



# ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH

*Sunday, November 28, 2021: First Sunday of Advent*

Weekday Mass Schedule for the week:

Mass from Tuesday- Sunday with the following intentions:

Tuesday	7:00 PM	( Feast of St Andrew- Apostle)- James McDyre
Wednesday		Priests Day of Recollection- Mass not scheduled.
Thursday	7:00 PM	+ Guilio Ostrowski
Friday	9:15 AM	( St Francis Xavier- Mem.), + Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 AM	+ Edward Wilk & Antonio Oleszczuk
St. Peter's Oustic		Sunday 11:00 AM

## **Novena of Masses and Feast Day Mass For The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Marian Shrine of the Diocese of Hamilton, invites the faithful of the Diocese to celebrate a Novena (nine days) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Masses will be held at 7:00pm each evening from November 29 to December 8. The Novena Prayers for the Immaculate Conception will be prayed during each evening's Mass.

A Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted to the faithful who visit the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on December 8.

**We are pleased to welcome the following Celebrants and Homilists:**

<b>Monday, November 29</b>	<b>His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 30</b>	<b>His Excellency, Bishop Ustrzycki</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 1</b>	<b>Father Jeff Bergsma</b>

**Thursday, December 2**  
**Friday, December 3**  
**Saturday, December 4**  
**Sunday, December 5**  
**Monday, December 6**  
**Tuesday, December 7**  
**Wednesday, December 8**

**Monsignor Dennis Noon**  
**Father Mark Sullivan**  
**Father Bradley Markus**  
**Father Mark Morley**  
**Monsignor Edward Sheridan**  
**Father Bill Foote**  
**His Excellency, Bishop Crosby**

## **First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021**

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## **Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation**

It is the season of Advent and so we ask, "What are the ways that we can prepare for the Incarnation?" In our culture of affluence, with homes filled with too many things and our agendas with too many "obligations", preparing for the coming of Christ is often about making room in our lives for God and for those whom God loves, especially the marginalized. Each of us is uniquely gifted to prepare for the coming Christ child who came 2000 years ago but can also be found in our daily lives, in the refugee, the addict, the poor. How will you respond?

## **Readings for Next Sunday, December 5, 2021**

First Reading: Baruch 5.1-9; Second Reading: Philippians 1.4-6, 8-11; Gospel: Luke 3.1-6; Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 126): **"THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY."**





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.

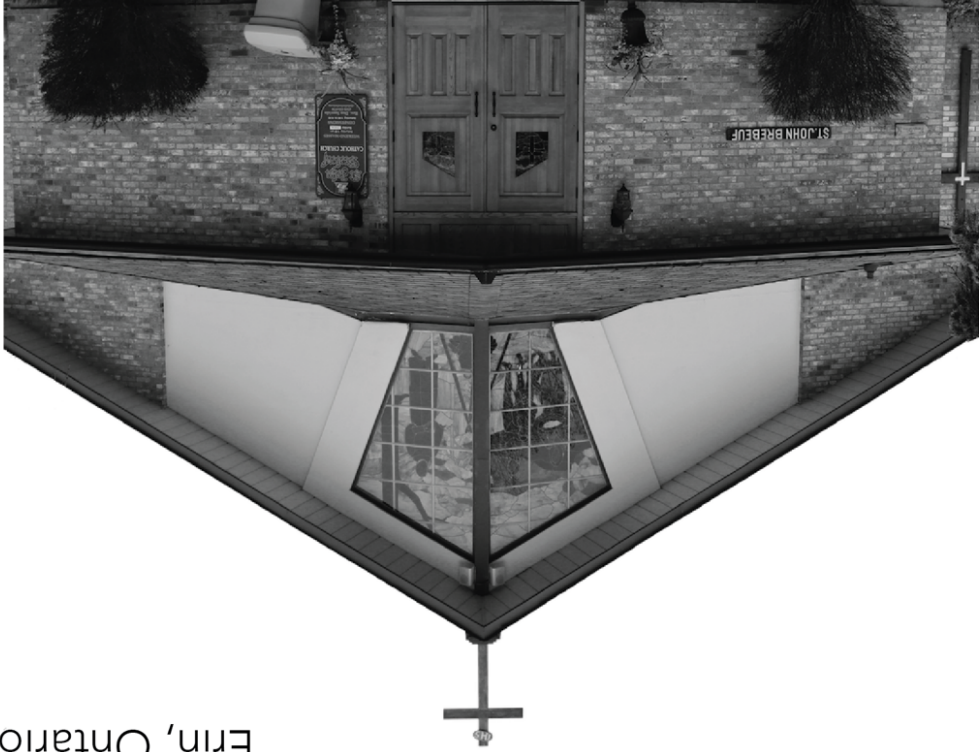
Parish Office: 519-278-0125. Office hours: Wednesday and Friday, 10 am to 3 pm.

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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