

# ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH

*Sunday, December 22, 2019: Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Schedule of Masses December 23 - 29

23	Monday	9:00 AM	Repose of the Soul of George Woodall
24	Tuesday	5:00 PM & Midnight, St John's; 7:00 PM St Peter's	
25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Christmas Mass, 11:30 AM, St. Peter's
26	Thursday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass
27	Friday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass
28	Saturday	5:00 PM	Mass for Sunday
29	Sunday	9:30 AM	Feast of the Holy Family

St. Peter's Oustic Sunday 11:30 AM

Friday 7:00 PM First Friday of the Month

*Sunday Collection December 14/15*

Regular Collection . . . \$1566.00

*Thank you very much*



It has been a while since I thought a good day declared only when things worked out in my favour; or conversely, a bad day defined by the fact that I had to endure a little pain or suffering. I think what is true, however is that life is good in its sorrow's and joys, its ups and downs for the one reason - that God is in it. Knowing of my salvation and, better still, the Savior himself allows the power of the incarnations to work through us. Our union with the "Word made flesh" means that when we are at work or play or prayer that it is the Lord himself who works, plays or prays through us. The scriptures tell us that "we have been bought and paid for". May our script response to this reality be one with Mary's when she prayed: "Let it be done unto me according to your word". Thank you for caring for your parish through your prayers, works and sacrifices. I know it is worth it to you because you do it for your Lord and Savior. Merry Christmas to you all, and please these busy days do not travel "in haste" but travel slowly and safely as you go to and from visiting loved ones. Father Don

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – St. John Brebéuf 5pm and 12 Midnight.

Christmas Eve – St. Peter's 7pm

Christmas Day – St. John Brebéuf 9.30am

Christmas Day – St. Peter's 11.30am

**Dear Leaders of Heart and Soul Campaign** There will be a short meeting with Father Don Sanvido Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm in the parish hall. This is for both St. John and St. Peter leaders. We will look at the Survey Results plus how to proceed with the campaign. Thank you.

## **Trip to Guelph**

We drove to the drop-in center in Guelph and distributed many coats, socks, sandwiches and coffee. The generosity of our community was overwhelming enabling us to share coats and socks with the Willow United Church food bank in Guelph and Mission to the Seafarers in Hamilton. Extra sandwiches were brought to the Erin food bank to be distributed to FB clients.

Thank you, Rob, Claire, Acadia, Louise, Sergio, Ron, Abby, Irene and Ralph, for supporting on Sunday. A very special thank you to Margaret, Hilda and Ron who worked tirelessly with myself these past few weeks organizing all the Clothing donations.

Our donations to the Christmas hampers have exceeded our targeted 30 hampers to fill over 50. Photographs will be uploaded to the web site.

Thanks to each and every one who made this a phenomenal achievement.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all. Francesca.

## **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**

Several times in today's readings we hear the name Emmanuel which means 'God with us'. We often imagine God as distant, somewhere out there overseeing the world, as transcendent and this is true. But the message of the Incarnation is that God is also immanent; that God walks among us, even now. So, where do we see this God who walks among us? In beauty, truth and goodness? Yes, but also in our sisters and brothers, human and other-than-human, and especially in those who suffer. It is one thing to pray to a transcendent God and another to respond to Emmanuel who dwells in us, among us in the homeless, the hungry, the lonely and in the violated earth. We are called to do both, and Advent is a great time to begin! Pray and respond!!

## **Keeping Christ in Christmas**

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

Some Suggestions for Christmas Day: **CHRISTMAS MORNING**. Before opening the gifts take a few minutes to gather together as a family. Put Baby Jesus in the Manger. Read the Christmas Story (Luke 1:5-56 and 2:1-20), and discuss the true meaning of Christmas.

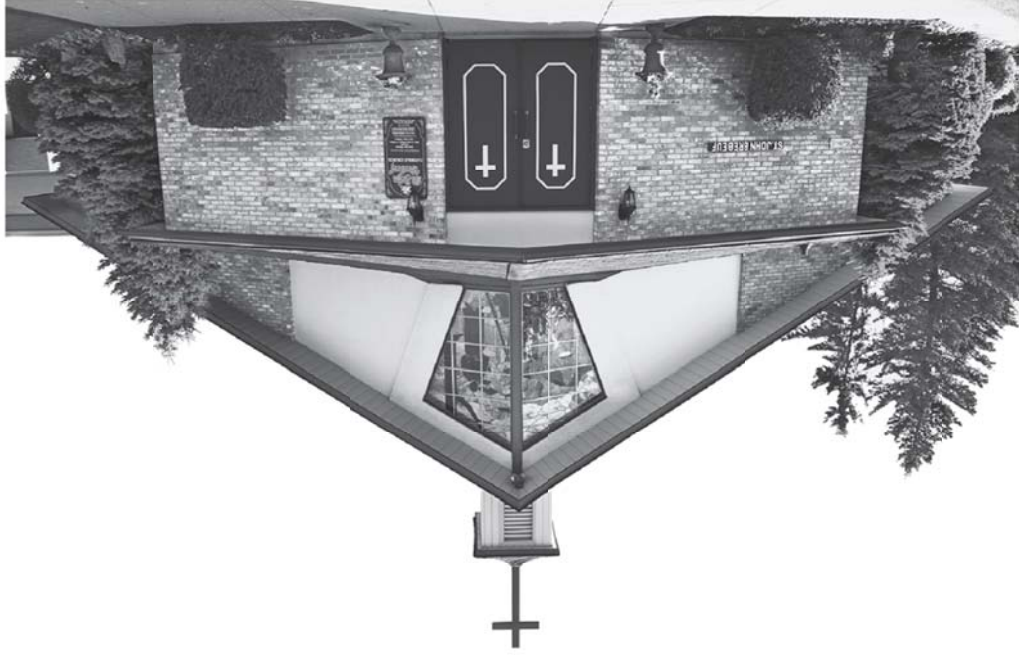
Have a "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party with a birthday cake. Set a place at the Christmas table for Jesus.

## **Readings for Next Sunday, December 29, 2019**

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21 Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23; Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128): **"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR IN THE LORD AND WALK IN HIS WAYS."**

# 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.

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

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