

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 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

† Arthur Lugmon By Maria Garcia

† Sotero Rosales By Beng Bolofer

Blessing for the 87th Birthday of Terisita Rosales By Beng Bolofer

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017, 7:00PM

Intentions of Lola Inocecia Ellasos.. By her loving daughter, Marcella

Thursday, May 4th, 2017, 9:00AM

† Generosa Nunez.. By Sally Carrera & Family

Friday, May 5th, 2017, 9:00AM

† Feliz & Vicenta Manugo.. By Merly Nunez

Saturday, May 6th, 2017, 5:00PM

† All Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle

† Isabella Briffett on her 34th Death Anniversary By David Briffett

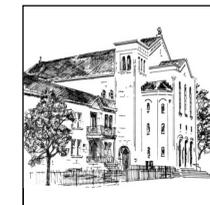
Sunday, May 7th, 2017, 10:30 AM

† John Carley

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, Dale Flood, Charlene Poirier.

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April 30, 2017
Third 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."--copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: www.daily Scripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

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

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
April 22-23 —\$792.00

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

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.

Thank You

◇Mike, Judith , Merly, Cora, and Ann for their work in the rectory and church
◇all volunteers for their continued work and dedication to St Willibrord Parish and the people we serve

Question: Why do we use Holy Water when we enter and leave the Church, using the sign of the Cross?

Blessing ourselves, making the sign of the Cross, with holy water is a reminder of our baptismal promise. We were baptized, with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. It is a reminder and reaffirmation of our baptism, when we were marked with the sign of the Cross during our baptism and recall the name of the Holy Trinity in whom we were baptized.

At our baptism, we were received into the Church and brought to the table of the Lord, the Eucharist. When we bless ourselves, with holy water, at the entrance of the church, we remind ourselves of our baptism and our dignity as sons and daughters of God as we approach the table of the Lord and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When blessing oneself, the traditional prayer is *“In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit”* but an alternative prayer could be *“By this holy water and by Your Precious Blood, wash away all my sins, O Lord. Amen.”*

Jesus took bread and gave thanks to God.



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²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:28-32

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism will continue as of May 4th, 2017
Reflection on Seven Deadly Sins: April 30, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass
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 May 14th, 2017 at 9:00AM

Lectors Meeting: May 7th, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass

Acolytes: The next meeting will be on May 13th, 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.**

Fr Greg's Annual Birthday Fundraiser

Saturday, May 27, 2017, we will be celebrating Father Greg's 18th Anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood, as well as, his birthday. There will be dinner, dancing, entertainment and surprises ... Tickets will be available shortly. In order to reserve a table, tickets must be prepaid and the office notified.

A good time will be had by all. The proceeds from this FUNdraiser will go towards the maintenance of the church.

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.**

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.

Former Parishioners called home to our Heavenly Father, may they rest in peace.

†Janet Harper-Gooding, passed away in Brockville, QC

†Daniel Edward Gerard Pine,

†Bernice Gobelle, family will be receiving condolences; at 11:00am. at Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Homes 5610 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal, QC, H4A 1W5. April 30, 2017 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm and from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Chapel service will be on May 1, 2017, at 11:00am.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to their family and friends.