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PARISH CONTACTS

Finance Council: Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith
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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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Virtue of Humility



Love is the crowning virtue, but spiritual writers agree that humility is the foundational virtue. There's a reason for that: Most early Christian writers were monks who could live more in peace if they competed to be the most humble instead of the most successful. And humility is much easier to practice in a monastery among like-minded people than in the real world where everyone proudly jostles for first place.

Humility is a Christian virtue. Ancient Roman and Greek philosophers considered it a bad trait, fit only for children and old people who had something to be humble about. Otherwise, humility was seen as a weakness. But since we are Christians, let's leave that quarrel to history and trace humility's Christian progress. The best-known treatise was by the sixth-century Saint Benedict. He carefully constructed a ladder of humility with 12 steps. A modern Benedictine reduced those to three general aspects: humility as dying to self, as the grace of salvation, and as the imitation of Christ. Let's look briefly at each.

Dying to self. Human beings are originally created as images of God, therefore naturally inclined toward goodness. But since the fall of our ancestors, we all have a natural inclination toward evil. Tradition says that the Fall was a result of pride; therefore, the opposing virtue would be humility. If pride is an inordinate expression of self-seeking, then the antidote would be selflessness, a certain dying to self: humility.

The grace of salvation. When the natural instinct of survival is buttressed by the sin of pride, individuals begin to believe that they are self-sufficient, that they can get what they need by themselves. This easily morphs into the unholy notion that we can even save ourselves. Humility gives us a real taste for the power of sin, and therefore an appreciation of the grace of humility, which knows that only God saves.

The imitation of Christ. It is abundantly clear that Jesus blessed the poor, liked weak children, applauded humble people and railed against the rich and proud. More importantly, he was himself humble. And if Jesus is the mentor for humanity, the template of moral behavior, then imitation of his humility would be essential for those who follow him. In recent years, there has surfaced a Benedictine nun who says: "Wait a minute. That may be fine for men, but women have a different perspective." Sister Joan Chittister maintains that women have a different psychology, therefore a different spirituality.

She says that humility is good for men because they are naturally prideful and aggressive, while women are naturally reserved. If humility is pressed on women, that can make them personally submissive and socially subordinate. Chittister rejects obedience without participation and patience that leads to abuse. She thinks that the same virtue of humility should be practiced in radically different ways by women and men.

For example, Benedict's ninth degree of humility speaks to the value of silence. Chittister thinks that is valuable only for men, since women's temptation is to succumb to social expectation to maintain a respectable self-image. She says: "To be true to humility in a patriarchal world, men must learn to listen; women must learn to speak the silence that has been imposed on them for centuries — without apology, without timidity, without fail."

I cannot help noting, still, that underlying all gender differences there is a basic self-centered tendency that requires an offsetting discipline. As in the case of racism, sexism requires some kind of reparation, and psychology must be served, but not at the cost of spirituality. Benedict is right: The love of Christ urges us to die to self, give in to grace and imitate our crucified savior. Fr. James Smith Reprinted with permission from Celebration

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? We are returning to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. Our next Baptism Weekend will be **February 9/10, 2013**. For information, please contact Tom Bailey-Robertson at 488-4467 (Ext. 217) or tombr@sjbcommunity.ca

**The 2012 Feast of St. John Brebeuf
Fall Pasta Supper
Celebrating Fr. Mark's 20th Year of Priesthood
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Sunday, October 14, 5:00 pm
St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall

**Adults: \$15, Children (4 to 12) \$8
Toddlers (under 3) Free**

Tickets on sale at the Parish Office and following Weekend Masses.

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.



Knights of Columbus #1107: Purchase Sobey's 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.



SEPTEMBER 22/23, 2012: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Sept. 22	Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: Catechist Meeting 5:00pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Sept. 23	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Evarist Roy 5pm: India Community Mass
Monday, Sept. 24	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +Alex Hoff
Wed., Sept. 26	Weekday Ferial 7:30am: Finance Council Meeting 9:00am: Mass with the School: +Patrick Riordan 7pm: Rosary Group
Thursday, Sept. 27	Memorial: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest 9:15am: +George Ferris
Friday, Sept. 28	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Dennis & Fernando Luis Duarte
Saturday, Sept. 29	Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am: CWL Fall Workshop 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Sept. 30	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Rose & Alex Nicholson 11am: Catechism
Monday, October 1	Memorial: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina

Congratulations and Blessings on:
Paul Mailhot & Kathleen McClinton
Married on September 15th, 2012
Married in the Lord

Registration for Sunday School and Sacramental Preparation:

Registration is under way 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.

Ever consider deepening your relationship with God? Share God's call together through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Contact Tom at 204-488-4467 or tomb@sjbcommunity.ca for further info.

And with Your Spirit:

Have you gotten used to the new response yet? Instead of saying, "And also with you," now we say, "And with your spirit." Is that beginning to become familiar? This change of phrase puts us more in unity with the Sacred Scripture. Four of the epistles conclude with phrases similar to, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." So we are echoing the words used to conclude these letters to the various Christian communities. Copyright © 2008 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

St. John Brebeuf Ladies Bridge Club invites anyone wanting to join a bridge group to call Mona Mulhern @ 204-832-5248 or Marg Laun-Jensen @ 204-489-7097 for more information.

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. Registration begins at 9am. All attending must pre-register. Please call Georgina at 204-488-2463.



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

Sept 15/16: **\$5154.95**

Pre-Authorized Donations for September: **\$21,688.50**

Sharing God's Gifts:

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

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

Thank you for your support.



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, Joseph Koogler, 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.



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

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