

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 18th, 2018, 5:00PM

For the intentions of Nikki Cyr

†Lilianne Wepruk, on the anniversary of her death by the Wepruk family

Sunday, August 19th, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday Blessings for Juliet Quiocho

Birthday Blessings for Michelle Comodero

Thanksgiving Blessings for Siony Posada and Daryl Contojos

Thanksgiving Blessings, for Adrea Gail, Alexander Jacob, Andrew Apan Garlando,
by Cora Apan Garlando, & Family

†Vicente Cortez and for Jose & Rosa Cortez by Flora Lim and family

†Conrado Lagman on the anniversary of his death by Lagman family

†Cynthia Ordon, Felomina R. Cancio, Cecilia Ordon, Jesus Cancio

By Jocelyne and Oscar Ordon

†Death Anniversary of Edgar Neguia by Bic Bic Neguia

Tuesday, August 21st, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018, 7:00PM

Thanksgiving for Mama Cora and Ivah and family..

Thursday, August 23rd, 2018, 9:00AM

†Gordon Dawson by Maureen Dawson and family..

Friday, August 24th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Arthuro Lagman by Maria Garcia..

Saturday, August 25th, 2018, 5:00PM

Birthday Blessing for Mary-Grace Rosal

Sunday, August 26th, 2018, 10:30AM

Blessings for Fely Quinto and Segundo Quinto on their 40th anniversary of marriage

Birthday Blessing for Joe Brisindi

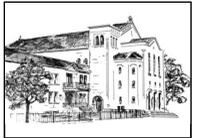
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August 19, 2018—twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You have the words of everlasting life"

Meditation: Why do some find it easier while others find it harder to accept the claims which Jesus made? Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible - a visible sign of God's mercy and favor which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous signs, including the multiplication of the loaves and fish when he feed the five thousand who had gathered to hear him speak. Many stumbled, however, when Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "*eating his flesh and drinking his blood*"(see John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers.

The blessing of full union with God through Christ

Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying". This expression meant that it was not just hard to understand, but hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to believe and follow even in the "hard sayings". Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with violence fueled by hatred, envy, and even betrayal by one of his own disciples.

"My words are spirit and life"

Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (John 6:63) - his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life and the One who breathes his Spirit into those who believe in him. Through the gift of faith Peter was able to receive spiritual revelation of who Jesus truly is - the Holy One of God, the eternal Son sent from the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race and reconcile them with God.

Faith is a gift and a personal response to God's revelation of himself

How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word, even the hard sayings which are difficult to understand? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God.

We can know God personally through his word

Paul the Apostle tells us that it is the work of the Holy Spirit who *enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind* to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God (Ephesians 1:17-18). Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We can know God personally, and we grow in recognizing his voice as we listen to his word and obey his instruction. Do you believe, as Peter did, that Jesus has the *words of everlasting life* and the power to change and transform your life? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith that you may grow in knowing, loving, and serving him as your Lord and Redeemer, Teacher and Healer, Master and Savior.

—<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/aug26.htm>

BBQ Social —Rescheduled

Due to requests from a great number from our parishioners, the BBQ Social scheduled for Sunday, August 19, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass, has been postponed until the Fall with the date yet to be determined.
Please pass along this message to any person(s), whom you know, or think, might planning on attending.
Thank you for your understanding and have a good week.

Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,
Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members: On September 9, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday,
Acolytes: Meeting will be held in the rectory, the following meeting will be on September 8, 2018, at 9:00AM.
Faith in the family: The next faith in the family to be announced at a later date

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

Invitation to the Diaconal Ordination of Bruno Cloutier

You are cordially invited to attend the diaconal ordination of Bruno Cloutier which will be held on August 31, 2018, at 7:30PM, at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, 2065 Sherbrooke Street, West, Montreal, QC.
This celebration will be followed by coffee and refreshments.

Blood Donor Clinic

The Optimist Club in collaboration with Aux Pours Délices, will be holding a blood drive, on **Friday August 24, 2018, from 1:30PM to 7:30PM**, in the basement of the Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Church, 284 de l'Église Street, Verdun, QC

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.

History of St Willibrord's Parish... part 5....

In February of 1974 forty-two year old Father Joseph Cameron became the new Pastor. With colleague Sister Clare O'Neill of the Congregation of Notre Dame, he took up the work begun before Father Thoms fell ill, continuing to integrate the reforms of Vatican II into our daily parish life. While Father Cameron and Sister Clare guided the Parish into the new age of the church, they would quickly acknowledge that they could not have done so without the selfless commitment, the prayer, and the wonderful grace of a volunteer spirit that has been a fundamental part of Willibrord parish life since those first parochial pioneers hammered the first church together in 1913. Recently in September of 2009, after thirty five years of pastorship Father Joseph Cameron took his retirement, receiving the Medal of Merit from the Assmblee National de Quebec, for his years of dedicated service. Father Stephen Otvos aged 35, takes on pastorship of Saint Willibrord community, continuing the service of care of souls in the heart of Verdun.

Since Vatican II to this present generation, the parish has striven to be ever productive in promoting gospel values as it continues to be a haven for any and all. Many good works take place here, many prayerful liturgies are prayed here, and the St. Willibrord's of 2009, now linked through our relic and our pilgrimages to St. Willibrord's in Echternach, looks forward to the unfolding of the twenty-first century with much hope and optimism. Here in this holy place of peace, prayer and communal good will, for ninety years have been made the memories which we hold in the deepest recesses of our own hearts. Joy, tears, love, rites of passage, and feelings, which we sometimes can only experience, not express in words. All these emotions are encountered by each one of us at some time in our individual lives within these walls. In the context of Jesus' death and resurrection, they comfort us. They enable each of us to say, "I belong. The spirit of St. Willibrord's lives in me."
http://stwillibrordparish.org/history10.html

THE AMAZING PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build an amazing parish. **Amen.**

https://amazingparish.org/building-blocks-resources/

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk

Administration

July 14-15, 2018—\$1,325.80

July 21-22, 2018—\$616.50

July 28-29, 2018—\$956.35

Flea Market, August, 2018—

\$2,250.00

August 5, 2018—\$936.30

August 11-12, 2018—\$787.80

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

Birthdays Blessings to

◇All celebrating this week

◇Anniversary Blessings for

Christina Parsons

and Sylvain Lambert

Thank you to

◇Mike, Ann, Cora, and all who

volunteer at the Church, and

the Rectory,

Found!

A set of keys has been found in the men's washroom, of the Church basement. If they are yours, contact the rectory.