

# ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH

*Sunday, December 8, 2019: Second Sunday of Advent*

Schedule of Masses December 2 - 8

09	Monday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass
13	Friday	9:15 AM	School Mass
14	Saturday	5:00 PM	Mass for Sunday
15	Sunday	9:30 AM	Third Sunday of Advent

St. Peter's Oustic Sunday 11:30 AM

Friday 7:00 PM First Friday of the Month

*Sunday Collection November 30/ December 1*

Regular Collection . . . \$1200.00

*Thank you very much*



## Advent Days of Adoration

Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> – following morning Mass until 7.p.m

Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> – following morning Mass until 7.p.m

## St John Brebéuf community support to EWCS Food bank and people in need.

1. **15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Instant coffee & coffee mate for anyone who was unable to bring in these items.**
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 hall office. Last day to receive will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> morning, for the trip on the 15<sup>th</sup>.**
3. I have scheduled **Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** 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). You can bring them in on Sunday before Mass.

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.

## Parish Survey

St John Brebéuf Parish will be 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 next two weekends, December 14/15 and December 21/22 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey.

Please take some time in the next week to think about and discuss these survey questions with your family and fellow parishioners:

- How would you describe a vibrant, faith-filled Parish community?
- What would you like to see happen in St. John Brebéuf Parish over the next 5 years to be a vibrant faith-filled community?
- Please share suggestions of programs, projects or activities that you think would help build up our Parish community?
- What enhancements are needed to our physical facilities (i.e., the Church, the Church Hall)?

The surveys will be available for you to fill out next weekend. We are asking that the completed surveys be returned to St. John Brebéuf Church by Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

## Advent and Justice

Today's first reading is about peace. Christ's mission was to establish peace on earth. This is more than the absence of war. It is a deep peace that brings us closer to God and closer to our neighbour and creation. It is about right relationships. Take time to pray and reflect on your relationships. Do you spend time on your relationship to God outside Mass? Do you nurture your relationships with people you love? Do you invite into relationship people at the margins? Do you reciprocate the generosity of the earth by treading lightly upon it? All of these require action grounded in faith. How will you cultivate peace?

## Keeping Christ in Christmas.

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

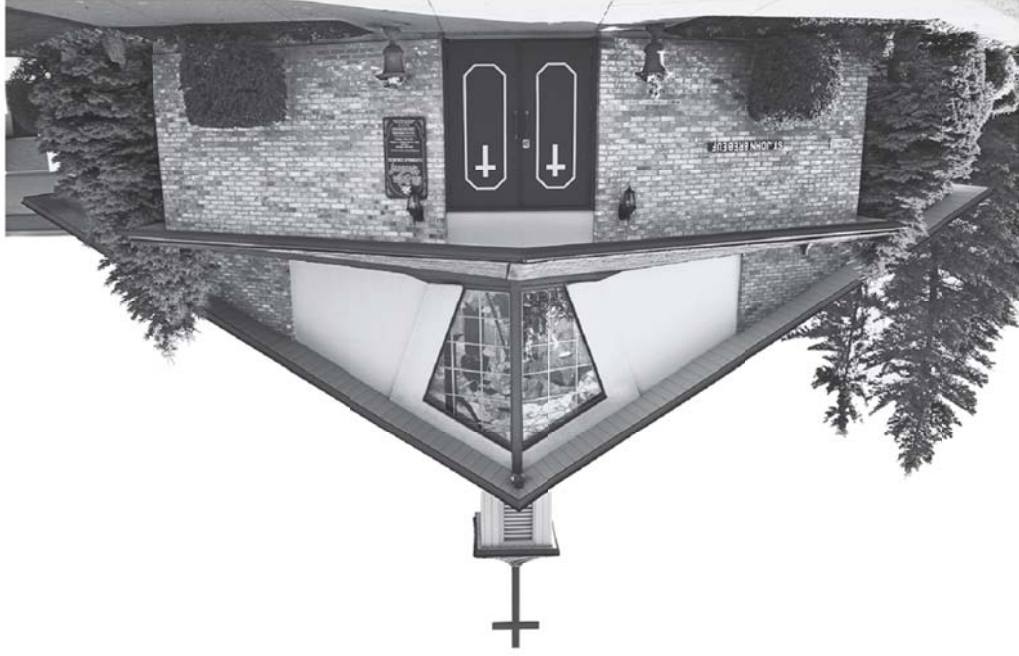
Hang a White Stocking for Christ. Whenever a person does something kind for another person, or just has something to be thankful for, they write it down, and put it in the stocking (anonymously.) On Christmas Eve read each of them out loud. They all are meant to be our gifts to Jesus. It's fun to hear what others wrote down, from the children to the adults.

## Readings for Next Sunday, December 15, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10; Second Reading: James 5.7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11; Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 146): **"LORD, COME AND SAVE US."**

# 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.