

# ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH

*Sunday, December 20, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## Schedule of Masses December 21 - 27

21	Monday	9:15 AM	Weekday Mass
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass
23	Wednesday	9:15 AM	Weekday Mass
24	Thursday	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
		12:00 AM	Midnight Mass
25	Friday	8:00 AM	Christmas Day
		9:30 AM	
26	Saturday	5:00 PM	Mass for Sunday
27	Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunday Mass
		9:30 AM	



St. Peter's Oustic      Sunday 11:30 AM  
 Friday 7:00 PM First Friday of the Month  
 Collection for December 5/6  
 Regular Collection . . . \$1205.00  
*Thank you very much*

### **Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30 p.m. Both the Carol Service and the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Due to COVID restrictions, all seating for Midnight Mass has already been reserved. Join us for the broadcast and share in the joy of this Christmas feast!

### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS**

#### **ST. JOHN BREBEUF**

Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>      10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
 Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>      11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
    7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>      10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### **ST. PETERS OUSTIC**

Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> Following      11:30 AM MASS

Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup>      6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

### **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God's great love for each of us.

### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming – because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is – the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship! Make your Christmas gifts this year time and attention!

### **Justice**

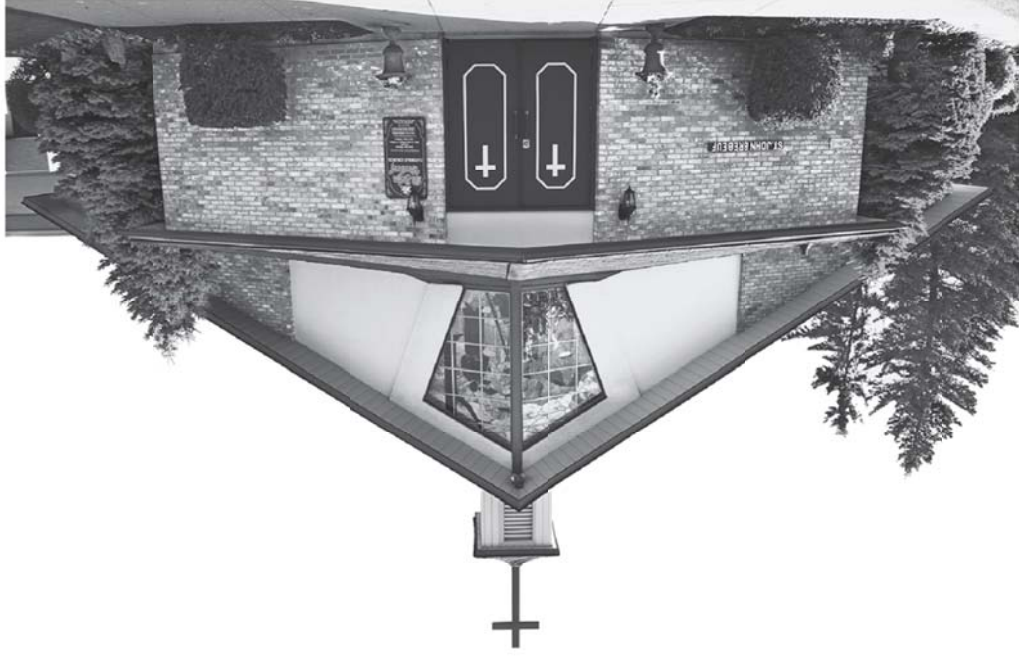
This week both the First Reading and the Gospel are about God's promises and thus we are prodded to reflect on the promises of the Incarnation. What does the Word become flesh promise? Love. Justice. Peace. Mercy. Forgiveness. Inclusion. Enoughness. All this, and more is here, but not yet fully. What is your role in incarnating the reign of God?

### **Readings for Next Sunday, December 27, 2020**

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Luke 2.22-40; Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128): **“Blessed are those who fear 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.

**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.