

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotion to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help every Wed.)

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

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April 5, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY

Announced Masses

Sunday April 5

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† Yolande Fortin Suprenant

By Lynne Suprenant

By Diane and Bruno Baron

Birthday Intention of

Irene Reyes

By Lilia Baguyo

Tuesday April 7

Pro Populo

Wednesday April 8

Thursday April 9

Friday April 10

Saturday April 11

Sunday April 12

SECOND SUNDAY

of EASTER

† Leona Panganiban

By Maureen Pedrino

† Lenka Zselenak

By Josef & Maria Zselenak

Thanksgiving Mass

By Michelle Abinal

Meditation:

What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, *Why do you seek the living among the dead* (Luke 24:5)? What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: *What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning* (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death." - rc.net

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM INFORMATION 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 Faith to be eligible.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Board of Wardens
Joseph Brisindi
Angèle LaFlèche
Paul Moreau
Marcellina Daniel
Emilia Gohing
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff
Bernadette Roach
Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)
Administration
Terrel Joseph
Youth Ministry
Julian Paparella
Youth Ministry

Mass Intentions
There are many Masses available for intentions, weekday and weekends. For your convenience please fill out a Mass intention envelope found at the back of the church and return to the office or Fr. Gregory.

Happy Birthday to
Joelle Bolofer

Thank you to:

Thank you to **Dan Ormsby** for starting to plan for the Bazaar.

Thank you **Cora Garlando** and **Ruth Laxina** for preparing the food after the Mass!

Thank you to all those who participated in our Good Friday procession!

P R E X
St. Willibrord's is holding the first *Parish Renewal Experience (PREX)* in North America in three sessions: *Friday, April 17th* beginning at 6pm, *Saturday, April 18th* beginning at 9am, and *Saturday, April 25th* beginning at 9am. All parishioners are welcome to join us as we **grow deeper in faith** and **unite more closely as a parish family**.
Please speak to Father Gregory or call the Office for more information.

CONTRIBUTORS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for your generous donations.

Thank you

To all those who participated in all our Lenten and Easter Celebrations, especially to those to who contributed their time, talents, and treasure. Blessings to you and your family throughout this Easter season!

Thank you

To Evelyn & Arthur, Dorothy, Bernadette, Carole, Nick, Paul, Tom and the Choir, all the Altar Servers & Lay Ministers, the Greeters & Collectors, the twelve parishioners who had their feet washed and to all who made our Triduum liturgies possible. Thank you!

Thank you

To the parents and youth of the Salinggawi community for all their efforts and for those who came and supported the Fiesta. Your generous donations of \$2,300.00 will be gratefully used to continue repairing the rectory.

Faith in the Family next Sunday, April 12th at 9am

Next *Sunday, April 12th* will be our next Faith Formation for children and youth and Faith Enrichment for adults. Our topic is the **RESURRECTION!** *Special reminder to all Confirmation candidates that there is also Holy Spirit Day next Sunday at Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral beginning at 2pm.*

Special thanks to:

Bishop James Wingle for leading us in prayer through our celebrations of the Lord's Supper and the Easter Vigil. It was truly a privilege to have you with us.
Fr. Joe Cameron for leading our Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. We are grateful for your spiritual support and fatherly care.
Angela and Patrick for spearheading the liturgical preparation of our entire Holy Week and Triduum celebrations.
Joseph and Julian for assisting Bishop James Wingle.
Susan and Adeline for all their help throughout Holy Week and constant support.