

ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH

Sunday, December 1, 2019: First Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses December 2 - 8

02	Monday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass
03	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass
04	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass
05	Thursday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass
06	Friday	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
07	Saturday	5:00 PM	Mass for Sunday
08	Sunday	9:30 AM	Second Sunday of Advent

St. Peter's Oustic Sunday 11:30 AM

Friday 7:00 PM First Friday of the Month

Sunday Collection November 23/24

Regular Collection . . . \$1409.90

Thank you very much



Charity is a hallmark of Christian life. I thank all of you for your generosity to the gathering of goods for the needy, also to Francesca for organizing this project. May we give to the needy as often and as generously as we can.

The Shoe Box gifts for Dr. Simone was conducted through our school this year. We will have well over 260 gifts for children that will be sent by "Canadian Food for Children" so that those with nothing will have a gift for Christmas. Thank you Saint John Breb uf staff and students.

Advent Days of Adoration

Friday December 6th – Following morning Mass until 4.p.m

Friday December 13th – following morning Mass until 7.p.m

Friday December 20th – following morning Mass until 7.p.m

St John Breb uf community support to EWCS Food bank and people in need.

1. **8th Dec: Instant mash potatoes, Instant coffee & coffee mate.**

Hampers are scheduled for distribution from the foodbank the week of Dec 8. It would be appreciated if you could bring the items of the 15th Dec (coffee/coffee mate) on 8th Dec.

2. Winter coats; a few of us will drive to Guelph to give coats to the homeless on the streets; **you can bring the coats & socks to the church.**

3. I have scheduled **Dec 15th** for delivery of the coats & socks to the homeless in Guelph. In addition we would appreciate sandwiches so we can give away a coat, pair of socks and sandwiches to each homeless person we meet. One of my colleagues from EWCS will accompany us as they are familiar with some of the areas in Guelph where we would find homeless people.

As was done last week, those contributing sandwiches, please have them individually wrapped & marked (tuna, cheese & egg).

4. **Next coffee morning will be on the 1st December following 930 Mass. All contributions welcome.**

Our community is making a big difference. Thank you one and all for your commitment and generosity to helping those in need.

Please message Francesca Fernandes at 647-473-5686 or e-mail: francesca.f@ew-cs.com for additional information. Thank you all.

Justice and Advent

Today's Gospel reading calls us to be ready for Christ always because we do not know when Christ coming. The first reading suggests one of the ways to make ourselves ready is by turning our swords into ploughshares. Christ, the Prince of Peace, came to establish a kingdom of peace in our hearts so that we can bring it about on earth. Peace and justice are about embracing the immigrant into our communities, supporting those who are homeless or poor with financial and community support, choosing lifestyles that minimize our impact on God's creation and instead help it thrive. Making room for Christ means letting go of ways that are self-serving and Advent is the perfect time to **choose one way of doing this and live it.** Advent blessings on your journey.

Keeping Christ in Christmas.

Here is another suggestion to make Jesus the focus of our Christmas preparations.

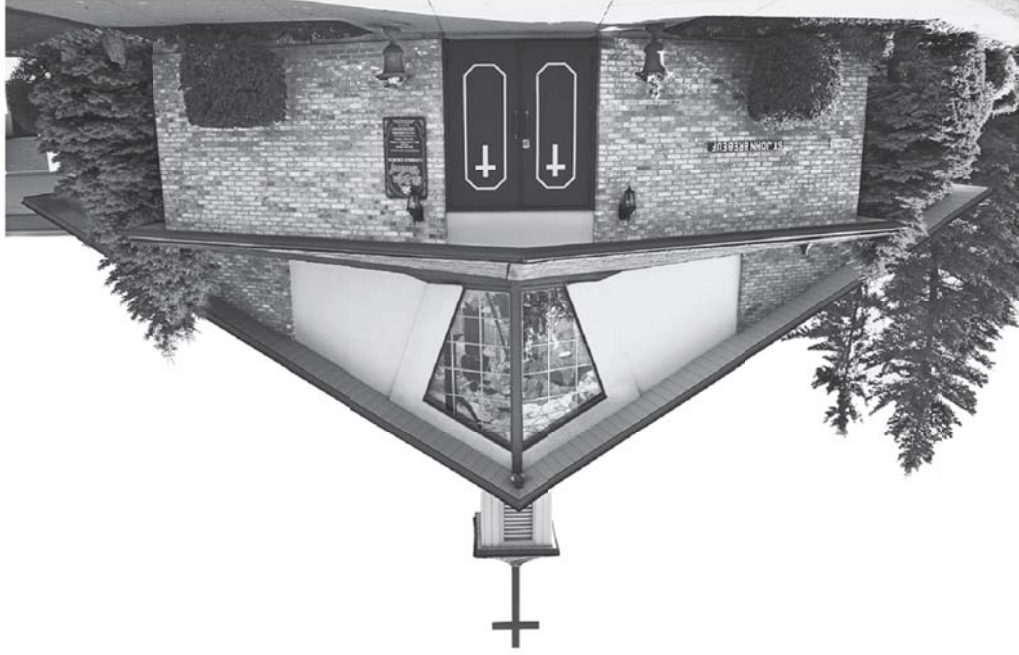
More about the NATIVITY SCENE. Gift wrap baby Jesus. Put wrapped Jesus in the Manger or hide him somewhere in the room and have the children search for him on Christmas morning. Have them unwrap baby Jesus as the first gift Christmas Morning. It will remind everyone that Jesus is the centre of the holiday.

Readings for Next Sunday, December 8, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Second Reading: Romans 15.4-9; Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12; Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 72): **"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever."**

St. John Brebeuf Parish

Erin, Ontario



*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.”*
Matthew 5:6

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Our parish is named for Jesuit Father Jean de Brebeuf, the Patron Saint of Canada. He was born in 1593 and came to Canada from France as a missionary in 1625, working with people of the Wendat (Huron) Confederacy. He learned their languages and spread the message of Christ for more than 20 years. He composed the Huron Carol, Canada's oldest Christmas song, written about 1642 with aboriginal lyrics. He helped establish the mission near Midland, Ontario, now the site of the Sainte-Marie among the Hurons shrine, which honours the Canadian Martyrs. At that time, the Wendat were at war with the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. Father Brebeuf and a fellow Jesuit were captured by the Haudenosaunee in a raid on a Wendat village in 1649, then tortured and killed. St. Jean de Brebeuf was beatified in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, and canonized in 1930. His feast day is September 26.

A Catholic parish was established in 1873 for the Townships of Erin and Eramosa. In 1959, Bishop Ryan asked the Jesuits to establish a mission in Erin. Masses were said at the Legion Hall until the church was opened in 1965, with Jesuit Father Frederick Elliott serving as the pastor until 1981. Since then the parish has had the following pastors: Father Edward Grace OSA, 1981-1986; Father Charles Lagan SFM, 1986 to 1990; Father Gus Arthurs CSSp, 1990-2001; Father Joe Kelly CSSp, 2001-2015; Father Ralph Diodati, 2015-2017; and our current pastor, Father Don Sanvido.



MASS TIMES

Saturday evening at 5 pm and Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

For weekday Masses, see the schedule inside the bulletin.

Father Don also celebrates Mass at 11:30 am Sunday at St. Peter's Church, Oustic. Go west 18 km from Erin on County Road 124 to Bruceedale. Turn north on Fifth line and go 7.8 km to Oustic.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm.

For information on Baptism, Marriage, Mass Intentions and other parish business, please call the parish office at 519-833-9738. Marriage arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Please contact Fr. Sanvido if anyone is ill or in hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Parish Secretary: Hilda Atkinson, 519-278-0125. **Office hours:** Wednesday and Friday, 10 am to 3 pm.

Parish Contacts: Ministers of the Eucharist and Baptism Preparation – Tammy Barnhart, 519-833-7131.

Ministers of the Word – Fran Archambault, 519-833-2552. **Children's Liturgy –** Joanne Henkie, 519-855-4570.

Altar Servers – Laurie Condo, 519-855-6339. **Social Justice –** Heidi Matthews, 519-855-9516.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses – Please contact office, 519-278-0125.

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