

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 1st, 2017, 5:00PM

†**All souls in purgatory** By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**John Carley** By Parishioners of St Willibrord Parish

†**31st Death Anniversary of Victoria Davantes** By Victoria Davantes & family

†**Loreto Amaro** By Marilyn Mendoza

Thanksgiving Blessings for the Resurrection Angels candidates and their families By Merly Nunez

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, April 5th, 2017, 7:00PM

Thanksgiving Blessings for Maggie Daniel.. By The Daniel Family

Thursday, April 6th 2017, 9:00AM

†**Jeff Lijeski..** By Betty Luyten-Friedman

Friday, April 7th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**James Austin..** By Maria Garcia

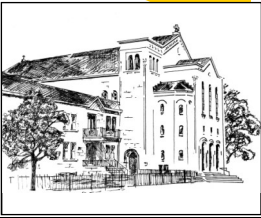
Saturday, April 8th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Leonard Legos** By Joseph D'Silva

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, Ed Rodgers.

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April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I am the resurrection and the life"

Meditation: If a true "friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17), why did Jesus delay in coming to Lazarus' home when he knew that his friend was gravely ill? Jesus certainly loved Lazarus and his two sisters and he often stayed in their home at Bethany. But to the surprise of his friends and disciples, Jesus did not go right away to Bethany when he was called. Jesus explained that Lazarus' sickness would bring glory to God. The glory which Jesus had in mind, however, was connected with suffering and the cross. He saw the cross as his supreme glory and the way to glory in the kingdom of God. For Jesus there was no other way to glory except through the cross.

Jesus also knew that it was dangerous for him to travel anywhere near Jerusalem at this time, since the religious authorities in Jerusalem were plotting his destruction. Jesus, however, was willing to pay the price to help his friend. For Jesus to come to Jerusalem at Passover time was an act of courage. The explanation which Jesus gave to his disciples was simple and challenging at the same time. "*Are there not twelve hours in the day?*" In so many words he said: "There are enough hours in the day to do what one must do." A day can neither be rushed nor extended. Its period is fixed.

Courage to act in the light of God's truth

In God's economy we each have our "day" whether it be short or long. While time is limited, there is enough for us to accomplish what God intends. God gives each of us our allotted portion in life. We can either waste it or use it to the utmost for God's glory. Jesus did not let circumstances or pressure dictate what he would do. Nor did he permit others to dictate his actions or timetable. He took action of his own initiative and in his good time. Don't we often try to get God to do things in our way and on our timetable?

Both the Romans and the Jews divided the day into twelve equal hours from sunrise to sunset. The day's work and travel, however, ceased when the daylight was gone. If someone wanted to get their day's work done, he had to do it before it got dark. Jesus made a spiritual analogy with our relationship with God. While the light of Christ is with us, we must live and walk in the truth and grace of his light. There's a right time to make peace with God, and that time is now. When darkness comes, then judgment follows for those who refuse God and spurn his love.

When Jesus announced that Lazarus was dead and that he was going to Jerusalem, Thomas showed both his courage and pessimism. "*Let us go, that we may die with him.*" This courage, however, was not tempered with faith and hope in God's promise to bring victory out of defeat. Even though Thomas was a witness to Lazarus' resurrection, he betrayed his master when arrest and death stared him in the face. He doubted his master's resurrection until Jesus showed him the wounds of his passion. God gives us faith, courage, and the strength we need to persevere through any trial and suffering we must face in this life. If we embrace our cross with faith and trust in God, then we, too, will see victory and glory in the end.

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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 11-12, 2017—\$1,004.00
Mar 18-19, 2017—\$1,128.30
Mar 25-26, 2017—\$879.25

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.
Birthday Blessings to Joelle Bolofer and Rita Riley

Thank You

◇Mike, Judith, Bong, Jonas, Pepito, Pedro, Nonong, Jorge, Bernard, Wilson, Merly, Ruth, Sheila, Melina, Ann, Beng and Jackie for their work at the rectory, in the Soup kitchen and the Church.
◇Cathie Macaulay for her words of wisdom and encouragement during the Lenten Recollection
◇Beverly for her work in the office
◇all the volunteers, vendors and patrons for making this month's flea market a success.

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.

Mass Schedule for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

10:30AM Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

7:00PM Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

3:00PM Friday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00PM Way of the Cross Procession

Easter Vigil, April 15, 2017

8:00PM The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

10:30AM

Lenten Recollection with Cathie Macaulay

Please join us, for the next two Sundays, following the 10:30am Mass, as we prepare ourselves spiritually for Lent by listening to the inspiring words of wisdom

Why do we gather at the back of the Church after Mass?

It is a longstanding tradition for the Priest to greet each parishioner, thanking them for attending the Mass and briefly finding out about them and their family and friends, offering blessings as they go about their day.

Stopping in the foyer, gives the opportunity for the parishioners to greet one another, offer words of support and encouragement, stopping and being present, in that moment, to one another.

The refreshments and snacks, at the back of the Church, evolved because of the needs and desires of the parishioners. At one time the parishioners would leave immediately after mass, sometimes directly after communion but as they began to get to know one another, they would slow their steps, as they made their way to the door, stopping and interacting with one another, becoming a community. When Bishop Dowd heard of this wonderful transformation, he suggested that, in order to encourage it, we should offer light refreshments at the back of the Church, after Mass.

During mass, especially during the Eucharist, we meet and are in communion with God and with each mass we meet each other, connecting and becoming one community and to be a living presence of Christ to one another. In the event of an emergency evacuation, there are people ready and able to assist and direct the parishioners to safety.

Next question to be answered will be...

Why are the Churches always big and fancy?

There are so many decorations like statues and paintings.



ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Resurrection Angel Candidates

Tickets are still available for the resurrection angel, please support and encourage our candidates: **Jazlyn Rose Cawaling, Joe Anthony Luis Carrillo, Spencer William Fabia Poquiz, Jolina Sheloh Reginales, Jessica Jane Quiocho, Glyness Joy Tecson, Rex Alexander Ansagay, Vincent Fournier, Auraya Altares Low and Fredrick Kay Manansala.**

This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday, and it is a great honor for the child to be the angel who lifts the veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by Catholicism at 7:30pm

Reflection on Seven Deadly Sins: will resume after the Lenten Reflections, on April 23, 2017

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, at 7:00PM, leading up to Good Friday

Parish Lenten Recollection will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass, for a period of one hour, started on March 19, 2017, and continues for March 26, 2017, April 2, 2017 and April 9, 2017

Flea Market: Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Meet the Resurrection Angel Candidates: April 2, 2017, following the 10:30 AM Mass, show your support by offering words of encouragement and making donations to their fundraising activities.

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral: On April 2, 2017, at 1:30PM, the children preparing for their first communion and confirmation are invited to visit the Cathedral

Resurrection Angel Easter: Sunday, April 16, 2017, at 9:00AM, in the Church

Easter Flowers Donations

Donations can be placed in the collection basket with "Easter Flowers" written on the envelope. Floral donations can be brought during Holy week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. For more information or to make arrangements, please contact the rectory



Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family (incl Prep for First Communion and Confirmation): This Sunday and the next will be on April 16, 2017 at 9:00AM

Lectors: This Sunday, April 2, 2017 and we will be meeting in Cameron hall, to listen to the Lenten reflection.

Acolytes: The next meeting will be on April 22, 2017, at 9:15AM, at the rectory

Do you have any questions about your faith and are looking for answers?

Ask Father....

Papers have been placed at the back of the Church for you to ask the questions that you have always wanted to ask, concerning the Church and your faith. The answers will appear in subsequent bulletins. A blue box has been placed at the back of the Church to collect your questions. Please continue to write down your questions and they will all be answered. **Keep your questions coming.**

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 and in the pews. 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.**