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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

Kim Graeili, Financial 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.

*"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).

November 29/30, 2014: First Sunday of Advent

First Sunday of Advent Year B: *Isaiah 63:16-16; 64:1,3-8; Psalm 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37*

Advent couldn't be over fast enough when we were kids. The gradual lighting of the wreath was a torturous reminder of the seemingly interminable wait for the sheer bliss of Christmas. We measured the days by calendar chocolates and how-many-sleeps-left. We knew exactly how far Dec. 25 was from today. Given the means, we would have gladly jumped ahead, skipping over the month like it was daylight savings. All that potential energy smouldered away as slowly as the candles firmly affixed in their motionless wheel of a wreath.

How different is the waiting now, where the days seem to pile onto one another, faster and faster down the assembly line, whether we're ready to contend with each one or not. The once-steady advent wreath seems to have been swapped for a spinning top—a trade that slipped by us unnoticed even as we live out its effects every day. "Time passes like water through a sieve." We might wish for a jar instead, to bottle up the moments so they could be labeled and sealed with a lid. Time is a hungry beast that eats its children, each moment consumes the one before it, even as it chases after the next. Dare we expect to find God in this mess?

Jesus indicates that there is a season, a decisive time set aside, which we must catch. His command is to watch, to stay awake. Oh, but the time passes so slowly then when we watch. Better to stay busy; better to work away the days and sleep away the nights. God doesn't keep banker hours; the master could show up later, at midnight, or sooner, at daybreak. So, do we add Jesus' warning to the Christmas list? Do the shopping, trim the tree, polish the silver, watch out for God... something seems off about this.

God carves out a time for us to pour his spirit into our hearts. "We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." God fashions us into containers for his Spirit to once again be born into the world—a busy place with too many distractions and too little time. We long for God to act in a way that would make the mountains tremble, that would slow down the relentless march of time. Into this oppressive stream of passing moments, a fragile vessel becomes our hope. Amid the flooding waters we cling to the cross, "that paltry piece of wood" like it were Noah's ark itself, and God once more makes a dwelling place on earth.

~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 2014, St. John Brebeuf parishioners have purchased **\$9,257.40** in gift cards toward the purchase of much needed baby formula.



Keep Christ in Christmas Calendars:

During Advent, the Knights will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas Calendars featuring the artwork from the 2013 Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest. Watch for details.

2014 Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest:

Children are invited to submit a hand drawn picture (up to 8 1/2" x 14") or collage to the Parish Office by the end of December. Contest open to children K-7 and up. Prizes in each age category. Details: www.kofcwinnipeg.org

Breakfast with Santa: Children of our parish and school are invited to the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, December 14 following 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Free Will Offering.

Our Place/Chez Nous:

Our Place/Chez Nous is a drop-in centre on the corner of Higgins and Main that provides free snacks, clothing and showers, and a place to rest three mornings per week for our city's less fortunate. With winter weather upon us, the Centre's most needed items include:



- **Backpacks, long johns, underwear & socks**
- **Dark coloured toques, mitts and gloves**
- **Shampoo, deodorant, razors, combs, brushes**
- **Toothbrushes & toothpaste**

Please leave donations in the bins at the main church entrance.

Spare Change (and bills) for the Poor:

During Advent, we will once again collect change and bills for Our Place/Chez Nous. Donation Jar will be located at the main church entrance.

CWL:

During Advent, the CWL are once again selling Mary's Angels for \$5 each, in support of the Marian Hour Centre, and gourmet fruitcakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition Canada: \$13, Deluxe 1 lb. size, \$16 for the Loaf Cake, and \$25 for a round cake in a decorative tin.



Members are also reminded about the CWL Christmas luncheon, December 7 following 11:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Free Will Offering. Please contact Janice at 204-489-0335 to pre-register.



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

November 29/20, 2014: First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Nov. 30	1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am: +Michael & Bernice Chomyn 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: Missa Pro Populo 12:30pm: Confirmation Session
Monday, Dec. 1	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Dec. 2	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Robert Cranston 7pm: Diocesan Development & Peace Mtg.
Wednesday Dec. 3	Memorial: St. Francis Xavier, Priest 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Margaret O'Connor
Thursday, Dec. 4	Weekday Ferial 7:30am: Parish Finance Council Meeting 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Intentions of Henry Desorcy 7:30pm: Solemn Vespers for the Opening of Centennial Year, St. Mary's Cathedral
Friday, Dec. 5	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +George Dumontet
Saturday, Dec. 6	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Dec. 7	2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am: +John Fulop 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Emilie Toews 12:30pm: C.W.L. Christmas Luncheon

Advent Reconciliation:

This year, Advent Reconciliation will be offered **Saturday mornings, 10am to Noon** in the church on the following dates: December 6, 13 and 20

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.

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 at 204-488-4467 ext. 217. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

Operation: Supporting My Parish:

Living with Christ features the readings for every day of the week.

For each new subscription to Living With Christ, Novalis will donate \$10 to our parish. We will, in turn, donate the money to support the important work of Our Place/Chez Nous. Fill out the subscription form in today's bulletin and return, with payment, to the Parish Office before December 31 (drop off, mail or via offertory basket).



Christmas Plants:

Each Christmas season, our parish purchases many poinsettias to decorate our worship space. Parishioners can purchase plants in gratitude for their loved ones, living and deceased, for only \$10 each from the Parish Office. All purchased plants will be marked with a gift tag honouring your loved one. Call 204-488-4467, (Ext. 210) for more information.



St. John Brebeuf School presents:

The Only Christmas Pageant in Town
December 17th: 1:30pm and

December 18th, 7pm, St. John Brebeuf Church
All are invited to come and celebrate Christ's birth!



Sunday Missals: The 2014-2015 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are now available for your reference in the pews.



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:
November 22/23, 2014: \$4,112

Did you know that you can share your gifts through the convenience of pre-authorized credit card, debit or cheques? For more information, call 204-488-4467.

Sharing God's Gifts: Our Target: \$81,730
Current Pledges & Donations: \$36,700

Donation envelopes available at church entrances.



From the Archdiocese

Solemn Vespers for the Opening of the Centennial Year:

The Centennial Year for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg will open Thursday, December 4 with Solemn Vespers 7:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral with Archbishop Richard Gagnon presiding. All are invited to come and celebrate this important event in the life of our local Church.



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, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Matt Jones, 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, Georgia Poirier, Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, 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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