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MASS SCHEDULE

Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

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).

May 17/18, 2014: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5th Sunday of Easter: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

For a piece of writing nearly 2000 years old, John's Gospel contains some parts that speak very well to our world today. Standing before the Roman Governor's headquarters, Jesus says that he came to testify to the truth. Pilate's retort—"What is truth?"—is a jarringly modern question to come out of the mouth of a character from ancient Rome. It sounds more like something Bill Clinton would have said while arguing about the meaning of "is". Our culture can sometimes be very skeptical; one that is more comfortable with ambiguity and irony than steadfast belief. Is there any room for those of us from this generation, so steeped in uncertainty, to seriously embrace Jesus as the way, the truth and the life?

Pilate wasn't the only one who struggled with Jesus' radical claim to the truth; the disciples were equally bewildered. Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Thomas wasn't being merely doubtful here; rather he displayed a depth of faith in recognizing the limited reach of our own human thoughts. From the prophet Isaiah, Thomas would have heard, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (55:9). His question may have been moved by piety as much as it was by anxiety. Thomas might have asked how can he, a measly human being, even begin to approach understanding the way of the infinite and eternal God? Our own moments of doubt may mask this type of humility: sometimes we'd like to believe, but we just don't trust our own ability to grasp the mystery. Taken too far, this kind of humility can lead to despair.

Philip's demand—"show us the Father!"—also sounds out of place for his time. Even Jesus is surprised at Philip's brashness. We are the ones who are used to seeing before believing, and trying it before buying it. After all this time, to hear this kind of cynicism from his own disciple shocked Jesus. Between Thomas' woeful meekness and Philip's hardened suspicion, what's a rabbi like Jesus to do? Ever the good shepherd, Jesus meets his disciples where they are at. If you can believe in me, then believe in God, Jesus says, but if you can't, then at least believe because of the works I have done. God makes enough room in his house for all of our quirks and baggage. There's nothing we can bring that God can't make room for. The things in our lives we think will stop us from entering God's house turn out not to be deal-breakers. We don't have to work out all of our faults before we can follow Jesus. God has made room to heal us even when we're at our worst.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Your purchase of Sobeys Gift Cards can help feed the hungry in our city. Our Knights are selling cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. To donate your gift card to Winnipeg Harvest, indicate this at the time of your 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 **\$1,650**.



From the Archbishop's Office:

Archbishop Gagnon has announced that Reverend Mr. Patrick Neufeld and Reverend Mr. Kelly Wilson have been called to Ordination to the Priesthood. Their Ordinations will take place on Thurs., May 22 in St. Mary's Cathedral at 7:30 pm.



We welcome into the family of God and the Community of St. John Brebeuf

Zahra Rajani-Mestito and Piper Islá Penner

who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John Brebeuf Church on the weekend of May 10/11, 2014.

May God bless you and your families!



Urgent Appeal

Winnipeg Harvest is in dire need of the following items to fill the shelves for our city's hungry:



1. Canned fish and poultry— tuna or salmon (packed in water) chicken or turkey
2. Canned fruit and vegetables (packed in own juice)
3. Canned stew, chili, brown beans
4. Peanut Butter
5. Whole Grain/Whole Wheat Pasta
6. Baby Food— jars of chicken, beef, vegetables or fruit, infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice, Formula with added iron
7. Rice— brown, converted or par-boiled
8. Canned spaghetti sauce or tomatoes
9. Cereal— high fibre, non-sugar coated
10. Canned Soup— lentil, pea, vegetable

Cash/Sobey's card donations also greatly accepted. Each dollar allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food. (Sobey's cards available through the K. of C.)

C.W.L. Communion Brunch & Fundraiser

Sunday, May 25

Assiniboine Gordon Inn on the Park
1975 Portage Ave.

Please join us at St. John Brebeuf Parish for 10am Mass, and our final monthly meeting at 11am in the St. Marie Room. Brunch will follow at the hotel restaurant. Tickets \$25: Marie Woods, 204-489-7062.



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**

May 17/18: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18	5th Sunday of Easter (Summer Schedule) 10am: +Tannis Johnson
Monday, May 19	Easter Ferial Victoria Day: Parish & School closed
Tuesday, May 20	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Lisa Stephens 7pm: School Board Meeting
Wed., May 21	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +James Mahon 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 10:30am: Serra Club Meeting 5pm: St. John Brebeuf Carnival (Rain Date: Wednesday, May 28)
Thursday, May 22	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Armando Avila 7:30: Ordinations to the Priesthood, St. Mary's Cathedral
Friday, May 23	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Albert & Stella Ledger 7pm: Katrina Hood Coffee House
Saturday, May 24	Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter (Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works) 5pm: +Emilie Toews
Sunday, May 25	6th Sunday of Easter (Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works) 10am: Missa Pro Populo 11am: C.W.L. Meeting

Summer Mass Schedule
Masses on the Lord's Day:
 Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 10am
Weekday Masses: Tues. to Fri. 9:15am



Regular schedule resumes Sept. 14/15, 2014.
Mass times subject to change.

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, June 4, 2014, 10am in the St. Marie Room.

Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works:

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. The collection will take place next weekend, May 24/25. Envelopes are available at the church entrances.



Coffee House: All are welcome to a Coffee House on Friday, May 23 in the Parish Hall featuring wonderful family entertainment. Doors will open at 6:30pm and entertainment will start at 7. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds will support Katrina Hood's year of mission work with Regnum Christi Youth Mission Corps. For more information or to get tickets, see Katrina Hood following Sunday 9:30am Mass or call 204-489-5798. Thank you for your support!



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

May 10/11: \$4,602

Did you know that you can share your gifts through convenient, pre-authorized payments? Call 204-488-4467 for details.

Empty Bowls: Those who created bowls for the Empty Bowls project are asked to pick them up at the Lanark St. church entrance.



2013 Carnival: All are invited to the St. John Brebeuf BBQ/Carnival, Wednesday, May 21, 5pm to 8pm, St. John Brebeuf grounds. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fries, Mini Donuts, Ice Cream and more! Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available. This family fun event features inflatable bouncers, air brushed tattoos, face painting, DJ and more. All-inclusive wristbands \$14 in advance from the school office, \$15 at the door.



Rest in Peace: +Ed McKinley
(Husband of Norma McKinley)



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, David Bruneau, 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, Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, 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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