

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 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

†**Death Anniversary of Gregorio Nunez Sr** By Nunez Family

Tuesday, April 25th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017, 7:00PM

For the Intentions of Lola Inocencia Ellasos.. By her loving daughter

Thursday, April 27th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Generosa Nunez..** By Sally Carrera & Family

Friday, April 28th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Feliz & Vicenta Manugo..** By Merly Nunez

Saturday, April 29th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Milton Wilkie** By Ann & Eddy Parr

Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Aida & Julian Galan..

Sunday, April 30th, 2017, 10:30 AM

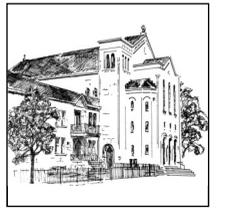
† **Suzannah Lindsay** By Bernadette Roach and family

† **Precy Zoniga** By Maria Garcia

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 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter

"Did not our hearts burn while he opened to us the Scriptures"

Meditation: Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They *had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel*. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord Jesus appeared to them and gave them understanding.

Do you recognize the Risen Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their *slowness of heart* to believe what the Scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the *breaking of the bread*?

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) reflects on the dimness of their perception:

"They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1).

"Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth - that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth." (From *The Harmony of the Gospels*, 3.25.72)

How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

"Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life."

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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
April 13, 2017 — \$471.25
April 14, 2017 — \$675.35
April 15, 2017 — \$415.40
April 16, 2017 — \$3,161.25

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.

Thank You

◇Fr Roy Remo, for his presentation about Marriage, relationships and the Law
◇Fr Jake, Fr Jet Garcia, Alvin and Dominic for celebrating and participating at Mass with us.
◇all volunteers for their continued work and dedication to St Willibrord Parish and the people we serve
◇Jonas, Bong, Pedro, Fely for their work in the Church.

BEFORE THE CROSS | Chrism Mass is a great Catholic tradition
Archbishop Robert J. Carlson (March 17, 2016)

Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: Oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength. Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life (CCC 1293-4).

Most people know about the big celebrations of Holy Week — Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, Easter Mass. A lesser known tradition — but one that deserves to be better known — is the Mass on Holy Thursday morning. It's the Chrism Mass. Most of the priests come. At the Chrism Mass, I consecrate the holy oils used throughout the year, in every parish and hospital of the archdiocese, for baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick.

In addition to the Eucharist, the consecration of oils is the central feature of this Mass. There are three kinds of oil. 1) The Oil of Catechumens is for a pre-baptismal anointing. It signifies and brings cleansing and strengthening for those who will be joined with Christ's death and resurrection through baptism. 2) The Oil of the Sick is for the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament signifies and brings strength and comfort to those in serious illness. It helps the sick unite their sufferings with Christ, so they can offer them for the help of others. It also may bring healing, if God wills. 3) The Sacred Chrism is in Confirmation and Ordination. It signifies and brings a special consecration of a person to the mission of Jesus.

Another feature of the Mass, while not essential, is still very important: the gathering of priests to share the celebration of the Mass. (In the archdiocese we also eat lunch together afterward.) Catholic tradition considers Holy Thursday to be the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist. So this is a special time for us to gather and affirm our bonds as a "fraternity" of priests. It's a simple activity, but at the same time a profound symbol. At our best, this is what priests do: We gather, we pray, and we go out to bring the healing and strengthening presence of the Lord to His people. It's a time to remember that that's what we're about, and to renew our commitment to it. The Chrism Mass says something special about our unity as Catholics: The same oil is used throughout the archdiocese for the celebrations mentioned above. It touches the heart of my ministry as a bishop: though I can't be at every baptism or confirmation or anointing of the sick, by blessing the oils that are used, I can, in some way, be a part of all of them. Finally, in the Year of Mercy, it stands as a special symbol of how we can gather in prayer, and then take the healing presence of the Lord to every corner, every nook and cranny of the archdiocese where people are hurting and wanting to draw close to the Lord.

The Chrism Mass is a beautiful thing — a quiet and powerful moment of togetherness before the busy-ness of the Triduum.

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, at 6:30pm at the rectory
Reflection on Seven Deadly Sins: will resume after the Lenten Reflections, on April 30, 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.

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.**

Book Recommendation

Life's Greatest Lessons... What I've Learned From the Happiest People I Know By Allen R Hunt. Is available for the suggested donation price of \$5.00. For more information, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at stwillibrordparsh@videotron.ca

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT (NES)

(sponsored by the Pillar's Trust)

Have you registered yet? It promises to be inspiring. It will be LIVE-STREAMED on Fri. May 12 ...6:00—9:30 pm and Sat. May 13...8:30 am to 4:00 pm in St John Brebeuf Parish, Lasalle, QC. How? Register on line at [www.newevangeliza_on.ca](http://www.newevangeliza.on.ca) or Who? Call Dawn at 514 366 0131 ext. 223, Cory at 514 799 1907, Prem/Bob at 514 366 8553.