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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 TEAM

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor ext 213

Deacon Michael Thibert

Laura Carreiro, Principal ext 242

Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate ext 217

Genevieve Makinson, Financial Administrator

Kim Graeili, Finance Assistant ext 225

Eddie Melo, Building Operations ext 220

Gail Gel, School Admin. Assistant ext 260

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).

September 13/14, 2014: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Exaltation of the Holy Cross: *Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17*

If there's any doubt that God has a sense of humour, the story of the Israelites wandering the desert is a prime example of holy comedy. After God plucked them from slavery in a dramatic display of otherworldly power, the Israelites dare to find fault with the manner of their rescue and complain to Moses about the food. Through Moses' intercessions, God secures food and water for the people from equally astonishing sources: bread that appears like dew in the morning and water wrested from a rock. In the face of such astounding feats, the people still found cause to complain.

I sympathize strongly with the Israelites. With all of our modern conveniences, I really should jump out of bed in wonder, eager to participate in the most exciting time to be alive in the history of all humanity. Instead, I find myself shaking my fist at the sky over the silliest things—we've run out of raisins for my oatmeal! How long, O Lord, will you torment me with a bland breakfast? Forget the smartphones and the supermarkets, I ought to wake up trembling in awe of God's love for us. Instead I find myself in a stupor trying to remember how to shave. Maybe the Israelites did all of their complaining in the morning too.

It's easy to forget how often God has worked in our lives. Those moments of grace—times when we were pulled up from a desperate situation, when we had our eyes opened to our own exquisite frailty, or when we were effective beyond our means—can quickly be displaced by the next crisis, real or perceived. Chalk it up to our fickle human nature. After all, we can only experience life one moment at a time. One can only imagine what God, from that infinitely transcendent perspective, must think of us.

The story of the Israelites shows us two sides to God: justice and mercy. God sends poisonous snakes to punish those fussy people, but also instructs Moses with a cure—a bronze snake on a pole. It seems absurd that God should heap such abuse on people, only to later offer them deliverance—a hollow victory at best. Perhaps this is why Jesus compares this episode to his own crucifixion. At the cross, the balance between justice and mercy is wiped out and all reason is thrown out the window. Only love remains at the cross. So, the feast today is where we exalt the cross. It's not the feast of understanding or studying the cross. Like a good punch line, if you have to explain it, you've missed the point. God's ways work beyond our sense of winning and losing. ~Tom Bailey Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Winnipeg Inter-Deanery Celebration:

To honour the completion of the ten-year pastoral plan, "Building a Church of Communion", clergy, religious and lay faithful from the parishes of the North, Central and South Winnipeg deaneries will gather on Thursday evening, **October 16, 2014** at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2400 Portage Ave. Our inter-deanery gathering begins with celebration of the Eucharist at 7:30pm, presided by Archbishop Richard Gagnon, followed by a reception featuring a pictorial reflection of experiences in our parishes over the past ten years. Tom Denton of Hospitality House will speak on our Archdiocesan efforts to welcome refugees to Canada. More information is available at the Lanark bulletin board, or visit www.archwinnipeg.ca



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 2013, St. John Brebeuf parishioners purchased **\$11,005** in gift cards toward the purchase of much needed baby formula. 2014 total to date is **\$6382.40**.



Winnipeg Harvest:

Top 10 most wanted food items:

1. Canned fish and poultry— tuna or salmon (packed in water) chicken or turkey
2. Canned fruit and vegetables (packed in own juice)
3. Canned stew, chili, brown beans
4. Peanut Butter
5. Whole Grain/Whole Wheat Pasta
6. Baby Food— jars of chicken, beef, vegetables or fruit, infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice, Formula with added iron
7. Rice— brown, converted or par-boiled
8. Canned spaghetti sauce or tomatoes
9. Cereal— high fibre, non-sugar coated
10. Canned Soup— lentil, pea, vegetable



Monetary donations also gratefully accepted. Each loonie allows Harvest to leverage \$20 in food. Your purchase of gift cards from our Knights can also be donated.

Tools for School: For low income families, preparing for back-to-school is a budgeting nightmare; especially for those struggling to feed their children. The school supply allowance for those on public assistance does not cover costs. Without the proper tools, children can find it difficult to complete the school work that will shape their education. You can help by purchasing needed supplies. A most-needed items list is located at the main entrance.



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

September 13/14, 2014: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday, Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:30am: +Robert Chipman 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +James Mahon 5:30pm: India Community Mass
Monday, Sept. 15	Memorial: Our Lady of Sorrows No Mass 7:30pm: Liturgy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Memorial: St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Bernard and Ita Egan 10am: Serra Club Meeting 7pm: School Board Meeting
Wednesday Sept. 17	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Thomas White 10am: Tuxedo Villa Mass
Thursday, Sept. 18	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Paul Nazarko
Friday, Sept. 19	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Gilda Dizon 2pm: Van Kruse & Carol Wilson Marriage
Saturday, Sept. 20	Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: +Jim Foran
Sunday, Sept. 21	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: +George Walker 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: Confirmation Parent/Candidate Mtg.

Youth Leadership Clubs:

Challenge Girls Club and **Conquest Boys Clubs** are fun, faith-filled leadership clubs for Catholic youth. Challenge Girls Club helps girls, aged 10-16 to grow in their Catholic faith, friendship with Christ and to teaches them to make a difference in the world around them. Conquest is a boys' club based on Catholic principles of spiritual development, designed to instill virtue, develop character and encourage spiritual growth. More information and registration coming soon. Call David or Karla for details at 204-489-5798.

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, Margaret Lafrenière, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Debra M., Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, 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.

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: \$81,730

Current Pledges & Donations: \$28,940



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

Faith Formation: Registration is now being accepted for the 2014/2015 children's Faith Formation Programs at St. John Brebeuf: Share the Word (Ages 3-5), Sunday School (K to 8), First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Gr. 2), and Confirmation (Gr. 9). Orange Family Faith Formation forms are available at the main church entrance, or in the Faith Formation section of the parish web site: www.sjbcommunity.ca. Please return to the Parish Office in the offertory basket, or see front bulletin cover for fax, email and mailing address information.

Please mark your calendar:

The first day of **Share the Word:**
Sunday, September 21 during 9:30am Mass

The first day of **Sunday School:**
Sunday, Sept. 21, 10:35am-11:20am in the school

Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting:
Sunday, Sept. 21, 12:30pm—2:00pm, Parish Hall

Adult Faith Formation:

Wednesday, September 24, 10am, Parish Residence

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, October 28, 7pm, Parish Hall

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

September 6/7: \$3,644

Please consider sharing your gifts through Pre-Authorized Withdrawal from your bank account, credit card or through post-dated cheques. For more information please call the Parish Office at 204-488-4467.

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