

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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April 17, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Announced Masses

Saturday April 16th

Birthdays Blessings

for Chris Altura

By Juliet Quiocho

Sunday April 17th

† **Delia Abinal**

By Michelle Abinal

† **Ramon Salvador Maman-**
gun By Gloria Mamangun

† **Ursula Lafontaine**

† **P. Owen Dowd**

Int. of Francisco Meriales

Intentions of Teofila Ellasos
Hennebelle by Ellasos Fam.

In Thanksgiving and

† **Elisa Cortero**

By Merly Nunez & Family

Tuesday April 19th

PRO POPULO

Wednesday April 20th

Thanksgiving & Birthday

Blessings for Michelle Abinal

By Michelle Abinal

Thursday April 14th

Birthdays 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: How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd (John 10:11). What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship and care for his chosen people who were called by his name (Psalm 80:1 and 100:3). God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel (Ezekiel 37:24). Jesus, God's anointed Messiah and King, born from the tribe of David, called himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom his Father had entrusted to his care (John 10:29).

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the *Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39, John 4:14). If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day? - **rc.net**

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

Holy Week & Triduum—

\$4736.90

Apr 2-3/2016—\$1341.00

Flea Market—\$2328.00

Apr 9-10/2016—\$703.95

JOHN PAUL II ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates **Good Shepherd Sunday**. The Gospel speaks of Christ the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and lays down his life for them, so that “they may have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10). It is also **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Here are reflections on Christ the Good Shepherd by Pope John Paul II:

“Christ – the Good Shepherd – is present among us, among the peoples, nations, generations and races, as the One who “lays down his life for the sheep”. ... Yes, the Good Shepherd lays down his life. But only to take it up again (Jn 10:17). And in the new

life of the Resurrection, he has become – in the words of Saint Paul – “a life-giving spirit” (1 Cor 15:45), who can now bestow the gift of Life on all who believe in him. Life laid down – Life taken up again – Life given. In him, we have that Life which he has in the unity of the Father and of the Holy Spirit. If we believe in him. If we are one with him through love, remembering that “whoever loves God must also love his brother” (1 Jn 4:21).” (John Paul II, World Youth Day Denver, 14 August 1993)

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, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, and Joey Walsh. God is with you always.

With Prayers and Sympathy



Let us continue to pray for the eternal repose of **Ursula Lafontaine**, mother of our choir director **Paul**, and for **P. Owen Dowd**, father of **Bishop Thomas Dowd**, whose funerals were celebrated this past Friday and Thursday respectively. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. *May they rest forever in the peace of the Risen Christ.*



BIRTHDAYS

Monica Altares

(April 17)

Nonong Comodero

(April 17)

Pepito Mendoza

(April 18)

FAITH & FUN DAY on Saturday, April 30th

On Saturday, April 30th, Saint Willibrord’s is organizing a **FAITH & FUN DAY** for children and families. We will be going to **Saint Joseph’s Oratory!** Stay tuned for more details. Please join us!

THANK YOU to Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist and Mike for cleaning the Church. To Jonas, Bong, Bernard, Pedro, Arturo for painting the rectory

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.

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.