

## MASS TIMES

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 9:30-11:30

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April 3, 2016

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

### Announced Masses

*Saturday April 2nd*

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

**Birthday Blessings for**

Rita Riley By the Parish

**In honour of DIVINE MERCY**

By the Rosal Family

*Sunday April 3rd*

**90th Birthday Blessings for**

Alexie Lanteigne

By Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist

† **Victoria Abalos Davantes**

By the Davantes Family

**Birthday Blessings for**

Rita Riley By the Parish

**Successful operation of Margie**

Berdol By Michelle Abinal

**Birthday Blessings for Joshua**

Reginales By his Parents

**Birthday Blessings for**

Betty Luyten By the Parish

*Tuesday April 5th*

**PRO POPULO**

*Wednesday April 6th*

† **Magdalena Valenzuela**

Reginales By the Family

*Thursday April 7th*

† **Wenifredo Mana-og**

Hosana By the Family

*Friday April 8th*

† **Isidoro Sr. Florendo**

By Isidoro Jr. Florendo

& Family

*Saturday April 9th*

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

**Meditation:** Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

### ***Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit***

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Pass-over time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

### ***Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life***

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy? "Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection."  
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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Julian Paparella

*Administration and PCL*

Collections

Mar 5-6/2016—\$1626.65

Flea Market—\$2144.25

Mar 12-13/16—\$1220.80

Mar 19-20/16—\$1106.35

Holy Week & Triduum—  
\$4736.90

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.

DIVINE MERCY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day when he canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska. Saint Faustina was a Polish nun who had profound and intimate encounters with the Risen Jesus, who spoke to her of His Divine Mercy.



Jesus spoke to St. Faustina: **“This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it.”** (Jesus' words, *Diary* 420) Saint Faustina repeated: "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it." (*Diary* 742)

Bible Study and Symbolon

Bible Study and Symbolon continue every Thursday night in the Rectory! Bible Study at 6:30 and Symbolon at 7:30! Join us!



**BIRTHDAYS!**

**Jonas Bolofer  
(March 29)**

**Betty Luyten  
(March 31)**

**Joelle Bolofer  
(April 1)**

**Rita Riley (April 2)**

**Maria Garcia  
(April 9)**

**18th Birthday of  
Joshua Reginales**

**Congratulations to  
Nicole Denier on  
completing her  
doctorate in  
Sociology! God  
bless!**

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. Thank you to all those who have served in this important position in past years.

Faith in the Family continues!

This morning we had another great session of catechesis! Our next session is Sunday, April 17th! Breakfast at 9am and catechesis at 9:30. All are welcome to join us! Our First Communion will be **Sunday, May 29th** and Confirmation is **Sunday, June 5th!**

Thank You for Your Generosity!!!

Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time and treasure during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum! Your donations of flowers and funds are deeply appreciated, as are your many hours of service! God bless you always!

Thank You to our Flea Market Volunteers and Vendors!!!

Thank you to all those who volunteered at and sold items at our Flea Market! Our next Flea Market is Saturday, May 7th!