



## SAINT JOHN BREBEUF ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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**St. John Brebeuf, 1593-1649**

#### 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 11:05am

#### **PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Father Wayne Morrissey, Pastor ext 213  
Deacon Michael Thibert  
Claudia Moreta, Pastoral Assistant ext 217  
Debbie Dusanek, Administrative Coordinator ext 210  
Eddie Melo, Building Operations ext 220

#### **Parish Office Hours**

**Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm**  
**Closed for Lunch 12:00pm to 12:30pm**

*Please note that office hours are subject to change*

*At this time we ask that all non-essential conversations with parish office staff be conducted by phone or email.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:30pm or by appointment.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** At home or in the hospital. Please call the Parish Office.

**Baptism of Infants:** 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 Wayne (ext 213) at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

**Catholic Women's League:** Information will be shared through emails and calls.

**Knights of Columbus Council 1107:** Meetings will be held virtually at 7:30pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month until further notice.

## November 28/29, 2020: 1st Sunday of Advent

Although public services are cancelled until further notice, Fr Wayne will continue to celebrate Masses privately, praying for the following intentions, and for the health and safety of all St. John Brebeuf parishioners.

Saturday, Nov. 28	<b>Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent</b> 5pm: For the People
Sunday, Nov. 29	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 10am: +Jack Yablonski
Monday, Nov. 30	<b>Feast: St. Andrew, Apostle</b> No Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 1	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 9:15am: +Joseph Stephens
Wed., Dec. 2	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 9:15am: +Jim Rodrigues
Thursday, Dec. 3	<b>Memorial: St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b> 9:15am: +All Souls
Friday, Dec. 4	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 9:15am: +Wladimir Petriuk
Saturday, Dec. 5	<b>Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 5pm: +Rita Scollin
Sunday, Dec. 6	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 10am: For the People

### Sharing Your Gifts:

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have donated to the parish during the pandemic. As the costs of running the parish continue during this challenging time, we ask that you consider sharing your gifts through one of our convenient **pre-authorized giving options**. Your offering will be deducted from your bank account or credit card once per month. Forms and further information are available at [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca). Envelope holders can consider mailing their offerings to the parish office.

### From Archbishop Gagnon:

We are all aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue. In light of this: **the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to the faithful through January 1, 2021.** Obviously this could change depending on circumstances.



**Baptism:** Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? For further information, please contact Claudia at (204) 488-4467 (Ext. 217).

### 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., Marcel Belanger, Marie M., Gisèle Bertalanffy, Stephanie Blair, John Derrick,  
Kathleen Foster, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, J.D., Sr. Cathy Laviolette, René Lachance,  
Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Romulo Magsino, Elton Malacaman, Trisha Magnus,  
William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Tiago Miranda, Marge Slugoski, Evie Tanner, Brenda T., Henk Vis

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

### Updated COVID-19 Public Gathering Restrictions as of November 12, 2020 (Code Red):

As of 12:01am Thursday, November 12, 2020, all churches, chapels and mission places of worship are to suspend all public services for a period of at least four (4) weeks or until further notice.

Therefore, **all public services at St. John Brebeuf Parish are cancelled until further notice.**

The celebration of funeral Masses is permitted within the provincial restriction of five (5) people in attendance.

Live streaming of Sunday Masses (11am) is available at [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca), where you will also find other valuable resources such as the Archbishop's weekly Friday report, and the latest edition of the online "On the Way" magazine.

**Also effective Thursday, November 12, the Parish Office will be closed.**

Phone messages and emails will be returned as soon as possible: 204-488-4467

[parishoffice@sjbcommunity.ca](mailto:parishoffice@sjbcommunity.ca)

Updates will be posted on the parish website:

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

If the parish does not have your current email address, mailing address and phone number on file, we ask that you email us so that we may update our records.

### Development and Peace:

As our parish Development and Peace collection has once again been delayed due to church closure, those wishing to donate can do so directly through Development and Peace: [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)



### Our Place/Chez Nous:

Our Place/Chez Nous is re-opening for the sorting and distribution of clothing, especially warm clothing, now that winter is coming: Parkas, Boots, Toques, Mitts, etc. We appreciate your ongoing support of our work with our friends on the street, and welcome any clothing donations you are able to give us. For pick-up and/or delivery, please contact Larry at 204-474-1247 or John at 204-488-4076.



### St. John Brebeuf School:

Kindergarten applications are now being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information, please call 204-489-2115, email [schooloffice@sjbschool.ca](mailto:schooloffice@sjbschool.ca), or visit [www.sjbschool.ca](http://www.sjbschool.ca)



## November 28/29, 2020: 1st Sunday of Advent

### **Children's Faith Formation 2020-2021 (Online Format):**

Online classes began Sunday, October 18 and will continue as per the schedule (available at [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca)). Please note that:

- Grades 4 to 6 start time will change to **Noon to 12:30pm** to accommodate families with more than one child.
- The scheduled class time for the other grades remains at **11:30am to Noon**.

**Registrations are still being accepted for the 2020-2021 year** at <http://www.sjbcommunity.ca/faith-formation/>

Registered students will receive a Pflaum booklet and will be working with online resources, crafts and fun activities at home. A catechist will contact you to provide an online link for the classes.

### **1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist:**

Parents of children in grade 2 who have not registered are asked to register online at [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca) as soon as possible for the Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist. This year, parent meetings will be held online, and books will be provided by the parish. Candidates will be asked to sign up for a one-on-one 1st Reconciliation with Fr Wayne on one of three Saturday's during Lent. There will be in-person rehearsal and the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist will take place in the spring. Please watch the parish bulletin and website for a list of important dates, available soon.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Parents of children in Grade 8 (and those in higher grades who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation) are asked to register online at [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca) for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held online this year, with books provided by the parish. There will be in-person rehearsal and Confirmation Mass next spring. A list of important dates is available on the parish website.

For further information, please leave a message for Claudia Moreta, Pastoral Assistant at 204-488-4467 (Ext. 217)

**On the Pandemic Crisis** - Many will find what I am about to say harsh and frightening, but now is the time. We in the Province of Manitoba have reached the critical phase of this pandemic. It affects all of us. It is no longer just a question of how many COVID cases there will be but, more importantly, how many cases there are already. We have let ourselves become less disciplined. It was easy to say, "let's meet up with friends", or, "just this once," run into the store without a mask. Maybe we looked the other way if there was not quite six feet between people. We became COVID fatigued.

We let ourselves be overwhelmed by what we thought we were losing, perhaps our connection with people and the conveniences in our lives. It became about **me** and what would make me feel better. But we know that is not the purpose of a Christian life. We are to love God and to love our neighbours. It is not about me. I see the protests against the restrictions placed on us in this time, people revolting against wearing a mask, social distancing, and staying at home. They say that it is their right to exercise the freedom to choose how to live their own lives. They suggest that those who follow the restrictions are just buying into fear propagated by the media and the government over something that is not real. Yes, we have rights but with rights comes responsibilities.

I could remind you of the Catholic Social Teachings which tell us that we live for the other. However, let's deal in facts. In the last week, there have been at least 1000 reported COVID cases. Of that we can expect 1% to 2% will be hospitalized. In the press briefing of November 15, 2020, it was reported that there are at least 3 hospitalizations per day from COVID. With recently expanded ICU beds there are 99 beds available and at least 92 are in use now. If you do the math it means that ICU beds will run out very shortly. Then what happens? Most of these acute care beds are in Winnipeg, so this affects those who get ill in other parts of the province and are usually transported to Winnipeg.

Here is what the government does not want to scare you with. When hospital beds run out, or life-saving equipment is all in use, and when there are not enough doctors, nurses and other health professionals to meet the need, people die. They die from COVID and they die from other non-COVID causes. A person has a heart attack. The ambulance comes but no hospital can accept the patient because there is no bed, no equipment, and no healthcare professional to look after them. They die. A frail elderly person becomes ill, either with COVID or some other cause, they die. Or if there is a very limited number of beds etc. to determine whether a person gets lifesaving care in a hospital the questions become how many years do they have to live, what is their quality of life, is there someone more "worthy" of the care. Who even decides who lives and dies and what criteria do they use? Have we even bothered to ask or have input into the life-saving decisions? People die who do not meet the criteria. They may not even be transported to the hospital but left at home.

We have been blessed with a health care system that has been available to all and so it is hard to contemplate that the doors could be closed to us. It is time to wake up. Even at this time, we have been given a lifeboat. **Stay home. Only have your immediate family at home. If you must go out, go for essentials only. Wear a mask, wash your hands and keep your distance.** This is not too much to ask and it will likely save your neighbour's life and maybe even your own. If we can do this there is light. We will be able to meet again, attend church services, and many other things. When we look back at this time, let us do it with pride that we did what we could to allow others to live. Proud because we lived out our Catholic Social Teachings, and we acted in such a way that we protected the human dignity of all, we acted in solidarity and we acted for the common good. We acted in LOVE.

**~Patti Fitzmaurice, Social Justice Coordinator, Archdiocese of Winnipeg: [pfitzmaurice@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:pfitzmaurice@archwinnipeg.ca)**



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