

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 7th, 2018, 8:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, April 8th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Alice Murphy by her daughters, Carol, Kathy and Maureen Murphy

†Janita Chioco Villacorta by Vangie de la Mata and Villacorta family

†Michelle Miller on her 5th Death Anniversary by Melina and Bong Quiocho

Tuesday, April 10th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018, 7:00PM

†Rita Riley by Carole Wepruk

Thursday, April 12th, 2018, 9:00AM

†40th Day Death Anniversary of Salavdo Tercenio Sr. By Cora Garlando and family

Friday, April 13th, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving and Blessings for Jessica Sandra Reginales by the Reginales Family..

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Chris Altura

by Juliet Quiocho, Pepito Mendoza and family

Saturday, April 14th, 2018, 8:00PM

†Marilyn Block by Betty Luyten-Friedman

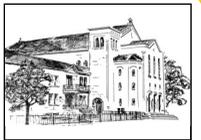
Sunday, April 15th, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday Blessings for Joelle Bolofer

RIP– André Josphe Belleville (1945-2018), passed away, on March 22, 2018, at the age of 72 years, in Verdun, husband of the late Carole Robertson. He will be missed by his brothers, his sister and many friends. His funeral service will be held here at St Willibrord Parish, on Saturday April 14, 2018, at 11:00 am.

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April 8, 2018—Second Sunday of Easter

"Unless I see - I will not believe"

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 Passover 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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Easter Sunday at 9:00AM, the second annual reenactment of the first meeting between Jesus and His Mother, Mary, since His resurrection, took place.

We would like to thank the candidates, *Ali Junior Ansagay, Victoria Eden Sanglitan, Tamina Eli Nabor Saturno, Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, Jamea Ivah Marie Corpuz, Michael Amuro and Lexie Anne Castro*, their parents, family and friends, and the visitors who came to share this experience with us. A lot of preparation work was done by many volunteers and we would like to thank the following people: Jorge and Sheila, Jonas and Beng, Sandy, Pedro and Fely, Bong and Melina, Merly, Cora, Johanne Patry, and Otab Praccides Sr.

If you are interested in receiving more information about the Resurrection Angel or having your child be a candidate for the Resurrection Angel, please contact the office. We are preparing for next year's Resurrection Angel Celebrations and would appreciate any assistance in creating another wonderful event.

Resurrection Angel

Salubong or Resurrection Angel has been a long tradition in all the Catholic parishes in the Philippines. It is believed that before Jesus appeared to his disciples and Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, Jesus first appeared to his mother.

During one of Pope John-Paul II's audiences in Rome (1997) he stated that it is only logical for Jesus to appear to his mother first. The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. That is why the re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honour for the child to be the angel who will lift the veil of sorrow, enabling Mary to see Jesus clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

The Pope asked: *"How could the Blessed Virgin, present in the first community of disciples (cf. Acts 1: 14), be excluded from those who met her divine Son after he had risen from the dead?" Indeed, it is legitimate to think that the Mother was probably the first person to whom the risen Jesus appeared. Could not Mary's absence from the group of women who went to the tomb at dawn (cf. Mk 16: 1; Mt 28: 1) indicate that she had already met Jesus? This inference would also be confirmed by the fact that the first witnesses of the Resurrection, by Jesus' will, were the women who had remained faithful at the foot of the Cross and therefore were more steadfast in faith. L'Osservatore Romano.* (Weekly Edition in English, 28 May 1997, page 11)

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

March 29, 2018
(Holy Thursday)
\$147.00

March 30, 2018
(Good Friday) to be sent to the Holy Land
\$610.15

March 31, 2018
(Easter Vigil)
\$556.30

April 1, 2018
(Easter Sunday)
\$2,724.55
Donation to be used for repairs
\$1,000.00

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 (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
Happy Birthday to Maria Garcia and Johanne Patry

Thank you to

◇Mike, Judith, Ann, Cora, and all who volunteer at the rectory and Church.

◇All the pastor(s) and parishioner(s) of local Churches, who joined us for the Good Friday's outdoor way of the Cross.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Conference for Teens

Canada's Largest Catholic Youth Conference will be Steubenville Toronto and will take place on July 13 to 15, 2018. The cost for registration is \$275.00. The estimated cost for transportation is approximately \$55.00, depending on the number of passengers. It would be a great opportunity for the teens to attend this event as a group from St Willibrord Parish, joining with other parishes from across Canada.

More information can be found on their website www.steubenvilletoronto.com

Offertory

It is custom that in gratitude for the many blessings that you have received, you are invited to bring up a gift to offer to the Church. It can be in the form of non perishable goods, ingredients for cooking or even money that will be used to support the mission and programs of the Church.

Collection of money

"From the very beginning, Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1351). Tithing and almsgiving are acts of worship (2 Corinthians 9:10-15) and expresses not only our desire to help those in need but also our generosity and gratitude, to God, for the many blessings we have received.

The gift of ourselves is never easy, and the church, knowing that, treats our offerings with great care. The priest places them in a dignified place in front of the altar, prays over them, with reverence, and the people who are making the offering, and asks God to receive them to himself. "Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice" — not only bread and wine, but what they symbolize: our work, struggles, joys, money, our very lives — "may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

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, April 8, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Acolytes: Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will be on April 8, 2018

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, April 14, 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.