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PARISH CONTACTS

Finance Council: Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith
Parish Pastoral Council: Johnston Smith
School Board: Mariella Di Santo & John Osler
Ministers of the Word: Leann Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist: Joe Brekelmans
Altar Servers: Keith Mathewson
Catechism: Parish Office
Spiritual Journeying: Margaret Kingdon

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE (May 19/20 to Sept. 29/30*)

Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

**Dates and Times subject to changes. Regular schedule resumes Oct. 6.*

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

(Sundays, October to May)

Grades 1-6: Weekly 10:40am in the school
Grades 7-8: Bi-weekly 10:40am in the school

SHARE THE WORD

(Sundays, October to May)

Ages 3-6: Bi-Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor ext 213
Deacon Joseph McLellan
Laura Carreiro, Principal ext 242
Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate ext 217
Genevieve Makinson, Financial Administrator ext 211
Eddie Melo, Building Operations ext 220
Debbie Dusanek, Parish Admin. Assistant ext 210
Deb Bernier, School Admin. Assistant ext 241

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, 4:15 to 4:45pm (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 2:00pm on the third Sunday of the month (September to June).

Knights of Columbus Council 1107: Meets at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (September to June).

Grand Knight - Mike Garlinski 255-5195

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Indestructible Identity



When Jesus asks, “Who do people say I am?” we hear this in the modern sense of a search for identity. But that is to misread scripture, because in those days, there was no personal identity as we conceive of it. In those days, everyone was simply who other people said they were.

That is why Jesus was called Elijah or a prophet or the Baptist or the child of Mary or the son of a carpenter or of David’s tribe. Even Jesus called himself not Jesus, but “the Son of Man,” that is, “the human one.” A generic name for the most unique person in history!

It took centuries of human experience for individuals to move outside the herd and become persons in their own right. It took generations for individuals to think of themselves as distinct from their ancestors and families. It was less than 500 years ago that people began to think they had the right to build separate lives of their own.

That experience was such a heady feeling that it spread like wildfire. Everyone was convinced they were someone important. This led people to make themselves as different as possible.

If we do not get our identity from the herd, then we have to create it from scratch. We have to build an identity from the ground up. And that is a very difficult, long process. Most of us are too impatient to do it correctly, so we cheat by becoming an instant, artificial self.

One way to create a quick self is by way of negative identity. We look around and see people who are not like us, people we don’t like and don’t want to be like. Our identity is to be “not them.”

The problem with that identity is that it demonizes a large part of humanity and excludes them from our experience. It thus severely limits the extent of our own humanity. It also makes us brittle.

Another speedy access to a personality is by way of group identity. This is like a regression to the herd, but it can be a more personal choice. I become someone by choosing to be a Catholic, a Muslim, a barber, a fan. There is a sense of power in this personality, since it is fueled by mass consciousness. But it is vulnerable to the mistakes of the group. What if my country is unjust, my church is mistaken, my scout leader absconds with the funds? My identity is shaken.

The most modern approach to a personal self is the fluid identity. This is actually a non-identity, since it believes that there is not permanent self at all — there is just a constant response to different situations. Just as H₂O can be liquid, solid or gas depending on the temperature, so the supposed self is a shifting reception center for various impulses.

Fortunately, there is another option for identity. Philosophically, we can see our self as a stable substance with differing incidentals. Just as a tree remains the same tree over the years through growth and fire and trimming and rot, so we remain the same person through years of change and age and experience. We are a unique person in progress.

Psychologically, this happens through memory. Not only does memory connect our past self to our present self, but we can actually improve our self by selectively remembering certain things. This is why loss of memory is so tragic: we seem to lose our self.

But the real self withstands even our physical failure. Because the core of our self is being a child of God. That is our indestructible identity. Fr. James Smith Reprinted with permission from Celebration

Christian Outreach: Winnipeg Harvest has issued an urgent plea for food donations. Most needed items include: **canned fish and poultry, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, rice, pasta and cereal.** Winnipeg Harvest feeds 55,000 Manitobans each month. Half of those receiving food are children. Donations are accepted at the main church entrance.



Tools for School (FINAL WEEK!): Tools for School is Winnipeg Harvest’s annual School Supply Drive, established to help ensure that Winnipeg school children receive the educational supplies they need to achieve success in the classroom. Most needed items include: **Pencils, Pens, Notebooks/Exercise Books/Scribblers, Crayons, Pencil Crayons, Scissors, Erasers, Non-Toxic Markers and Highlighters, Geometry Sets, Ruled Loose-leaf Paper/Lined Paper, Rulers, Calculators, Glue Sticks, Binders, Duo-tangs, Pencil Cases, Backpacks.** Donations accepted at the main church entrance. For more information, visit: <http://winnipeg Harvest.org/tools-for-school>

Knights of Columbus #1107: Purchase Sobeys Gift Cards, (\$25, \$50 or \$10) after weekend Masses. Cash, cheque, debit, Visa and MC accepted. Redeemable at **Sobeys, IGA and Price Choppers.** Help the Knights to help our church, school and community, or indicate that you would like to donate your gift card to **Winnipeg Harvest** and they will issue you a tax receipt.



CWL Fall Meeting & Workshop:

All Catholic women aged 18+ are invited to the CWL Winnipeg Diocesan Council’s Fall Meeting & Workshop, **Saturday, Sept. 29,** St. John Brebeuf Parish. Come and **Catch the Fire of Enthusiasm** as we learn about the Spiritual Dimension of the CWL. Registration begins at 9am. All attending must pre-register. Please call Georgina at 204-488-2463.



SEPTEMBER 15/16, 2012: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Sept. 15	Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Sept. 16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Tillie Schneider
Monday, Sept. 17	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Sept. 18	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Barbara Allary
Wed., Sept. 19	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Annie Talaga 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass 7pm: Rosary Group 7:30pm: Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, Sept. 20	Memorial: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, Paul Chõng Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs 9:15am: +Alex Hoff
Friday, Sept. 21	Feast: St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Paul Babin
Saturday, Sept. 22	Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Sept. 23	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Evarist Roy
Monday, Sept. 24	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? We are returning to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. Our Baptism Weekend will be September 29/30. For information, please contact Tom Bailey-Robertson at 488-4467 (Ext. 217) or tombr@sjbcommunity.ca


St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:
Sept 8/9: \$3147.85

Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed, (James 5:15)

Gisèle Bertalanffy, Erlinda Blanco, Helen Borody, Frank Cielen, Allison Filmon Carvey, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, Marvin Lavitt, Stella Ledger, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Jim Mahon, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, Catherine McLeod, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Armand Poirier, Louise Soubry, Jack Tarnava, Tom Stefanson, Julia Van De Spiegle, 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.

 **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

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: **\$66,520**

Current Pledges & Donations: **\$39,083**

Thank you for your support.



Registration for Sunday School and Sacramental Preparation:

Registration is underway for the 2012-2013 children's faith formation programs: catechism classes (Grades 1-8), First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grade 2), Confirmation (Grade 9), and Share the Word (Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-5). Pick up your registration form at the church entrance, or visit the Faith Formation section of the parish website www.sjbcommunity.ca. Parents are invited to our first session on Sept. 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the school gym.

Communion for the Homebound:

When we come together to pray at our eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayer, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite them with us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the parish office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament. Copyright © 2008 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

The 2012 Feast of St. John Brebeuf Fall Pasta Supper

Celebrating Fr. Mark's 20th Year of Priesthood
Prepared by Resto Gare



Sunday, October 14, 5:00 pm

St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall

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