

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, March 31st, 2018, 8:00PM

In memory of Yvette Marchand by Judy Marchand Davis  
Thanksgiving Blessings for the Resurrection Angel Candidates,  
their family and friends by Merly Nunez

## Sunday, April 1st, 2018, 10:30AM

†Rita Riley by Edna Poole  
† Loreto Amaro by the Amaro family  
†Victoria Davantes by Davantes family  
†Felomina Rebujo Cancio, Jesus Cancio and Basilia Reyes by Jocelyne Ordon  
†Magdalena Mariveles Serrano by her family  
†Melinda Bulseco Simpson by Burcena family  
†Maria Fuertes-Monton Torres  
For all the blessings particularly for a new baby born in the family  
and also for the safety of everybody by Evelyn Maramag  
Birthday Blessings for Joshua Reginales By the Reginales family  
Thanksgiving for Mama Cora and Ivah and family

## Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

## Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, 7:00PM

Thanksgiving and Blessings Monica Oviedo and Enrique Reyes..

## Thursday, April 5th, 2018, 9:00AM

Birthday blessings for Irene Reyes on the occasion of her 95th birthday by Lilia Baguyo

## Friday, April 6th, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving to St Anthony of Padua for blessings received by C. Wepruk

## Saturday, April 7th, 2018, 8:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

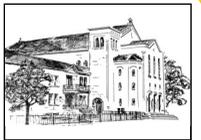
## Sunday, April 8th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Alice Murphy by her daughters  
†Janita Chioco Villacorta by Vangie de la Mata and Villacorta family

**Stewart Carson**, long time parishioner, friend and pillar of St Willibrord Parish, passed away on March 27, 2018. Visitation will be at Yves Legare, 5784 Verdun Ave, Verdun, QC H4H 1L8, from 2:00PM to 4:00PM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. His funeral will be celebrated hear on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 11am.

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## April 1, 2018—Easter Sunday

### "John saw the empty tomb and believed"

**Meditation:** What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, *Why do you seek the living among the dead* (Luke 24:5)? What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: *What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning* (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

*"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death."*

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Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

March 17, 2018—\$235.35  
Offering from funeral of  
Rita Riley  
March 17-18, 2018—  
\$1,268.60  
March 17-18, 2018—30.00  
(for Heating expense)  
March 24-25, 2018—  
\$1,681.35  
March 24-25, 2018—  
\$157.00  
(for Heating expense)

Mass Schedule  
Saturday @ 5:00 pm  
Sunday @ 10:30 am  
(incl. Children's  
Liturgy)  
Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)  
Wed @ 7:00 pm  
Thursday & Friday  
(Rector)  
@ 9:00 am  
Adoration Fridays  
9:30am to 11:30am  
(Rector)  
**Please note the Mass,  
on Tuesday, Thursday  
and Friday will be held  
in the Rector**

Anniversary and  
Birthday Blessings to  
◇All celebrating this week  
Joshua Reginales,  
Joelle Bolofer and Betty  
Luyten  
  
Thank you to  
◇Mike, Judith, Ann, Cora,  
and all who volunteer at  
the rectory and Church.  
◇all who worked for the  
Resurrection Celebration.

**Resurrection Angel Candidates**

Michael Amauro will be given the honor of being the Resurrection Angel and Easter Sunday, will be given the honor of lifting the veil of sorrow from Mary, at the time when Mary sees Jesus for the first time since the Crucifixion. The first and second runners up are Lexie Anne Castro and Tamina Eli Nabor

Thank you, to all the candidates, their family and friends, and all who supported them.

*Salamat Po at bendisyon para san iyong pagkabukas-palad sa St Willibrord's.*

This is the Second Annual Resurrection Angel Fundraising Event. The Candidates are **Ali Junior Ansagay, Victoria Eden Sanglitan, Tamina Eli Nabor Saturno, Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, Jamea Ivah Marie Corpuz, Michael Amuro and Lexie Anne Castro. Thank you to the candidates and their parents.**

**Resurrection Angel**

Salubong or Resurrection Angel has been a long tradition in all the Catholic parishes in the Philippines. It is believed that before Jesus appeared to his disciples and Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, Jesus first appeared to his mother.

During one of Pope John-Paul II's audiences in Rome (1997) he stated that it is only logical for Jesus to appear to his mother first. The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. That is why the re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honour for the child to be the angel who will lift the veil of sorrow, enabling Mary to see Jesus clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

The Pope asked: *"How could the Blessed Virgin, present in the first community of disciples (cf. Acts 1: 14), be excluded from those who met her divine Son after he had risen from the dead?" Indeed, it is legitimate to think that the Mother was probably the first person to whom the risen Jesus appeared. Could not Mary's absence from the group of women who went to the tomb at dawn (cf. Mk 16: 1; Mt 28: 1) indicate that she had already met Jesus? This inference would also be confirmed by the fact that the first witnesses of the Resurrection, by Jesus' will, were the women who had remained faithful at the foot of the Cross and therefore were more steadfast in faith. L'Osservatore Romano.*

(Weekly Edition in English, 28 May 1997, page 11)

**Conference for Teens**

Canada's Largest Catholic Youth Conference will be Steubenville Toronto and will take place on July 13 to 15, 2018. The cost for registration is \$275.00. The estimated cost for transportation is approximately \$55.00, depending on the number of passengers. It would be a great opportunity for the teens to attend this event as a group from St Willibrord Parish, joining with other parishes from across Canada.

More information can be found on their website [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com)

**Offertory**

It is custom that in gratitude for the many blessings that you have received, you are invited to bring up a gift to offer to the Church. It can be in the form of non perishable goods, ingredients for cooking or even money that will be used to support the mission and programs of the Church.

**Collection of money**

"From the very beginning, Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1351). Tithing and almsgiving are acts of worship (2 Corinthians 9:10-15) and expresses not only our desire to help those in need but also our generosity and gratitude, to God, for the many blessings we have received.

The gift of ourselves is never easy, and the church, knowing that, treats our offerings with great care. The priest places them in a dignified place in front of the altar, prays over them, with reverence, and the people who are making the offering, and asks God to receive them to himself.

*"Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice" — not only bread and wine, but what they symbolize: our work, struggles, joys, money, our very lives — "may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."*

**Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people**

**Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism** Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

**Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members:** Sunday, April 8, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

**Acolytes:** Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 9:00AM.

**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family will be on April 8, 2018

**Resurrection Angel** Sunday, April 1, 2018, 9:00AM

**Date(s) to Remember**

**Flea Market:** Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Mass in Cameron Hall:** Saturday, April 14, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

**BAPTISM** Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite. Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

**MARRIAGE** Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.