

ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH

Sunday, December 15, 2019: Third Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses December 16 - 22

16	Monday	9:00 AM	Rest of the Soul of George Goodall
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass
18	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Special Intention: Irene & Ralph Reeves
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass
20	Friday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass
21	Saturday	5:00 PM	Mass for Sunday
22	Sunday	9:30 AM	Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Peter's Oustic Sunday 11:30 AM

Friday 7:00 PM First Friday

Sunday Collection Decembe

Regular Collection . . . \$17

Thank you very much



Advent Confessions for St. John's – St. Peter's

December 17 - 7.30pm – 8pm St John's

December 18 – 1pm – 2pm St. John's

December 19 - 7.30pm – 8.30pm St. John's

December 20 – 11.am – 12 Noon St. John's

December 22 – Following the 11.30 Mass – St. Peter's

Parish Survey

St John Brebéuf Parish is participating in the Diocese's **One Heart, One Soul Campaign** in the Spring 2020. The goal of the Campaign is to strengthen our Parish and set up a more solid foundation for the foreseeable future. In preparation, we are seeking your input with two surveys, one that will be held over the December 14/15 and December 21/22 weekends and a 2nd survey in January 2020. We will share the findings of the initial survey, as well as the *Parish Maintenance Committee's recommendations* in early January, prior to the 2nd Survey.

Please pick up a survey and take some time to fill it in. We are asking that the completed surveys be returned to St. John Brebéuf Church by Sunday December 22nd, 2019.

For more information on the One Heart, One Soul Campaign, please check out the website, www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

Volunteers Needed for Parish Survey Result Analysis

We are looking for a few volunteers to collate and do some initial analysis of the Parish Survey over the Christmas Holidays. This would be a good opportunity for High school Students looking for volunteer hours. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Fr. Don.

Volunteers Needed To Count our Weekly Offertory Contributions

We are looking for a few additional volunteers to help out with counting the money from our weekly offertory. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Don.

Advent and Justice

Today the first reading, the psalm and the Gospel all talk about healing the blind, the deaf and the lame. As we reflect on these words it is important to note that the message is not just about physical blindness, deafness and lameness. How are we blind to the devastation our lifestyles have inflicted on the earth? How are we deaf to the cries of refugees, the homeless or the poor? How are our actions lame in the sense that we do little to respond to the cry of the earth and the poor? But God doesn't leave us in our guilt, rather God so loved the world, including us, that God became incarnate in Jesus and models for us what our response should be. What is one way you can imitate Jesus's response this Advent?

Keeping Christ in Christmas.

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

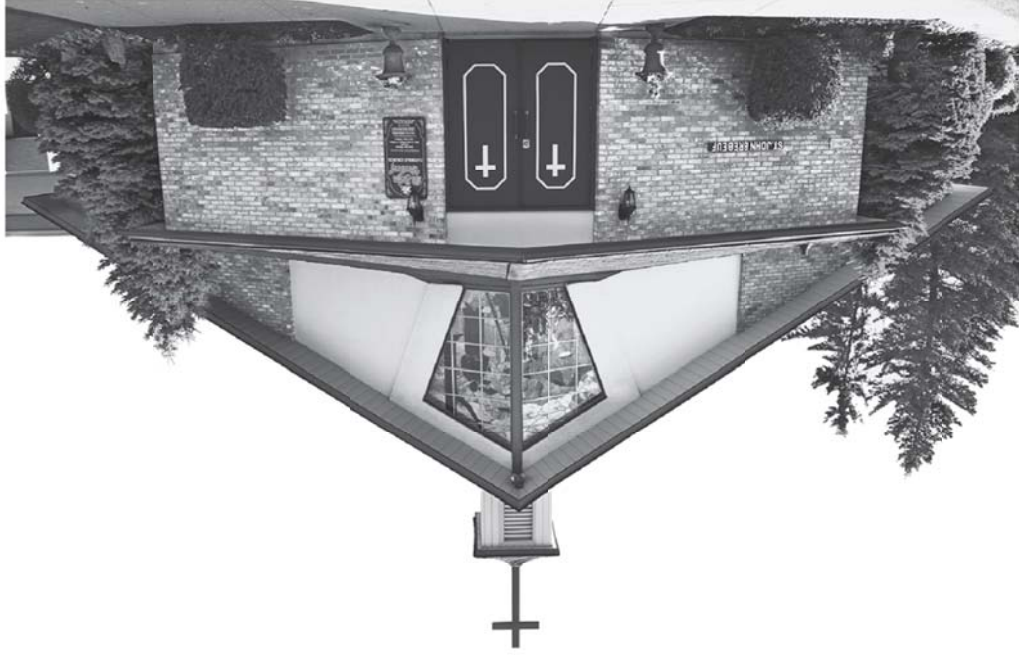
GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME AND SERVICE: Twelve Days of Christmas. As a family, select another family or individual that you feel could use a little bit of Christmas cheer. For 12 days, leave a small gift (it doesn't have to be big) on their porch anonymously. Kids LOVE doing things like this, especially if they get to prepare the package, or drop it off and run. You can do different variations on this (bring gifts for the entire family, if your budget allows it, bring a different Christmas book on each day, etc.)

Readings for Next Sunday, December 22, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24; Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24): **“LET THE LORD ENTER; HE IS KING OF GLORY.”**

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.

Music Ministry – Jean Gravelle, 519-833-9552. **Bulletin –** Norma Pokocky, 519-833-2909.