

# Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. " —catholiceducation.org

**Saturday, April 14th, 2018, 8:00PM**

†Marilyn Block By Betty Luyten-Friedman

**Sunday, April 15th, 2018, 10:30AM**

Birthday blessings for Joelle Bolofer

Thanksgiving for blessings received by the Reginales family

**Tuesday, April 17th, 2018, 7:00PM**

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**Wednesday, April 18th, 2018, 7:00PM**

†Stewart Carson by Beverly Fender

Birthday Blessings to Pepito Mendoza by Juliet Quioco and family

**Thursday, April 19th, 2018, 9:00AM**

Thanksgiving Mass by the Salinggawi family..

**Friday, April 20th, 2018, 9:00AM**

Continued Blessings for Beng & Jonas Bolofer  
and for Marilou and Nonong Comodero  
by the Bolofer and Comodero Families..

**Saturday, April 21st, 2018, 8:00PM**

†Elizabeth D'Silva by Joseph D'Silva

**Sunday, April 22nd, 2018, 10:30AM**

Birthday blessings for Joshua Reginales

†Gordon Dawson by Maureen Dawson and family

†Francis Clement Dawson by Maureen Dawson and Family

†Arthuro Lagman on his 1yr death anniversary by Maria Garcia

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## **April 15, 2018—Third Sunday of Easter**

### **Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures**

**Meditation:** Aren't we like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The Gospel accounts attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising.

Jerome (347-420 AD), an early church bible scholar, comments:

"As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them... Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (From a *letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem* 34)

### ***The door to heaven and key to paradise is through the cross***

The centrality of the Gospel message is the cross - but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies - death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the Gospel to those around you? "Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of your word. Anoint us with your power and give us joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed."

**A Daily Quote for Easter Week:** *The Easter Alleluia*, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.

"We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each others voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts. " (excerpt from commentary on *Psalms 148*)

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**Please Note**  
**There will be no office hours on Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

Pastor  
 Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
 Anastasia Wargachuk  
 Administration

**April 7-8, 2018 (Annual Collection)—\$356.00**  
**April 7-8, 2018—\$903.55**  
**April 2018 Flea Market—\$2,689.00**

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**

**Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to**  
 ◇All celebrating this week  
 Happy Birthday to Nonong Comoder, Monica Alteres, Pepito Mendoza, Joshua Bolofer, Gloria Mamangun and Chris Altura  
**Thank you to**  
 ◇Mike, Judith, Ann, Cora, and all who volunteer at the rectory and in the Church.  
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**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

**I. CHRIST - THE UNIQUE WORD OF SACRED SCRIPTURE**

**101** In order to reveal himself to men, in the condescension of his goodness God speaks to them in human words: "Indeed the words of God, expressed in the words of men, are in every way like human language, just as the Word of the eternal Father, when he took on himself the flesh of human weakness, became like men."<sup>63</sup>

**102** Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely.<sup>64</sup>

You recall that one and the same Word of God extends throughout Scripture, that it is one and the same Utterance that resounds in the mouths of all the sacred writers, since he who was in the beginning God with God has no need of separate syllables; for he is not subject to time.<sup>65</sup>

**103** For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body.<sup>66</sup>

**104** In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God".<sup>67</sup> "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."<sup>68</sup>

**II. INSPIRATION AND TRUTH OF SACRED SCRIPTURE**

**105** *God is the author of Sacred Scripture.* "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."<sup>69</sup>

"For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."<sup>70</sup>

**106** God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more."<sup>71</sup>

**107** The inspired books teach the truth. "Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures."<sup>72</sup>

**108** Still, the Christian faith is not a "religion of the book." Christianity is the religion of the "Word" of God, a word which is "not a written and mute word, but the Word is incarnate and living".<sup>73</sup> If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, "open [our] minds to understand the Scriptures."<sup>74</sup>

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p1s1c2a3.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p1s1c2a3.htm)

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Reflection: As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we invite you to join us on Sunday, April 22, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass. It will begin with watching a clip from the Catholicism Video Series and afterward there will be a brief discussion. The video and discussion should last approximately 1 hour.



Easter Sunday at 9:00AM, the second annual reenactment of the first meeting between Jesus and His Mother, Mary, since His resurrection, took place.

We would like to thank the candidates, *Ali Junior Ansagay, Victoria Eden Sanglitan, Tamina Eli Nabor Saturno, Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, Jamea Ivah Marie Corpuz, Michael Amauro and Lexie Anne Castro*, their parents, family and friends, and the visitors who came to share this experience with us. A lot of preparation work was done by many volunteers and we would like to thank the following people: Jorge and Sheila, Jonas and Beng, Bernard and Janet, Pedro and Fely, Bong and Melina, Sandy Merly, Cora, Johanne Patry, and Otab Praccides Sr.

If you are interested in receiving more information about the Resurrection Angel or having your child be a candidate for the Resurrection Angel, please contact the office. We are preparing for next year's Resurrection Angel Celebrations and would appreciate any assistance in creating another wonderful event.

**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 22, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

**Acolytes:** Saturday May 12, 2018, at 9:00AM.

**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family will be on April 22, 2018

**Date(s) to Remember**

**Flea Market:** Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Mass in Cameron Hall:** Saturday, May 12, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

**LIVE FROM OTTAWA APRIL 27-28, 2018 STREAMING THIS YEAR TO OUR MONTREAL HOSTSITE AT ST. KEVIN PARISH!**

Join us at St. Kevin Church (5600 Côte-Des-Neiges Rd., Montreal, H3T 1Z1) on **Friday, April 27**, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on **Saturday, April 28**, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Lunch will be provided. Please contact 514-258-0227 or [stkevinNES18@gmail.com](mailto:stkevinNES18@gmail.com) for more info about this Host Site. For details on this year's speakers and to purchase tickets online at: [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

**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.