

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

Sunday, April 16th 2017, 10:30 AM

John Carley By Carole Wepruk

†**Gregorio, Generosa, Romana, Ambrosio, Necitas, Juanita, Macario**

By the Nunez Family

†**Death Anniversary of Michelle Miller** By Bong Quioco & Melina Pasal

Thanksgiving Blessings for the Resurrection Angel Candidates

and their families By Merly Nunez

Thanksgiving Mass offered by Beatris Visaya and Family

Thanksgiving Mass By Dindo & Rebeca Doblado & Family

Thanksgiving Mass By Ruth & Alex Laxina

Thanksgiving by Mr & Mrs Noel Altamera & Family

Healing and Peace for Cora Garlando

Birthday Blessings for Chris Altura and Pepito Mendoza By Juliet Quioco

Tuesday, April 18th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, April 19th, 2017, 7:00PM

†**Lorreta Boshyan..** By Celly Daniel

Thursday, April 20th 2017, 9:00AM

†**James Austin..** By Maria Garcia

Friday, April 21st, 2017, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving Mass.. By Sally Carrera & family

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017, 5:00PM

†**John Carley..** By Betty Luyten-Friedman

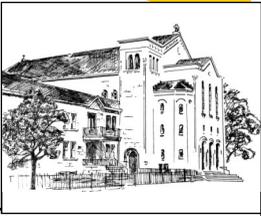
Sunday, April 23rd, , 2017, 10:30 AM

For the intentions of the students, of Joseph D'Silva, as they prepare and take their final exams

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick,

• Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk, Carmen Lapello, Eddie Rodgers, Terry & Liz McHugh.

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April 16, 2017
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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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.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Mar 25-26, 2017—\$879.25
April Flea Market —\$2,342.50
April 1-2, 2017 —\$1,575.40
April 8-9, 2017 —\$922.05

Mass Schedule

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

9:30am to 11:30am

Birthdays/Anniversary Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week. And Birthday Blessings to Nonong Comodero, Monica Altares, Pepito Mendoza, Chris Altura, Joshua Bolofer, Gloria Mamangun, Lillian Cavanaugh

Thank You

◇Fr Joseph Cameron and Fr Andrew Thavan, for celebrating Holy Thursday Mass with us.
◇Bishop James Wingle
◇Mike, Joseph, Angela, Patrick, Judith, Anne, Merly, Ruth, Sally, Cora, Susan, Mayet, Janet, Bernard, Sheila, Jolina, Marilou, Jorge and Bernadette for their work at the rectory,
◇Cathie Macaulay for her words of wisdom and encouragement during the Lenten Recollection.



This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, took place this morning, Easter Sunday, and while all the candidates participated, it was Jolina Sheloh, who was given the great honor to be the angel who lifts the veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion. Please join us and the children as we celebrate the first meeting of Jesus and Mary after the Crucifixion.

Children

And their Parents

Jessica Jane Quioccho	Melina Pasal	Angelito (Bong) Quioccho
Rex Alexander Ansagay	Ruth Ansagay	Ali Ansagay
Jolina Sheloh Reginales	Sheila Reginales	Jorge Reginales
Glyness Joy Tecson	Babylynne Tecson	Glenn Tecson
Fredrick Kay Manansala	Alicia Altares	Mark Manansala
Auraya Altares Low	Jennifer Altares	Jarrold Low
Vincent Fournier	Jean Fournier	Bernard Fournier
Joe Anthony Luis Carillo	Anna Carillo	Manuel Carillo
Spencer William Fabia Poquiz	Fe Poquiz	Fruan Poquiz
Jazlyn Rose Cawaling	Roche Martirez	John Cawaling

Thank you and God Bless the children and parents for your dedication to St Willibrord Church and for your love of the Lord. Your generosity and all that you have contributed to the success of the first Salubong ceremony is greatly appreciated.

A special word of thanks to the dedicated volunteers, Merly, Monica, Ruth, Menche, Mayet, Sally, Sharon, Fe & Pedro, Jonas & Beng, Juliet & Pepito, Marilou, Cora, Jorge, Sheila, Amalie, Noel and Mher, who worked to prepare and decorate the church for the re-enactment of when Mary meets Jesus for the first time since His resurrection.



ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism there will be a meeting on April 20, 2017
Reflection on Seven Deadly Sins: will resume after the Lenten Reflections, on April 23, 2017
Flea Market: Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family (incl Prep for First Communion and Confirmation): The next session will be on April 30, 2017 at 9:00AM

Lectors Meeting: Sunday, April 30, 2017

Acolytes: The next meeting will be on April 29, 2017, at 9:15AM, at the rectory

For your convenience, temporary Collection Envelopes

Until the new envelopes arrive from the new printer, we ask that you use the temporary envelopes, placed at the back of the church. Thank you for your understanding. Donations made using these envelopes will be issued tax receipts. **Please print your name and contact information on the envelope.**

.St Willibrord Parish Mission Statement

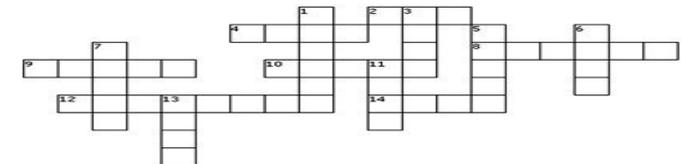
That we be a people who desire to grow: in our understanding of the Church., in our love for Christ, in our love of & service to our sisters and brothers. That we nurture diversities, give people the opportunity to discover Gospel values in everyday life. That we be a Church where all feel welcome to participate at their own will.

Donation Reminder

We are always accepting donations of new and gently used items that can be sold at the flea market. Keep us in mind when spring cleaning.

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. A heavenly being
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

- 1. The male parent
- 3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- 11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
- 13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	