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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 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  
Mira Salter, Finance Officer ext 211

#### **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 **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 2/3, 2015: Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Fifth Sunday of Easter: John 15.1-8

In the small cliff-side village of Frías in northern Spain, visitors are welcomed by the aroma of steaks, chops and sausages being grilled on a bed of dead but still intertwined grapevines. The vines that once yielded rich, juicy grapes on terraced hillsides are now, even in death, attesting to their unity and usefulness. They impart a unique flavor to whatever is cooked on them and burn much more cleanly than charcoal or wood.

When I experienced a grilling session like this in Frías, today's Johannine Gospel about Jesus, the true vine, sprang immediately to my mind. The grapevine's branches are inextricably bound to and interwoven around the vine, and this is what gives the plant its strength and fruitfulness. In the same way, the strength and fruitfulness of believers and their ministry reside in the fact that they remain in Jesus. One with him in faith, will, vision and purpose, believers are thereby graced, both individually and as church, with the capacity to "love, not in word or speech but in deed and truth" (second reading). The author of 1 John called upon his community to make their love real and their faith authentic by keeping the commandments — that is, by believing in Jesus and loving one another. In so doing, believers are assured that the Spirit remains in them, guiding them in justice and righteousness, in peace and harmony.

Continuing this theme in the Gospel, the Johannine author seemed to have the "secessionists" (or Antichrists) in the community in mind when he had Jesus saying, "Without me, you can do nothing." In good times and in bad, when they agree and especially when they disagree, all the members of the community, like branches entwined on a vine, are to remain united with one another in Christ. Imagine what might have happened if Pope Leo X and Martin Luther had worked harder to remain together in Christ rather than dismissing one another as "a wild boar in the Lord's vineyard" (Exurge Domine, Leo X, 1520) or "one whose wealth is greater than the wealth of the richest Caesars and who build the basilica of St. Peter with the money of poor believers rather than with his own money (Thesis 86, Martin Luther, 1517).

Despite disagreement and dissension, the community of believers is strongest when its members remain in Jesus as he remains in them. A story is told among the peoples of South India about a wealthy landowner who had four very quarrelsome sons. Jealous of one another, they were constantly at odds, much to the chagrin of their father. When he sensed that death was near, the father called his sons and divided his property among them. Then he called for some sticks to be brought, tied tightly into a bundle, and he told each of his sons to try to break the bundle. Not one could do it. Then, the father asked for the sticks to be taken out of the bundle. "Try now," he said, and with very little effort, they could break each single stick. Thus the father taught the brothers that strength that comes from unity: United they would stand, but divided, each would fall.

~Patricia Datchuck Sánchez (*Celebration publications, Used with permission.*)

## 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.** 2015 total to date: **\$2350**



## Development and Peace:

The world has heard, with deep concern, the news of the terrible earthquake, 7.8 on the Richter scale, that hit Nepal during the night of April 24. The epicenter of the quake was only 80 km from the capital, Katmandou, causing widespread destruction. Over 4,000 people have died and even more injured. The number of victims is expected to increase significantly in the following days. Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world. Its infrastructure simply cannot withstand an earthquake of this magnitude. Development and Peace has been in constant communication with the Caritas Internationalis and has launched an appeal for donations to help in this humanitarian emergency. To make a donation, visit **www.devp.org** and click the *Nepal Emergency* banner, or call the emergency appeal line at **1-888-664-3387**.



St. John Brebeuf School

## SPRING CHARITY CONCERT



## Sow Much Love

Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm

St. John Brebeuf Parish

(doors open at 6:30 pm)

**Free Will Offering** – The proceeds from the concert will be equally donated to Development & Peace and Humankind International (refugee school in Kenya).

# May 2/3, 2015: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>9am:</b> +Bernadette McGivern 1pm: Archdiocese of Winnipeg Centennial Mass, MTS Centre
Monday, May 4	<b>Easter Ferial</b> No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, May 5	<b>Easter Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Cornelio Parado
Wed., May 6	<b>Easter Ferial</b> 7:30am: Finance Council Meeting 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Frank Cielen
Thursday, May 7	<b>Easter Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Deceased members of the Fijal family 7pm: St. John Brebeuf School Spring Concert
Friday, May 8	<b>Easter Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Donald Mathewson
Saturday, May 9	<b>Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter</b> 5pm: +Ed McKinley
Sunday, May 10	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 11:30am: +Richard Nash

**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:**

**Friendship Celebration:**

Saturday, May 23, 9:30am-1pm

**Sacrament of First Eucharist:**

Saturday, May 23, 5pm and Sunday, May 24, 10am

**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 from 10:30-11:30am.

**Information Session on the Law Regarding Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada:**

On **Monday, May 11, 7pm-8:30pm**, St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall, Professor Mary J. Shariff, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, will explain the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision regarding Physician Assisted Death and the way in which Canada compares to other countries that have passed similar laws and possible legal implications for Canadians. The talk will be followed by a question and answer session. All are invited to attend.

In support of Respect for Life & Family week, we are collecting baby items for **Pregnancy & Family Support Services.**



Most needed items include:

- + **Diapers (especially Newborn and Size 1)**
- + **Bibs & Face Cloths**
- + **3 & 6 month Sleepers and Onesies**
- + **Yarn for the Layette Program**

Please drop off your donations in the playpen at the main church entrance. If you can donate your time knitting for the centre, please call (204) 772-9091.

**Summer Mass Schedule: Mark your calendar!**  
A reminder that **our summer Mass schedule begins Sunday, May 17:**



**Masses on the Lord's Day:**

Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 10am

**Weekday Masses:** Tues. to Fri. 9:15am

**Respect for Life & Family Week: May 17-24, 2014**

This week has been set aside as a time to reflect on the value of human life. In our society which now tolerates abortion without qualification, the need for a continuing strong voice on behalf of babies in the womb is more important than ever. At the same time, years of killing pre-born babies has set the stage for the next assault on human life— euthanasia. Today you will find Respect Life Week offering envelopes. Your donation will help pro-life education.

**From the Archdiocese:**



On Sunday, May 3, those who cannot attend the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Centennial Mass at the MTS Centre are invited to watch the live stream broadcast of this event on Salt and Light Television. The Mass will later be available for viewing on the Archdiocese website, [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca).

**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., 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, Amparo Pagtakhan, Peter, Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, Kevin Sharer, 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. Permission is required to publish/remove names.*



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](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca)

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