed., March 12	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Ray Niland 7:30pm: K. of C. Meeting
Thursday, March 13	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Bunny Chretien 7pm: St. John Brebeuf School Parent Presentation
Friday, March 14	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Gerald McInnis 9:45am-Noon: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 15	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent 10am-Noon: First Reconciliation 5pm: +Mimi Trainor
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

From Father Mark: It is always very interesting to listen to what people are giving up for Lent. For many years I have tried to get my heart and my faith around the eternal effects of chocolate, or soda, or even movies, and I must admit that it's really a stretch for me. The Church's call for people of good will to sacrifice for these forty days is meant to put us on the right track, yet we can sometimes look for the legal interpretations of how we can fulfill the call and yet not be too inconvenienced. I hesitate to offer too many suggestions about Lenten sacrifice, because we have a strong sense that, "no one's going to tell me what to do for Lent." Indeed, our Lenten sacrifice is a personal choice that we each must make.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus encounters a rich man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Pope Francis recently preached on this reading. He said, "He (the rich man) was a good man, a man who had observed the commandments from his youth, but this was not enough for him, he wanted more. The Holy Spirit was pushing him further". So, Jesus offers him more than keeping the law. Jesus looked at him, loved him and said to him: 'Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor; then come, follow me'. At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. The man's heart was full from his wealth. There was no room in his heart to follow Jesus; he was unable to make that choice freely. "In the end," said the Pope, "the money chose for him."

Lent is a time to live free of the constraints that hold us back from following Christ. This might be our material things, it might be an unhealthy attitude we cling to, or it might be a sense of worthlessness that questions our value before God. Many things vie for room in our hearts and threaten to choose for us. Whatever we struggle with, Jesus looks at us, loves us, and encourages us to push through our bonds. It takes a little imagination and faith to see the ways that God is calling us to greater freedom. I know that all too often we shy away from God's urging us forward. I pray daily for wisdom, I pray daily for fortitude and I pray daily that I can put aside my ego and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through the people I serve. Sometimes that means looking, loving, and pushing you to go further.

After all, with Christ on our side, what could possibly stand in our way this Lent?

Happy Lent!
Father Mark Tarrant

Lenten Reconciliation Services

- St. Gianna's..... March 20, 7:30pm
- Our Lady of Victory..... March 25, 7:30pm
- St. Vital..... March 26, 7:30pm
- Holy Rosary..... March 27, 7:30pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help..... April 9, 9:30am
- St. Ignatius..... April 9, 7:30pm
- St. John Brebeuf..... April 10, 7:30pm

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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