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Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (Livestreamed,
link on our website)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS

Monday 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

Rosary 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday following the Mass for 15 minutes

*First Friday of the Month
Adoration continues to 12:00 Noon*

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

A Priest will be available before all Celebrations
or by appointment.

Baptisms & Marriages

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Parish Council

Your Parish Council meets regularly and works diligently to make our
parish community life rich in all aspects. Please contact any of the
members with suggestions and/or concerns, and know that they will
be seriously considered.

Members

Fr. George, Deacon Robin, Selena Cheung, Deacon Cory Johnson,
Michael Y. Boh, Annie Walker, Bob & Prem Neeff

Get our Updates Via E-Mail

Send us an e-mail at office@johnbrebeuf.ca
and we will gladly add you to our list.

Next Week's Readings

**Zephaniah 3.14-18a • Isaiah 12
Philippians 4.4-7 • Luke 3.10-18**

Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12

The Virgin said to Juan Diego: "Listen and understand,
my littlest son, let nothing frighten and afflict you or
trouble your heart ... Am I not here, I, who am your
mother? Are you not under my shadow? Am I not your
health?"

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Baruch 5: 1-9

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that age-old depths and gorges be filled (Baruch 5:7)

Today's first readings contains a prophecy of what God would accomplish for the Jewish people as they languished in exile in Babylonian. Baruch, scribe to the prophet Jeremiah, proclaims that "every lofty mountain" will be flattened and that "the age - old depths and gorgeous" will be filled in. So much so that the exiles would have to direct route, straight through the desert, back home (Baruch 5:7).

This was such good news! The only established road between Babylonian and Jerusalem took travelers in a long northwesterly arc through the fertile land that surrounded the Syrian desert. But God was so eager to bring His people back to Him that He promised to pave a new road directly through the wasteland. And even more amazingly, He promised to join them on the journey, "leading Israel in joy. . . with His mercy and just justice for company" (Baruch 5:9)!

What a perfect way to describe the miracle of Christmas! God didn't wait for us to stumble through the wilderness of sin that separated us from Him. He didn't stand on the border of the Promised Land and command us to make the treacherous journey on our own. He crossed that vast expanse to come to us. He entered this fallen world to offer us His open "mercy and justice." Visiting the land of our exile, He now extends His hand and promise to lead us into His heavenly home.

Baruch tells us that God has "commanded" the mountains to flatten out and the chasms to be filled in (5:7). And when God speaks, creation obeys! No amount of pride or selfishness, no matter how tall, can withstand His command. No sin, no matter how grave, can carve a raven too deep for Him to fill. Jesus has paved a "new and living way" so that we can finally come home (Hebrews 10:20)!

"All praise to You, Lord, for coming to our rescue!"

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

From "The Word Among Us"

The Pope's Prayer Intention

December 2024 - For pilgrims of hope



Let us pray that this jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

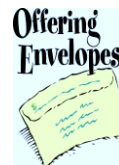
Around Our Parish



Blessing of the Sick
Next Sat/Sun Dec. 14/15
in the Chapel following
all Eucharistic Celebrations.

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday December 18 at
7:00 p.m. in the Church.



Offering Envelopes for 2025 are in the rear of the Church in Envelope Number order. If you do not remember your number, please see the "by name" list. New envelope users please take a box from the box marked New Users and write your name and address for the first 2 weeks to ensure you are registered on our system.



Ministers of Hospitality Christmas Raffle Tickets on sale at the rear of the Church. Tickets \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, 10 for \$10.00



Our Hope Tree is in the Sanctuary. Please take a tag and purchase the gift indicated. Then bring the gift back wrapped with the tag **firmly** attached.

All gifts must be returned on or before
Monday December 16.



Drivers and Helpers Needed HOPE Christmas Basket Delivery

Hope is asking for assistance delivering Christmas Baskets. Delivery on Saturday December 21.

Drivers and helpers needed.

If you, or your family, would like to help with this important project please call HOPE at

514-363-4578 and leave a message or
email us at hope@johnbrebeuf.ca



Activity & Colouring sheets for elementary age children are available near the main doors every weekend.

Upcoming EVENTS

Christmas & New Year Schedule

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday December 18 at 7:00 p.m.



Celebration of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday December 24th

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

4:30 p.m. (Livestreamed)

8:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight

Wednesday December 25th

10:00 a.m. Mass



Thursday December 26

No Celebration

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)

Tuesday December 31

12 Noon - 4:15 p.m. Adoration

4:30 p.m. Mass (Livestreamed)

Wednesday January 1

10:00 a.m. Mass



The office will be closed from Monday December 23rd at 12:00 Noon and will reopen Thursday January 2 at regular hours.

For any **emergency**, please phone and leave a message. Someone will call you back as soon as possible.

2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



You're Invited: Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year 2025

When: Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Where: Mary Queen of the World Cathedral,
2000 Sherbrooke St W, Montreal, Quebec H3H 1G4
Be part of this historic moment as Archbishop Christian Lépine celebrates the opening Mass of the Jubilee Year 2025. This special year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, carries the theme: "**Pilgrims of Hope.**"

Why the Jubilee is Significant

A Jubilee is a sacred time of renewal, deeply rooted in biblical tradition. It is a year of grace, reconciliation, and spiritual growth—a unique invitation to draw closer to God and to one another. Pope Francis describes it as "*a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.*" For our archdiocese, the Jubilee opens the door to new beginnings, inspiring us to build a more united, compassionate, and missionary Church.



MASS INTENTIONS



Monday (December 9) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. - Rosalie Banks by Lois & Marie Covet

Tuesday (December 10)

9:00 A.M. - Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday (December 11)

9:00 A.M. - Fr. Joseph Cameron by Paul Moreau

Thursday (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe Patron of the Americas

9:00 A.M. - Sick & Shut-ins

Friday (December 13) St. Lucy

9:00 A.M. - (*Living*) Anniversary blessing to Fr. Gerry by the Pastoral Team

Saturday (December 14)

4:30 P.M. - Violet Pierre by her family
- Suzanne O'Neill by the O'Neill family
- (*Living*) Birthday blessings to Cynthia Pierre by the Legion of Mary
- (*Living*) For the intercession of all the Angels & Saints in my life by Emilia Enow
- (*Living*) For peace in the Middle East by Olga Hanchuk

Sunday (December 15) 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. - Palmiro Salvati by Adamo Salvati

11:00 A.M. - Brenia & Michael Tomczuk by the Tomczuk family
- In memory of Ida & Elvio Castelli by the family
- In memory of Felicia Castelli & Peter Caestagne by the family

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
(December 6 - 13)**

in memory of
Aida Moutinho & Antonio Gomes Diaz
by Vera & Ana



Please send all requests for Mass Intentions 2 weeks or more before the requested date. This is to ensure it will be in the bulletin, on the website, on the bulletin board and, most importantly, on the Altar.



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if you wish to receive the newsletter each week, write to us at thegrapevine@diocesemontreal.org

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