

# 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 8th, 2017, 5:00PM  
†**Leonard Legos** By Joseph D'Silva

Sunday, April 9th 2017, 10:30 AM  
†**Magdalena Valenzuela Reginales** By Jorge & Sheila Reginales and family  
**Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings for Joshua Reginales** By Jorge & Sheila Reginales and family  
**Thanksgiving for Blessings Received** By Jorge & Sheila Reginales and family  
**Intention of the Salinggawi family** By the Salinggawi

Tuesday, April 11th, 2017, 7:00PM  
**Pro Populo**

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 7:30PM.  
**Chrism Mass**

will be held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, located at the corner of René-Lévesque Blvd. and Mansfield Street Montréal, Québec. Please arrive early to ensure that you have a seat.

Thursday, April 13th 2017, 7:00PM  
**For the sick** By Angela Choi  
There will be no 9:00AM Mass

Friday, April 14th, 2017, 3:00PM  
There will be no 9:00AM Mass or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

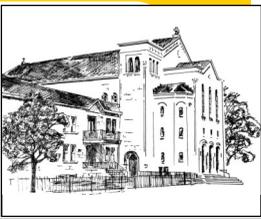
Friday, April 14th, 2017, 7:00PM  
Way of the Cross

Saturday, April 15th, 2017, 8:00PM  
Easter Vigil  
There will be no 5:00PM Mass

Sunday, April 16th 2017, 10:30 AM  
**Thanksgiving Blessings for the Resurrection Angel Candidates and their families** By Merly Nunez

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• **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.  
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## April 9, 2017 **Passion (Palm) Sunday**

### **"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"**

**Meditation:** Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.*

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (*Tractates* on John 51.3-4)

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory:  
*Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.*

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored

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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., as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration  
Mar 18-19, 2017—\$1,128.30  
Mar 25-26, 2017—\$879.25  
April Flea Market —\$2,342.50  
April 1-2, 2017 —\$1,575.40

**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday**  
See Holy Week Schedule  
**Sunday @ 10:30 am**  
(incl. Children's Liturgy)  
**Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)**  
**Wednesday**  
See Holy Week Schedule  
**Thursday & Friday**  
See Holy Week Schedule  
**Adoration Fridays**  
See Holy Week Schedule

**Birthdays/Anniversary Blessings to**  
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.  
Birthday Blessings to Maria Garcia and Isabel Andrade  
**Thank You**  
◇Mike, Judith, Ruth, Janet Bernard, Sheila, Jolina, Marilou, Jorge and Bernadette for their work at the rectory, .  
◇Cathie Macaulay for her words of wisdom and encouragement during

**Donation Reminder**  
We are always accepting donations of new and gently used items that can be sold at the flea market. Keep us in mind when spring cleaning.

**Mass Schedule for Palm Sunday and Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017**  
10:30AM Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017**  
7:00PM Thursday of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 14, 2017**  
3:00PM Friday of the Passion of the Lord  
7:00PM Way of the Cross Procession

**Easter Vigil, April 15, 2017**  
8:00PM The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**  
10:30AM



**Why are the Churches always big and fancy?  
There are so many decorations like statues and paintings.**

A person's home is an expression of love for their family, wanting to provide the best, decorating and maintaining the home to the best of their ability. As Catholics, we want the very best for our families and we want to offer the very best to God. For this reason we can see that the Churches are true monuments to God, the very best work human hands could offer. People donated money, pouring their hearts and souls into building the wondrous churches, cathedrals and basilicas because they loved God. They are well built in order to stand the tests of time.

The Church is a place to go with our suffering, our pain, even our joys, where we give thanks for the many blessings we have received. The Church is where we celebrate all the important events in our lives, where we bring our families to God and celebrate marriages and baptisms and funerals.

The Sanctuary of the Church depicts eternal life and represents Heaven and the eternal banquet. Each and every Church is a sacred and Holy place, no matter how decorated or constructed because it was built and maintained as a devotional offering to the Lord. The Church is where the wine and host is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ and the Blessed Sacrament resides and is exposed and where we come together as one family meeting with our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The purpose of these brilliant and beautiful churches is not to glorify man but to point to God. There is immediately a sense of the sacredness, of the Holy, that is communicated upon walking into a richly ornate church building. The images and statues around the interior, the crucifix at the altar, the tabernacle, the candles, all of these create an atmosphere that demands reverence. All of this serves a purpose, and all of it is pleasing to God.

Next question to be answered will be...  
**Did Jesus truly rise from the dead?**

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Resurrection Angel Reenactment April 16, 2019 9:00AM**

This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday, and it is a great honor for the child to be the angel who lifts the veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion. Please join us and the children as we celebrate the first meeting of Jesus and Mary after the Crucifixion. **Jolina Sheloh Reginales, Jazlyn Rose Cawaling, Joe Anthony Luis Carrillo, Spencer William Fabia Poquiz, Jessica Jane Quiocho, Glyness Joy Tecson, Rex Alexander Ansagay, Vincent Fournier, Auraya Altares Low and Fredrick Kay Manansala.**

Congratulations to **Jolina Sheloh Reginales** who is the child that will be lifting the veil from Mary in our re-enactment.

Blessings to all the candidates, their parents, family, to Merly Nunez, Monica Altares, Jennifer Altares and friends for all who participated in this fundraising event, your hardwork and dedication to the parish is heart-warming and greatly appreciated.

**Important dates to mark on your calendar!**

**Chrism Mass** will be held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, on April 12, 2017, at 7:30PM. Please arrive early to ensure that you have a seat.

**Resurrection Angel Easter: Sunday, April 16, 2017, at 9:00AM, in the Church**  
**Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism** there will be no meeting on April 13, 2017

**Reflection on Seven Deadly Sins:** will resume after the Lenten Reflections, on April 23, 2017  
**Way of the Cross: Processing through the streets of Verdun,**

April 14, 2017 please be at the Church at 6:30PM

**Flea Market:** Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Easter Flowers Donations**

This is the last weekend to donate for either flowers or money to purchase flowers, to dress up the Church and sanctuary. Donations can be placed in the collection basket with "Easter Flowers" written on the envelope.

Floral donations can be brought before mass during Holy week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. For more information or to make arrangements, please contact the rectory

**Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people**

**Faith in the family (incl Prep for First Communion and Confirmation):** On April 16, 2017 will be the Resurrection Angel reenactment and the next session will be on April 30, 2017 at 9:00AM

**Lectors Meeting:** Sunday, April 30, 2017

**Acolytes:** The next meeting will be on April 29, 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.**



**Bells, bells and more bells...**

Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.



You are invited to bring in your bells so that we, as one community, may make a joyful noise, at the Gloria.