

ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH

Sunday, December 5, 2021: Second Sunday of Advent

Weekday Mass Schedule for the week:

Mass from Tuesday- Sunday with the following intentions:

Tuesday (Oustic) 7:00 PM	(St Ambrose-Mem.), + Peter Peloso
Wednesday 9:15 AM	(The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M) - A.I.D
Thursday 7:00 PM	+ Guilio Costa
Friday 9:15 AM	+ Brendan Carson
Saturday 5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday 9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday 11:00 AM	St. Peter's Oustic For the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

First Holy Communion

We wish to congratulate our First Communion candidates who recently received the Holy Eucharist for the very first time after a long wait. We thank them for their patience, and thanks to the teachers, parents, and all those who assisted in one way or another in preparing them for this very special occasion. Once again, we congratulate them and wish them well as they begin to grow and make further progress in the faith.

THE 2021 – 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the

Advent Season. Please see <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/> for suggestions, videos and a prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent. We invite you to share this resource with those in your communities who may benefit.

Erin Ministerial Ecumenical Group Invites you to

A Time of Love and Remembrance

Sunday, December 5, 2021 McIntyre Funeral Home at 1:00 P.M.

The holidays are rapidly approaching. We realize how difficult this time of year can be, yet we also know that dismissing the holidays can be even harder as you continue your journey of grief. In a time of unprecedented events, it may be important now, more than ever, to acknowledge any loss in our lives this past year.

We, the Churches of Erin (including All Saints Anglican, St. Andrews Presbyterian, Erin United, Hillsburgh Baptist, St. John Brebeuf, Belfountain Community, Erin Village Alliance Churches, would like to extend an invitation to the community to attend our

Blue Christmas: A Time of Love and Remembrance.

During this interdenominational service, we will gather together for a time of remembrance in honour of your loved one. Please join us for a socially distanced service, in person, or in the comfort of your own home via Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3502154298?pwd=WHNSME9hckpWQ29LTWNCOWYrL0ljdz09>

Meeting ID: 350 215 4298 Passcode: 101651

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas and for us some of this preparation includes gifting to others. God gifts us with Jesus, who gifts us with life. What are ways that your gifts can be life-giving? One way is to be mindful of what resources were used (ie the impact on Mother Earth) and who made it and where (just wages and labour practices). Other options are coupons for experiences (from ziplining to a museum visit) or time with the receiver of the gift!

Readings for Next Sunday, December 12, 2021

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 3.10-18; Responsorial Psalm (Isaiah 12): **“CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS: FOR AMONG YOU IS THE GREAT AND HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.”**



Our parish is named for Jesuit Father Jean de Brébeuf, 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 Brébeuf 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 Brébeuf 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 Arthur CSSp, 1990-2001; Father Joe Kelly CSSp, 2001-2015; Father Ralph Diodati, 2015-2017; Father Don Sanvido, 2017-2021 and our current pastor, Father Gordian Okpuruka.

MASS TIMES

Saturday evening at 5 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

For weekday Masses, see the schedule at the rear of the church and in the bulletin.

Father Gordian also celebrates Mass at 11:00 am Sunday at St. Peter's Church, Oustic. Go west 18 km from Erin on County Road 124 to Brucevale. Turn north on Fifth Line and go 7.8 km to Oustic.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm or Sunday after the Oustic mass.

For information on Baptism, Marriage, Mass Intentions and other parish business, please call the parish office at 519-278-0125. Marriage arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Please contact Fr. Gordian if anyone is ill or in hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

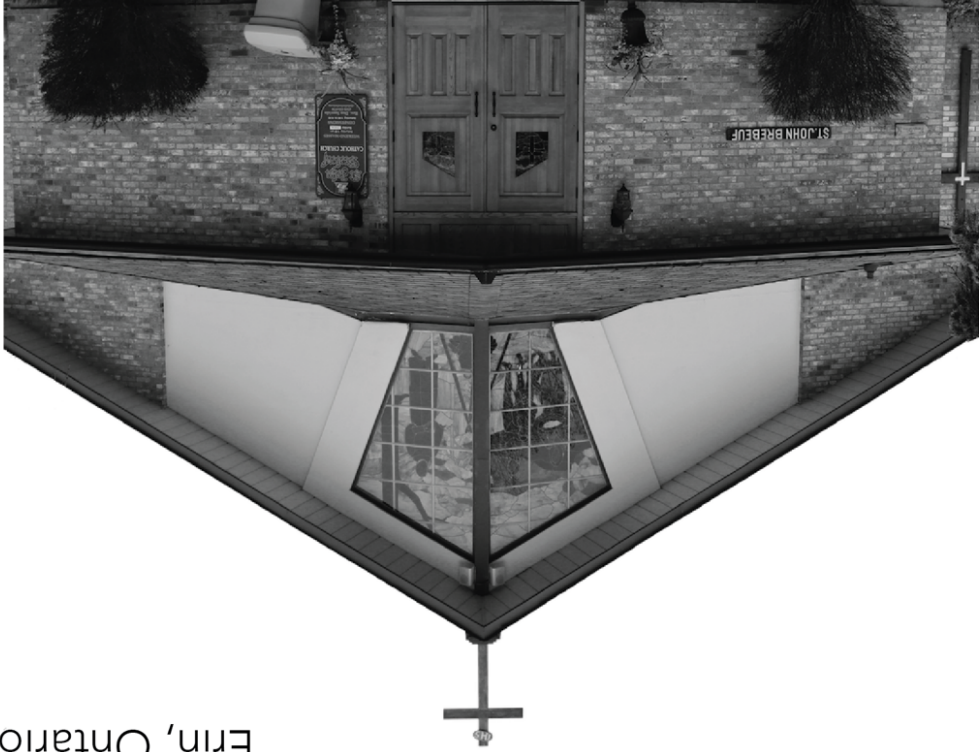
Parish Office: 519-278-0125. Office hours: Wednesday and Friday, 10 am to 3 pm.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses – Please contact Fr. Gordian, 519-833-7838.

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

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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