

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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April 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Announced Masses

Saturday April 9th

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday April 10th

Death Anniversary of Loreto Amaro by Marilyn Mendoza & Family

† **Ursula Lafontaine**

Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Michelle Abinal

By Michelle Abinal

Birthday Blessings for

Betty Luyten

Marjorie & Tiffany Lopez

By their Parents

Tuesday April 12th

PRO POPULO

Wednesday April 13th

Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Michelle Abinal

By Michelle Abinal

Thursday April 14th

Birthday Blessings for Betty Luyten

Friday April 15th

Marjorie & Tiffany Lopez

By their Parents

Saturday April 16th

Sunday April 17th

† **Delia Abinal**

By Michelle Abinal

Meditation: *Do you love me more than anything else?*

In his third appearance to the apostles, Jesus prepared a breakfast for them and ate with them. Peter's prompt response to draw near to the Lord and eat breakfast with him stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial and distancing himself from his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest and trial. Why did Jesus question Peter's love and loyalty three times in front of the other disciples? It must have caused Peter pain and sorrow since he had publicly denied Jesus three times previously. Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his Lord and Master and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost.

When Jesus asked Peter "do you love me more than these?" he may have pointed to the boats, nets and other fishing companions. He may have challenged Peter to let go of his career as a fisherman for the task of shepherding the people whom Christ would call to be his disciples. Jesus may have also pointed to the other apostles and to Peter's previous boast: "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away" (Matthew 26:33). Peter now makes no boast or comparison but humbly responds: "You know I love you."

The Lord wants to renew our minds and rekindle our hearts with his transforming love

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. God's abundant grace (favor and blessing) is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace (unmerited favor) and mercy.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) once wrote: "*Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ... You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath... now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace.*" (Confessions 10:27)

The Lord Jesus wants to personally draw near to each one of us and he knocks every day on the door of our hearts and he waits for our response (Revelation 3:20). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you and do you listen for his voice as he speaks to you in your heart and through the word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? Ask the Lord Jesus to rekindle your love for him and to transform your life through the power and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you.

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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.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Julian Paparella

Administration and PCL

Collections

Mar 19-20/16—\$1106.35

Holy Week & Triduum—

\$4736.90

Apr 2-3/2016—\$1341.00

Flea Market - \$2328.00



We pray for the eternal repose of Ursula Lafontaine, mother of our choir director Paul. Please keep her and the entire Lafontaine family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

MASS WITH CARDINAL TAGLE

Wednesday night at Saint Joseph's Oratory, **Cardinal Luis Antonio "Chito" Tagle** celebrated Mass for a crowd of nearly two thousand people, many from the Filipino Catholic community. Several of us from Saint Willibrord's were fortunate enough to take part. All of us were deeply struck and inspired by what we experienced. We encountered a man of deep faith and joy in Christ and trust in our loving God, humble and funny but also full of wisdom. The Cardinal urged us **not to**



worry about what we are to wear or what we are to eat, but instead to trust in God our Creator, who has made everything and will always provide for us. When we worry we think we are preserving life but instead we are losing life. When we focus on our clothing and food we forget to **seek first God's kingdom and his justice**, and often forget about those in need, who are in need of the clothes and food we consume in abundance. He told the story of a principal he met who once reprimanded a mother whose two daughters had exceeded the allowable number of absences from school within the first two months of the year. She scolded the mother and threatened to expel the daughters. Then the mother told her that **her daughters only have one pair of shoes** that they share between the two of them. So they take turns going to school. Meanwhile, the principal's greatest dilemma that morning had been which of her shoes matched the dress she was going to wear. He also joked that often we buy clothes when we are shaped like "Coca Cola bottles" and keep them in our closets even when years later we are shaped more like "Coca Cola cans." We think of what we are going to have for lunch while eating breakfast, and what we're going to have for dinner while eating lunch. **But do we consider what we are going to do to make sure our brothers and sisters are fed and clothed and not in need?** It was a very moving night and a very simple but profound homily., from a man who could be our next pope!

BAZAAR 2016—Looking for Good Cheer Donations!

We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st** and **Saturday, October 22nd**. We are looking for donations of alcohol for our **Good Cheer Table** during this month of April! They can be brought on Sunday or to the Office.

Confirmandi to the Cathedral!

This afternoon our candidates for Confirmation will join Bishop Thomas Dowd for Holy Spirit Day at Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral! Our next **Faith in the Family** for children and parents is Sunday, April 17th! Breakfast at 9am and catechesis at 9:30. First Communion will be **May 29th** and Confirmation is **June 5th!** Please pray for all our children!

WARDENS ELECTIONS

In the coming weeks Saint Willibrord's Parish will be organizing elections for our Wardens. Wardens are the financial overseers of the Parish. Saint Willibrord's has six Wardens. If you are interested in serving Saint Willibrord's as a Warden, please contact Father Gregory or the Parish Office.

Annual OKO at St. Thomas More this Wednesday

St. Thomas More Women's Club will hold their Annual O.K.O. this Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 at 12pm in the Parish Hall, 978 Moffat Ave (at Bannantyne). Admission is \$5.00, delicious refreshments served. Men are welcome.



BIRTHDAYS

Joelle Bolofer

April 1

Rita Riley (April 2)

Arturo Meriales

April 6

Maria Garcia

(April 9)

18th Birthday of Joshua Reginales

THANK YOU to Evelyn & Arthur and Mike for cleaning the Church.