

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 28th, 2018, 8:00PM

Thanksgiving and Blessings in Honor of the Most Holy Trinity by Virgil Rosal..

Sunday, April 29th, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday blessings for Gloria Mamangun
Birthday blessings for Joshua Bolofer
Birthday blessings for Nonong Comodero
Birthday blessings for Pepito Mendoza
Birthday blessings for Monica Alteres
Birthday blessings for Lily Cavanagh
†Mary Molloy Weston by Lorraine Molloy
†Leoncio Nunez by Merly Nunez and family

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018, 7:00PM

†Claude Laramée by Carole Wepruk

Thursday, May 3rd, 2018, 9:00AM

†Huguette Douek by Maria Salceda

Friday, May 4th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Denise Valcourt by France Gaumont

Saturday, May 5th, 2018, 8:00PM

†Souls in purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, May 6th, 2018, 10:30AM

That all the youth of our Parish and families will remember to be faithful to their faith and God
by Loraine Molloy

St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church
351 Willibrord Ave., Verdun, Qc. H4G 2T7
Tel: 514-769-9678 Fax: 514-761-1717
Email: stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca



April 29, 2018—Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Abide in me, and I in you"

Meditation: Why does Jesus speak of himself as the *true vine*? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "*the vineyard of the Lord*" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "*as his choice vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the Scriptures as a sign of degeneration - a deformed state of spiritual growth and moral decline. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "*yielded wild grapes*" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "*degenerate and wild vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21).

One must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life"

When Jesus calls himself the *true vine* he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Religious affiliation or association with spiritually minded people is not sufficient by itself - one must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life" (Revelation 22:1-2, Genesis 2:8-9) who is the eternal Father and his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make - he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Bearing the fruit of righteousness, peace, and joy

Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "*righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's healing and transforming power to give you the abundant life and fruit of his heavenly kingdom?

"Lord Jesus, may I be one with you in all that I say and do. Draw me close that I may glorify you and bear fruit for your kingdom. Inflammate my heart with your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All."

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/apr29.htm>

The Sacrament of first Holy Communion will be on May 27, 2018

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

April 14-15, 2018—
\$631.70
April 14-15, 2018—
\$253.75
(for heating expense)
April 21-22, 2018—
\$841.85
April 21-22, 2018—
\$185.00
(Annual Colection)

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
(Rectory)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rectory)

Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rectory

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to
◊All celebrating this week

Thank you to
◊Mike, Judith, Ann, Cora, Merly and all who volunteer at the rectory and in the Church.

PREX 10

FCMM (Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal) and St Willibrord Parish will be holding PREX 10. The Parish Renewal Experience which will be held at St Willibrord Parish, on May 11, 12 & 13, 2018. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact the rectory

Parish

Renewal

EXperience



CONCEPT

The Parish Renewal Experience is based on the concept expressed by Pope Paul VI: "The Church is an evangelizer, but she begins by evangelizing herself by constant conversion and renewal, in order to evangelize world with credibility" (Evangelii Nuntiandi). It is an attempt to answer the three questions posed by Pope Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation mentioned:

- **What has happened to that hidden energy of the Good News which has such a powerful effect on man's conscience?**
- **Is the evangelical force of the Gospel capable of transforming lives?**
- **What method should be followed to insure that the Gospel may have the proper impact?**

THEOLOGY OF PREX

The Parish Renewal Weekend is a conversion experience. It is a strong recall into belonging to the people of God, the Church. The reestablishment of belonging occurs through an emphasis on, and an experience of, reconciliation. It is an attempt to respond to the search for direction and approaches to strengthen and deepen the life of our parishes. It advances the parishes (priests, religious and laity together as a family) toward the goal of a faith community. There is a continuing need for reconciliation in all of us. The follow-up to the Weekend is not a movement in the setting of parish life is based on this need. The Parish Renewal Weekend is not a movement from without to help the parish. It is about the parishes renewing themselves. The follow-up at parish level is therefore vital. This calls for no structures since everything is based on existing groups and societies, nor does it call for new movements and new societies. It concentrates simply on the parish. A greater awareness then emerges that the parish is not a "we" and "they" arrangement, but a call to be family – to learn how to live with and love one another.

THEOLOGY OF PREX

It is the theology of the BODY OF CHRIST which is US, members of the community of disciples, members of the parish. This is theology of PREX achieved through the process of reconciliation where all the activities of the weekend experience will lead to, and which the weekend will hope to achieve.

SPIRITUALITY OF PREX

PREX's spirituality is incarnational. Jesus Christ continues to be present in every person. PREX graduates should be able to recognize the presence of Christ in every person.

<http://prexnapps.org/concept/>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Communion by Intinction

Communion from the cup by drinking is the preferred method of receiving the cup because it is a fulfilment of the Lord's command: "Take and eat; take and drink." Jesus often spoke of drinking during his ministry: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day..." (Jn. 6.54); "Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" (Mt. 20.22); etc. *Instruction on the Extension of the Faculty to Distribute Communion Under Both Kinds* states that "among the ways of distribution drinking from the chalice itself has pre-eminence." The practice of intinction as permitted in liturgical law is not the way it is generally practised in parishes. There is *no* permission for the individual communicant to take the host and then dip it into the blood of Christ.

Intinction is also discouraged because the danger of spillage is greater than it is during drinking. As the individual dips the host into the consecrated wine and then places it on his or her own tongue, there is a chance that the Blood of Christ may drip from the host or bread. If this were to happen with several communicants, a noticeable amount would be spilled. Proper catechesis of the faithful on this question should be carried out and repeated periodically. *COMMUNION from the CUPA Report by the Episcopal Commission for Liturgy and the National Liturgy Office 1996*

After much prayer and research, it was decided that the practice of intinction, dipping of consecrated Host into the Wine, will no longer be practiced at St Willibrord Parish. The reasons are to be liturgically correct, to protect the sacredness of the Body and Blood of Christ, as well as, for hygienic reasons. We invite you to receive both species, body and Blood of Christ as He intended.

²⁶ *Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples. 'Take it and eat,' he said, 'this is my body.'*²⁷ *Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he handed it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you,'*²⁸ *for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*²⁹ *From now on, I tell you, I shall never again drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father. Matthew 26:26-29'*

Bible Camp June 26 to 29, 2018

Pre-Registration: If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend Bible Camp this year, please contact the rectory or speak with Christina, Stasi or Carole. Pre-Registration forms will be made available, spaces are limited

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, May 6, 2018

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

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will be on May 6, 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

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.