

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 one's 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, August 19th, 2017, 5:00PM

Wedding Blessings for Eric & Bokango By Maria Salceda
†First year Death Anniversary of Conrado Lagman By Maria Garcia

Sunday, August 20th, 2017, 10:30AM

Birthday Blessing for Lorraine Molloy
Thanksgiving Mass & Birthday Blessings for Andrew A. Garlando, Alexander Jacob Garlando and Andrea Gail Garlando By Cora Garlando

Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017, 7:00PM

Blessings for Terisita Rosales By Beng Bolofer..

Thursday, August 24th, 2017, 9:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Andrew A Garlando, Alexander Jacob Garlando and Andrea Gail Garlando
By Cora Garlando

Friday, August 25th, 2017, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving Mass for Patrick-John Quioco's Birthday By Quioco Family..

Saturday, August 26th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Michael Wargachuk By the Wargachuk Family

Sunday, August 27th, 2017, 10:30AM

For the Intentions of Marilou Caspe Comodero

For the repose of the soul of Scholastica, may eternal rest be granted upon her and for healing and comfort for her family during this time of sorrow and sadness.

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, Dale Flood, Isabel McKeever, Virginia Feledick, Charlene Poirier, Gordon Parsons, Maureen O'Brien, Polly Storey, Justin Occhionero, Hugo Diaz

God is with you always.

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August 20, 2017
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection on the Gospel —Matthew 15:21-28

The bread of the children and the great faith of a Canaanite woman is the theme presented in the liturgical passage taken from chapter 15 of Matthew who proposes to the reader of his Gospel a further deepening of faith in Christ.

The episode is preceded by an initiative of the Pharisees and Scribes who go down to Jerusalem and cause a dispute to take place with Jesus, but which did not last long, because he, together with his disciples withdrew to go to the region of Tyre and Sidon. While he is on the way, a woman from the pagan places comes to him. This woman is presented by Matthew by the name of a "Canaanite woman" who in the light of the Old Testament, she is presented with great harshness. In the Book of Deuteronomy the inhabitants of Canaan were considered people full of sins, evil and idolatrous people.

The dynamic of the account. While Jesus carries out his activity in Galilee and is on the way toward Tyre and Sidon, a woman came up to him and began to bother him with a petition for help for her sick daughter. The woman addresses Jesus using the title "Son of David"; a title which sounds strange pronounced by a pagan and that could be justified because of the extreme situation in which the woman lives. It could be thought that this woman already believes in some way, in the person of Jesus as final Saviour, but this is excluded because it is only in v. 28 that her act of faith is recognized, precisely by Jesus.

In the dialogue with the woman Jesus seems to show that distance and diffidence which reigned between the people of Israel and the pagans. On one side Jesus confirms to the woman the priority for Israel to have access to salvation, and before the insistent prayer of her interlocutor Jesus seems to withdraw, to be at a distance; an incomprehensible attitude for the reader, but in the intention of Jesus it expresses an act of pedagogical value. To the first invocation "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David" (v. 22) Jesus does not respond. To the second intervention this time on the part of the disciples who invite him to listen to the prayer of the woman, he only expresses rejection that stresses that secular distance between the chosen people and the pagan people (vv. 23b-24) But at the insistence of the prayer of the woman who bows before Jesus, a harsh and mysterious response follows: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to little dogs" (v. 26). The woman goes beyond the harsh response of the words of Jesus and gets a small sign of hope: the woman recognizes that the plan of God being carried out by Jesus initially concerns the chosen people and Jesus asks the woman to recognize that priority; the woman takes advantage of that priority to present a strong reason to obtain the miracle: "Ah yes, Lord, but even little dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table" (v. 27). The woman has exceeded the test of faith: "Woman, you have great faith" (v. 28); in fact, to the humble insistence of her faith corresponds a gesture of salvation.

This episode addresses an invitation to every reader of the Gospel to have that interior attitude of "openness" toward everyone, believers or not, that is to say, availability and acceptance without distinction toward all men.

<http://www.ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/lectio-matthew-1521-28>

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July 29-30, 2017 —
\$1,222.80
Flea Market August
2017—\$2,056.60
August 5-6, 2017—
\$1,006.20
August 12-13, 2017
—\$609.75

Mass Schedule
Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm
(Rectorry)
Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays

Birthdays/Anniversary Blessings to
Constancia Basa, on her 95th Birthday and all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.
Thank You to
◊ Fr Joseph Cameron for celebrating the Healing-Mass with us this Sunday
◊ Mike, Merly, Cora and Ann, Judith and all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and Church,
◊ All of our benefactors, for their generosity
◊ our lay ministers, lectors, choir and acolytes, for their faithfulness in service of the Lord.
◊ the couples for Christ, for their gift of music during the Healing Mass

4 steps of Catholic-style meditation:

1. Place yourself in God's presence.
God is Spirit and He is everywhere but you can experience his presence much stronger and even literally feel it if you follow certain steps. Sometimes He appears as a cloud flowing through your mind, sometimes you are in a cloud of His presence (most of the times you feel the cloud but don't see it). Many times I had an experience when I was in such a presence of God that everything I could think of was extremely distant, all earthly problems were gone and my mind was in perfect peace. I could say that it was like in Heaven - state of pure joy, happiness and peace. I was in such a state even half an hour. Few times when I experienced that and afterwards I touched a person that person was experiencing the same presence I did and was falling on the ground! It was usually from few seconds to few minutes. It is actually very difficult to describe unless you experience it yourself. By the way when you are experiencing deep God's presence you can be healed from many diseases including incurable ones! Inside the website I will give you steps to follow to experience God's presence.

2. Ask for God's help.
Ask God to lead you in your meditation, to give you right thoughts and protect from wrong ones. Honour God and give him all the credit for your success in meditation. I do not recommend asking Saints for help at this time because meditation is a process of direct connection with God Almighty; meditation is putting you into His presence. I have written adequate prayer for this occasion.

3. Actual meditation.
How we proceed during meditation depends on what is the subject and exact verse from the Holy Bible. If you are meditating about certain scene from Gospels you can follow 3 steps.

First step:

- imagine the scene you are meditate on,
- imagine the place: houses, street, mountain, trees, animals,
- imagine the weather: wind, sun, temperature,
- imagine the sounds and smells: voices, animals, noise, wind, flowers, plants, forest, sea, fish
- imagine the people involved: Jesus, Mary, Apostles, crowd, fishermen, imagine the situation: what people are doing, what they are talking about, body language, emotions,

Second step:

- imagine yourself in that place,
- imagine that you see what they see,
- imagine that you smell and feel what they do (smells, wind),
- imagine yourself interacting with them, talking, asking questions, imagine talking to main person (Jesus, Mary, one of the Apostles),

Third step:

- talk with them and ask questions,
- hear the answer!
- ask further questions to get more precise answer, write down the questions and answers!

4. Give thanks.

First you thank God for helping you to meditate. Thank Him for revealing to you divine truths and giving you peace, advice, hope and help. Honour God and give him all the credit for your success in meditation.
The meditation is complete. God bless.

<http://www.spiritualcatholic.com/catholic-meditation>

Wardens Election

The Wardens' Elections are to be held on September 10, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass. If you live in the boundaries of St Willibrord Parish (Postal Codes beginning with H4G or H3E). You are encouraged to attend Mass and vote. There are four vacancies and the people running for election are Susan Charlebois, Bernadette Roach, Enrique Reyes and Patrick Lau.

Annual Bazaar

Please come and invite your family and friends

Friday, October 27, 2017, 1:00PM to 9:00PM
Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Some of the booths will be...Baked Goods, Frozen Meals, Jams, Jellies and preserves, Knits and Crafts, Wheel of Fortune, Good Cheer, Christmas Table, Sports Booth, Books, Raffles.

Donations of new items, which can be sold or raffled off, are gratefully accepted. Prizes are still needed for the Wheel of Forturne, Good Cheer (Alcohol) and Gift Table. If you are a baker and would like to make and donate baked good, please call the rectory. Volunteers are needed to help with the setup, working at the booths, soliciting donations, etc.... For more information, to make donations or volunteer, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at stwillibrordparish @videotron.ca

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 9:00AM
Lectors Meeting: To be determined, please contact Stasi with your availability to meet.
Acolytes: The next meeting will be on September 9, 2017

Dates to Remember

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM
Bible Study: Every Saturday, at 4:00pm and Every Sunday, Session 1 at 9:30am, Session 2 at 12:00pm (following the 10:30am Mass)
If you are interested in attending a particular session, please speak with either Carole or Stasi.
Flea Market: Saturday, Sept 2, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Healing Mass: Sunday August 20, 2017, 10:30AM in Cameron Hall, followed by a light lunch.
PREX 9: will be held on Sept 29, 30 and Oct 1, 2017, for more information, or to register, please contact the rectory or speak with Carole or Stasi.

Healing Mass Sunday, August 20, 2017, 10:30AM , in Cameron Hall (Church basement)

It is important to know that *...All masses are healing masses, for God wants to heal you through the powerful sacrament of the Eucharist. It is His gift to the Church;* but several times a year we have a Mass celebrated in the basement of the Church in order to allow all to participate, even parishioners with limited mobility or are unable to climb the stairs, can attend. A light lunch will follow the mass. If you are interested in attending this Mass and need transportation, please call the rectory. If you have a vehicle and are able to transport a parishioner, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678.

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.