

## MASS TIMES

# St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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August 14, 2016

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

### Announced Masses

*Saturday, August 13th*  
†**Souls in Purgatory**  
By Adeline Doyle

*Sunday, 15th*  
**Int of Francisco Meirelles**  
†**Benita Meirelles**  
By Francisco Meirelles

*Tuesday, August 16th*  
**Pro Populo**

*Wednesday, August 17th*  
**Thanksgiving Mass**  
By Jorge, Sheila  
& Reginales Family

*Thursday, August 18th*  
†**Marcela Dulay,**  
†**Augustin Dulay,**  
†**Romeo Dulay,**  
†**Dolores Dulay &**  
†**Jefferson Dulay**  
By Wilfredo Dulay  
†**Lilianne Wepruk**  
By the Wepruk family

*Friday, August 19th*  
††**Jovita Nunez Baldesco**  
By Aida Baldesco Galan  
& Lilia Baldesco

*Saturday, August 20th*  
†**Lilianne Wepruk**  
By the Wepruk family

**Meditation:** Do you want to be on fire for God? Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here?

#### ***The fire of God's purifying love and cleansing word***

The image of fire in biblical times was often associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush in the wilderness which was not consumed by the flames (Exodus 3:2). God assured the Hebrew people of his continual presence, guidance, and protection for them through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exodus 13:21-22). The prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven to reveal God's presence and power and to purify the people of false idols (1 Kings 18:36-39). The image of fire was also used as a sign of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13) and holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), and his righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9) and holy wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16).

Fire is also a sign and symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11-12 and Luke 3:16-17). When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads (Acts 2:3). We can see from both the Old and New Testament Scriptures that God's fire purifies and cleanses to make us clean (sins washed away) and holy (fit to offer him acceptable praise and worship), and it inspires a reverent fear (awe in God's presence) and respect (obeying and giving God his due) for God and for his holy word.

#### ***Loyalty unites - division separates***

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else? Jesus used a typical Hebrew hyperbole (a figure of speech which uses strong language and exaggeration for emphasis) to drive home an important lesson. We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the Gospel message does have serious consequences for our lives.

When Jesus spoke about division within families he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: *a man's enemies are the men of his own household* (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ - the Son of God and Savior of the world - a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry.

#### ***Who do you love first and foremost?***

Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)?

The Gospel message is good news for those who seek pardon, peace, and the abundant life which God offers us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus offers true freedom to those who believe in him - freedom from slavery to sin, Satan, and the oppressive forces of hatred and evil that can destroy body, mind, and spirit. Do you listen to the voice of your Savior and trust in his word? Commit your ways to him, obey his word, and you will find true peace, joy, and happiness in the Lord your God.....rc.net

**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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

July 9-10, 2016—\$894.20  
July 16-17, 2016—  
\$1,053.00  
July 23-24, 2016—\$993.55  
July 30-31, 2016—  
\$1,012.35  
August 6-7, 2016—\$862.90  
Flea Mkt Aug 6, 2016—  
\$2,344.00

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, Johnny Palisoc. God is with you always.

**SPAO and St Willibrord Parish, Joint Fundraiser.**

August 20, 2016 at 7:00pm, the Salinggawi Philippine Arts Organization will be holding a Filipino cultural show which is being held at the Vanier College Auditorium, 865 Sainte-Croix Ville St Laurent. The price of tickets is \$15 per person. To commemorate the event, a souvenir program is being prepared which will include advertisements from business establishments, organizations, families and individuals. Thank you to all who supported by sponsoring or purchasing ad space in the Souvenir Book, it will be made available at the Filipino Show of August 20, 2016 and at the rectory. The proceeds from both the show and the souvenir book will be divided between the SPAO and St Willibrord Parish. Tickets and sponsorship forms can be obtained at the rectory. **Tickets are still available.**

**THE PETER’S CHORD:** A group of 12 “Singing Parish Priests” of the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte, Philippines will be having a thanksgiving mini-concert, **“Moments of Grace”** on August 19 and 20, 2016 at **St. Willibrord Parish**, 351 Willibrord St., Verdun, QC, H4G 2T7 The purpose of this benefit concert of THE PETER’S CHORD is to help the ongoing construction of the St. John Evangelist School of Theology (SJEST), Palo, Leyte. During the super typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), the seminary was badly damaged and submerged in water brought by the storm which made it unusable. Hence, the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte clergy is appealing to your generous hearts. You can help and support, this worthwhile endeavor and the continuing rehabilitation project and the formation of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte, by buying concert tickets at 20\$ each or through your sponsorship. **Tickets are still available.**

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

**Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by Symbolon at 7:30pm**

**Flea Market : Saturday, September 3, 2016, from 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Pilgrimage: Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs to walk through The Holy Door of Mercy:**

August 14, 2016, following the 10:30 am Mass.

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**Retreat to Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs (4155 Wellington Street, Verdun, QC):**

During this jubilee year of mercy, we are invited to experience and share in the Divine Mercy of our Heavenly Father. Walking through a Holy Door of Mercy, which is a special door, allows the faithful to fully experience the Heavenly Father's Mercy.

On August 14, 2016, after the 10:30 am Mass, we will be processing from St Willibrord Parish to Notre-Dame-des-Sept Douleurs Parish, where we will be walking through a Holy Door of Mercy, asking for and receiving God’s Mercy.

**Pope Francis has announced that passing through a Holy Door of Mercy is an opportunity for Catholics to obtain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Mercy,**

**St. Luke’s Parish** will host a **Multicultural Festival** in the church Parking Lot (corner of Anselme Lavigne and Westpark, Dollard-des-Ormeaux) on Sunday, September 11, 2016 EVERYONE is invited to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Admission is free. Entertainment, snacks and beverages available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Tickets are required if you wish to sample a variety of sumptuous ethnic dishes and participate in a draw for door prizes. Cost: \$10 for adults; \$7 for children under 12 and seniors 65 and over; and \$30 for a family of two adults and any number of children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office (514-684-6488) weekdays, 8:30-12:00 / 1:00 – 4:00 or at the parking lot entrance to the church following weekend Masses. More details to follow. Info.: Rosa Lam, (514) 908-7658.



**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

**Birthday Blessings to Alex Laxina , Michelle Comodero and all Parishioners who are Celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.**

**THANK YOU**

- ◇To Mike for cleaning the Church.
- ◇To Jorge & Sheila Reginales and the gang for cleaning Cameron Hall.
- ◇To Ruth for preparing food.
- ◇The Salinggawi Community for their efforts and hardwork preparing for the fundraiser
- ◇To all the volunteers who worked hard to ensure a successful Flea Market

