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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
Andie Kim, Finance 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 **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 7/8, 2016: Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 8	Ascension of the Lord <i>(Pope's Pastoral Works Collection)</i> 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 11:30am: +Cornelio Parado
Monday, May 9	Easter Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, May 10	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Richard Nash 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass
Wednesday May 11	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Rosina & Pasquale Mandarino 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, May 12	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Larry Beeston 10:15am: Boulton Bay Mass
Friday, May 13	Easter Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Gerald Nesbitt Ross
Saturday, May 14	Vigil: Solemnity of Pentecost <i>(Mass with Baptism)</i> 5pm: +Ed McKinley
Sunday, May 15	Solemnity of Pentecost 9:30am: <i>(Mass with Baptism)</i> Intentions of Norman & Tricia Barnabe 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo 12:30pm: Confirmation Rehearsal

We welcome into the family of God and the Community of Saint John Brebeuf
Harrison Roy Patching-Gill
who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism
May 1, 2016 and



May God bless you and your families!

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist:
Friendship Celebration & Rehearsal:
Saturday, May 28, 9:30am-1pm

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist:
Saturday, May 28, 5pm and Sunday, May 29, 10am

Sacrament of Confirmation:
Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors,
Sunday, May 15, 12:30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Thursday, June 2, 7pm**
Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Presider

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Share the Word is a Children's Liturgy of the Word program that runs during 9:30am Mass for children ages 3-5. If you like crafts, stories, and prayer, then you might have what it takes to help lead this program! Contact Tom in the Parish Office if you would like to learn more.

Life's Vision: Respect Life Week, May 8-15, 2016:

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. A Respect Life Week offering envelope is enclosed. Your donation will support pro-life education.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:
Regular Offertory April 30/May 1, 2016: \$5,043.60

Least Coin Collection:

Each weekend, a second collection of pocket change will be taken immediately following the offertory. These funds will be used for our ongoing ministry of charity, beginning with support of refugees.

April 30/May 1, 2016: \$596.50

Total collected to date: \$27,383.22

Summer Mass Schedule: Mark your calendar!

A reminder that **our summer Mass schedule begins Sunday, May 22:**



Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 10am

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

From Fr. Mark:

A sincere thank you to St. John Brebeuf Ladies Bridge Club who hosted their annual Bridge Tournament a few weeks ago. Not only did they have many people playing bridge, but they also had a lunch with the cutest little sandwiches and dainties. They focused their fundraising on our "Refugee Ministry," and presented a cheque for \$2500. What an incredible sign of community and act of Mercy! May God bless them for their commitment, work and love for all God's children.
~Fr. Mark

Rest in Peace:

+Laura Ann Blakley-Brouwer
(Daughter of Joan & Brian Blakley)



During the month of May, you're invited into the Courtyard to say a prayer before the shrine of the Blessed Mother. Hail Mary, full of Grace...



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, Stephanie Blair, David Bruneau, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Carol Kruse, Paul L., Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, M.M., Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Peter, George Reznik, Adeline Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Joan Vadas, Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods

If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community, please contact the Parish Office.

May 7/8, 2016: Ascension of the Lord

“Coming Home”:

The ascension of Jesus into heaven is the event of his going back home to heaven. We would appreciate it more if we knew what heaven was like. Alas, the biblical descriptions of streets of gold and gates of pearl do not add much to our knowledge. Nor are we intrigued when the Book of Revelation gives us the physical dimensions of heaven: half the size of America and 1,000 feet high.

So, as is always the case with unknowable mysteries, we are forced to imagine them in terms of our own familiar experiences. Since Saint Augustine talks about the “holiday of heaven,” let’s recall one of our own experiences of coming home. Let’s say, from a European vacation.

You were getting bored with the routine of middle-class American life. Enough of McBurgers and McFries and McShakes. Let’s have some authentic French cuisine. Be done with cookie-cutter motels — let’s stay in some ancient English castle.

A visit to Europe opened your eyes. Nothing helps you appreciate the comfort of an American car than being crunched in a foreign mini-car. Surviving a Rome rush hour makes you long for American driving rules. You haven’t been really scared until you have been stuck between floors in a creaky Greek elevator at 3:00 in the morning. When is the next plane home?

So might Jesus have mused in happy heaven. Not much happening here — same old, same old divine bliss every day. Why not try roughing it in the hinterlands of creation? Humans were made in his own image, so it would be interesting to see how well they lived up to their model.

Earth living taught Jesus that it’s tougher than it looks from afar; that doing good is hard; that critical decisions raise anxiety; that love is not always reciprocated; that the prospect of death relativizes all things; that other people can be a living hell. It’s high time to hie himself back to the simple joys of heaven!

But Jesus did not come to earth as a tourist to see how things were on earth. No, he came as a Fixer to change how things were on earth. Since he knew the violent history of humankind, he knew that it would be a battle.

Many a young American went off with similar dreams of fighting for his country, defeating the enemy and making the world safe for the latest political slogan. But the farther they got from home, the less romantic it all seemed. The monotonous routine of military life, the fierce discipline and irrational rules, the antagonisms of different backgrounds.

Jesus also underestimated the challenge of doing battle. He was surprised at how many opponents rose to the surface, and how vehement and violent they were in pursuing their own agendas. He expected rough treatment from the occupying army, but he was surprised to run into evil in the most unlikely places: his family, his village, his religious leaders — even his closest friends.

But then, as tough as the battle had been, it was only a small part of a life that goes on forever. Although he personally left the battle zone, he also left outposts of his Father’s kingdom all over the world. He had defeated the enemy at its home base; all that was left was the mopping-up exercise, which his church would complete.

Each one of us recapitulates the life of Jesus in our own way. Paul tells us that we have a dual citizenship in heaven and earth. We try to make a home here, but we know that we are tourists. So, even as we fight death to the last breath, we secretly long for our real home, which is much larger than America, and stretches way past 1,000 miles.

~Fr. James Smith. Reprinted with permission, Celebrations Publications

Working against suicide:

The Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-14, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying)*. This proposed legislation, which responds to the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in early 2015, will make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal and more accessible in our entire country. The Supreme Court decision and current legislative efforts are in stark contradiction to the endeavours of individuals, families and communities to counteract the dangers and sufferings of suicide. To express your concerns about the legislation, visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>.

The responsibility to protect one another’s life:

The teaching of the Catholic Church and the stance of the Catholic Bishops of Canada affirm the sacredness and dignity of human life. Suicide and euthanasia are contrary to the most profound natural inclination of each human being to live and preserve life. Furthermore, they contradict the fundamental responsibility that human beings have to protect one another and to enhance the quality of health and social care which every human life deserves, from conception to natural death. To learn more about physician-assisted suicide, visit <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/4463-campaigns-against-physician-assisted-suicide>.

Many Thanks from Our Place/Chez Nous:

The Seeds Of Friendship Concert in the Church on Sunday evening, April 24, raised about \$7200 for Our Place/Chez Nous Drop-In Centre. Many people contributed to this miraculous outcome: Father Mark for your vigorous support on many levels; several very generous anonymous donors; the Catholic Women’s League for a splendid reception; the Knights of Columbus for ushers; and all of you who sold and/or bought tickets, came to the Concert, and received the music-making of the O. Koshetz and Joie de Vivre Choirs with such great joy and grace.



Blessings!

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