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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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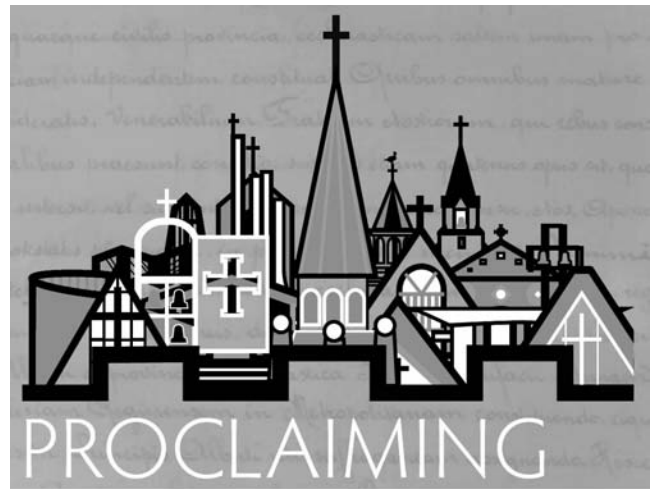
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Parish Office Hours

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 5/6, 2015: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Sept. 6	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +John Fulop
Monday, Sept. 7	Weekday Ferial No Masses: Parish Closed for Labour Day
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Feast: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Mary Lou Smith 7pm: Diocesan Development & Peace Mtg.
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Carolyn Shaw 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 10	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Harold Midgley
Friday, Sept. 11	Weekday Ferial 7:30am: Parish Finance Meeting 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Felicidad Parado
Saturday, Sept. 12	Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: +Mimi Trainor
Sunday, Sept. 13	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: Missa Pro Populo 11am: Catechist Meeting (St. Marie Rm.) 11am: C.W.L. Meeting (Parish Hall)

**Our regular Mass Schedule resumes September 20:
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.sjbccommunity.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**



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37*

Some aspects of modern living demand a certain degree of willful ignorance in order to participate. Take something as ordinary as stopping at a gas station. In order to fill our tanks without crippling guilt, it's best (from a mental health perspective) to shut off the parts of the brain that wonder how much environmental damage was incurred from extracting and refining it, or how much of the growing problem of climate change is caused from our personal tailpipe emissions. The complexity of even the most benign situations we face every day seems to give rise to some form of cognitive dissonance—*anxiety arising from inconsistency in our beliefs and from behaviours misaligned with our values.* The Church calls this liturgical season *Ordinary Time*, not because it's tedious, but because our whole lives are meant to be lived out directed—*ordered*—towards God. Yet during this innocuous 23rd Week in Ordinary Time, how much will we hold back from God, unintentionally or not, just to make it to next Sunday without suffering a panic attack?

Sounds bleak, but the good news is that God is an expert at dealing with people who have blocked off parts of themselves in order to survive. God unlocks those closed up pieces of ourselves, so we can listen to the truth, no matter how difficult, and give voice to hope, no matter how improbable. On his return trip to Capernaum, Jesus' route takes him through a quiet part of gentile country. Perhaps the roundabout trip was meant to provide some rest by avoiding the crowds. They track him down anyways, and beg him to heal their friend, a man who can neither hear nor speak. Jesus abides their request, but he enacts the healing in a very specific way. Jesus pulls the man aside to a private place, away from his friends, where he proceeds to invade the man's personal space. This is no mere symbolic touch; Jesus sticks his fingers into the man's ears, then spits on his hand and rubs his spit onto the man's tongue. Looking to heaven with every part of himself focused in prayer, Jesus issues a powerful word of command that immediately effects a profound healing, a complete reversal of circumstance like that promised to the prophet Isaiah.

We too can feel like the hard truths of our day fall on stopped up ears. Harder still is to admit when the deafest pair belongs to us. We sometimes find our tongues paralyzed from speaking out—we can be too afraid of what might come out and what might have to change in our lives. When we struggle standing up to the injustice we might rather went unnoticed, when we resist breaking the bad habits we would rather keep under wraps, when it feels like sin just might win out, God pulls us aside and opens up those closed off places of ourselves.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reach out in tolerance

How do we love others who are different from ourselves? *Nostrae Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council declaration on non-Christian religions, offers wisdom for relating with anyone whose beliefs or behaviors differ from our own. The Council exhorts us, for example, to engage in “dialogue and collaboration . . . with prudence and love and in witness to the Christian faith and life.” Further, we are called to “recognize, preserve, and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values” that we share in common. A tall order, but necessary if we truly wish to conform ourselves to the gospel.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128)*. “My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.”

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor heartily

Labor Day is a celebration of the value and contributions of workers. Remember, Pope John Paul II said, workers “want to share in the responsibility and creativity of the very work process.” Work is a gift to be appreciated, not a burden to escape. You are a steward of the talents God gave you, and you’ve been entrusted to use them to their fullest. Work is an opportunity to give your best to others, so that you may take care of yourself and others as best you can.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437)*. “. . . I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Like Mary, be a bearer of hope

Today, we celebrate the birth of Mary. Although the circumstances of her infancy and early life aren’t directly recorded in the Bible, the “Protoevangelium of James,” a document written very early in Christian tradition, describes Mary as being born in Jerusalem to Joachim and Anne in their old age, when they had given up hope of having children. Mary lived an ordinary life—until an angel appeared! The angel spoke of the child she would bear, a child who’d be a sign of hope, especially for the downtrodden. As we honor Mary’s birth, consider how you might be a source of hope to others on this day.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636)*. “Behold, the virgin shall bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 FEAST OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Meet injustice with prophetic witness

Four hundred years ago, the slave trade flourished in the Spanish colonial city of Cartagena. Thousands of slaves were unloaded there every year after inhumane crossings in wretched conditions on slave ships run by European colonial powers. Jesuit Claver couldn’t stop the trade but he could take a radical stance in the face of it. Declaring himself “slave to the slaves forever” he worked tirelessly to alleviate their suffering and bring them healing and hope. How will you respond to the injustice in front of you?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 (439)*. “Rejoice and leap for joy! Your reward will be great in heaven.”

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Set the bar high

“Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The seven heavenly virtues are chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience, kindness, and humility. Each has an opposite counterpart among the seven deadly sins. Handy lists. Stick to one, not the other. Simple, right? Well, it’s a lot easier to be virtuous with your nearest and dearest, who love and care for you, but you have to practice virtues with everyone, even those you believe are in the wrong, to experience the wonderful fullness of what those virtues mean.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 (440)*. “. . . love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Grave violation

Blasphemy is one of those old-time words you don’t hear much, except in the Bible, which has a lot to say about this very serious sin—maybe the most serious. But what exactly is it? Simply, it’s speaking against God; it’s ridiculing sacred things or persons; it’s holding anything related to God in contempt. There are even specific prayers and devotions, called Acts of Reparation, to repair the sin of those guilty of blasphemy. Don’t make those necessary: Don’t take the Lord’s name in vain.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42 (441)*. “I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and an arrogant man, but I have been mercifully treated . . .”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

How many ways can you say “full of grace”?

Some feasts seem curious until we appreciate their context. The Most Holy Name of Mary was honored in Spain as a counterpoint to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. It was a local observance until 1683, when the king of Poland won a battle under the name of the Virgin and Pope Innocent XI extended the feast to the whole church. The Marian titles prayed today in the various versions of the Litany of Mary provide a wonderful meditation on why this “Summit of Virtue” is the “glory of the human race.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442)*. “For every tree is known by its fruit.”



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

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