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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

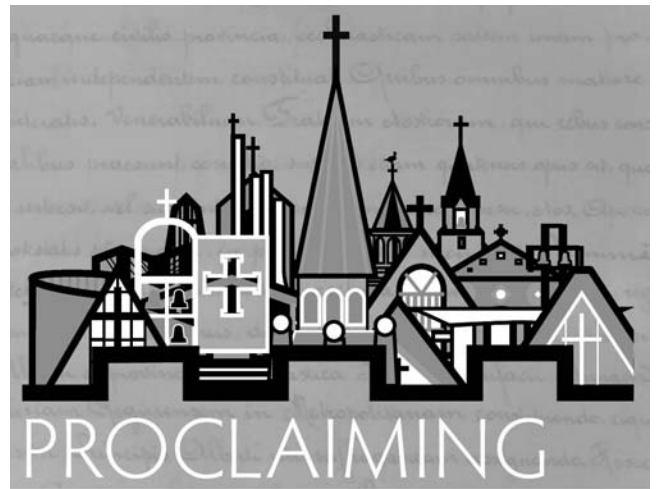
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#### **Parish Office Hours**

**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.*



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**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).

## September 12/13, 2015: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Sept. 13	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 10am: Missa Pro Populo 11am: Catechist Meeting (St. Marie Rm.) 11am: C.W.L. Meeting (Parish Hall)
Monday, Sept. 14	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> No Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 15	<b>Feast: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Alice Cadieux
Wednesday, Sept. 16	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Mary & Bill Adair 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 10am: Serra Club Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 17	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Grace Donald
Friday, Sept. 18	<b>Weekday Ferial</b> 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Shelagh Willcock
Saturday, Sept. 19	<b>Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Sept. 20	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <u>9:30am:</u> +Peggy Ashcroft 10:30: RCIA (Parish Residence) 10:35am: Children's Catechism (School) <u>11:30am:</u> +Cornelio Parado 12:30pm: Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting (Parish Hall)

### Regular Mass schedule (September 20):

Our regular Mass Schedule resumes next weekend:  
**Saturday: 5pm**  
**Sunday: 9:30am & 11:30am**

**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.

**Faith Formation:** Please register online for the 2015/2016 children's Faith Formation Programs, resuming Sept. 20 at St. John Brebeuf: Share the Word (Ages 3-5), Catechism School (K to 8), First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Gr. 2), and Confirmation (Gr. 9). Please visit [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca).

**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 will be held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

### 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: **\$5730**



### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Identity and Mission

The Federal election is still more than a month away. Yet the contenders to take their spot in the House of Commons have been working hard for a long time. They have been trying to get the voters to know who they are and what they stand for. Every potential candidate wants voters to be able to answer an important question: "Who do you say that I am?" They know that if we don't know who a candidate is, we aren't going to vote for her or him.

In our Gospel today, Jesus asks his disciples that same question: "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus is not asking this because he is in any kind of popularity contest or seeking their votes. He is asking this question to see if his closest followers have come to an understanding of who he is and what he is about. Jesus' days are numbered, and he wants to ensure that he and those who will carry on for him after he is gone are on the same page.

The disciples' responses to Jesus' question indicate that they are not really sure of who Jesus is. Peter alone comes up with a reply that identifies Jesus: "You are the Christ." In that response, Peter is saying that he understands — at least in some beginning way — that Jesus can be identified as the Messiah. The messiah was the "anointed one." For observant Jews, the messiah was expected to be a liberator who would gather in the Jewish exiles, restore the line of King David, bring an end to wickedness, sin and heresy, reward the righteous and rebuild Jerusalem. These are likely the elements that Peter and others had in mind when they identified Jesus as the Messiah.

Immediately Jesus warned Peter and the rest "not to tell anyone about him." That seems strange. But it is understandable. Jesus did not want people to misinterpret him and his role. Some would want to carry him off as king. Jesus immediately, in the very next breath, seized the moment to clarify his mission among them. "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly... and be rejected ... and be killed, and rise after three days."

By referring to himself as the Son of Man, which he repeatedly did, Jesus identified with humankind and affirmed his own human nature. Now, in this context of Peter's response that Jesus is the Christ, Jesus gives a corrective and a reality-check. Jesus may indeed be the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah, but he will bear the limitations and sufferings of the people from whom he comes and for whom he has been sent. This is abhorrent to Peter. He pulls Jesus aside and reprimands him. Jesus quickly grabs the attention of all the disciples and says directly to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan." That'll stop you in your tracks. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." God has a different plan for the messiah. Not a path of status and privilege, but a life of daily toil and suffering.

To top it all off, Jesus then summons the crowd along with the disciples. He says to all, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." "Who do you say that I am now?" Christ asks us. Our response must be "You are the Christ, who is also one of us. You suffer and die with us as you transform us and redeem us."

Baptism unites us with Christ and his mission. Through faith we are identified with Christ, who saves us. Through our actions, we follow Christ by meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers, as we read in the Letter of James today.

~Deacon Ross Beaudoin (used with permission)



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Louder than words

What the Letter of James lacks in length, it makes up for in content. At only five chapters long, the Letter, presumed to have been written by James the Just, an early leader of the church in Jerusalem and martyr, is one of the earliest guides to the moral aspects of discipleship. In no uncertain terms, it declares that faith is something to be lived out. Christian witness is embodied in behavior. Just as God is generous, so should we be. No one is perfect, but James reminds us to keep trying. Love your neighbors, give your all, and let your works speak louder than words.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131)*. "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### Lift high the cross

The cross of Christ is represented in every way imaginable. It's wooden, iron, bejeweled, or composed of stained glass. Burdened with the weight of an anguished Lord or abandoned by the Risen One. Mounted by the Great High Priest or enthroning the King of the Universe. Bearing a dying man writhing with the pain of the world's sin. Or soberly displaying a still and silent corpse. In all of its aspects, we raise that precious cross as a sign of God's deep love for our world. Meditate before the cross today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638)*. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### In our hour of need

Mary has been held up as a model of courage since the earliest centuries. Saint Ambrose in the fourth century sees Mary as a powerful witness at the foot of the cross, refusing to abandon her son even when most of his disciples fled. Imagine the pain of seeing your own child brutally executed. At so many moments in her life Mary displayed this remarkable courage—only the deepest faith could have sustained her. When you face your most difficult moments, think of Mary, recall her courage in the face of sorrow, and call upon that same faith to see you through.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 3:1-13 (444); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639)*. "Behold, your mother."

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

FEAST OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

### Be a bridge over troubled waters

The third-century life of Saint Cyprian, the bishop of Carthage, might have given rise to the comedy tag line: "It's always something," but his troubles and those of the church were anything but funny. If it wasn't a heresy, it was bitter controversy over whether someone who had renounced the faith might be reconciled with the church; or it was exile, or the plague, or schism. Cyprian's response was always generosity. During a terrible plague, for example, he himself cared for the sick and buried the dead—Christians and non-Christians alike—exemplifying his own words: "Love is the foundation of all the virtues." How can love calm the troubles of your own life today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 (445)*. "Wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

FEAST OF ROBERT BELLARMINI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Let it go to your heart instead of your head

As a respected scholar and church historian, Jesuit Robert Bellarmine was made a cardinal and given apartments in the Vatican in the late 1500s in honor of his great learning. He didn't let it go to his head. Instead, like another Jesuit who currently occupies the chair of Peter, Bellarmine lived a simple life and focused on the needs of the poor. He is said to have used the elaborate hangings that draped his walls to clothe poor people in winter, remarking "the walls won't catch cold." Look around your home today for something you *don't need* that could help someone *in need*.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446)*. "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

### Watch where you look

We are too often bombarded by digital images, violent and sexual, that we'd rather not, or perhaps shouldn't, see. Because when you look upon something, you can't later "unsee" it. You might forget it, but it affects you, maybe tempts you, maybe desensitizes you. So exercise what's called, in the Catholic tradition, "custody of the eyes"—that is, be careful what you choose to look at, think about your intention when you choose to look at things, and avoid letting your gaze linger where it could do you harm.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447)*. "Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called."

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

FEAST OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

### Faith with all the toppings

Italians refer to Januarius as San Gennaro, and in his patron city of Naples, as well as in a number of Italian-American communities, today will be celebrated with that quintessential food from Naples—pizza! Though the details about the life and martyrdom of our fourth-century saint are sketchy, we can take the opportunity to honor all who died for their faith by sharing a meal with those who nurtured our faith. Today is Saturday, a great day to gather the folks, order (or make!) a pizza, and share some stories of faith as you break bread together.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448)*. "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

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