

MASS TIMES

St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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August 21, 2016

Twenty-First 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 20th

†**Lilianne Wepruk**
By the Wepruk family

Sunday, 21st

Int of Francisco Meirelles

†**Benita Meirelles**

By Francisco Meirelles

†**Edgar Eguia**

By Mr & Mrs Dindo Doblado

Birthday Blessings

for Andrew,

Alexander Jacob,

& Andrea Gail Arlene

By Cora Apan Garlando

Birthday Blessings

for Marissa Hosana

†**Sebastian Cariño**

By the Cariño-Hosana family

Tuesday, August 23rd

Pro Populo

Wednesday, August 24th

Healing Mass for

Mme Huguette Douek

By Maria Salceda

Thursday, August 25th

†**Edgar Eguia**

By Mr & Mrs Dindo Doblado

Friday, August 26th

†**Benita Meirelles**

By Francisco Meirelles

Saturday, August 27th

†**Michael Wargachuk**

By the Wargachuk family

Do not risk being shut out

Meditation: What does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded. It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week in order to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness.

Who will be invited to enter God's kingdom?

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven - to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life. Many rabbis held that all Israel would be saved and gain entry into God's kingdom, except for a few blatant sinners who excluded themselves! After all, they were specially chosen by God when he established a covenant relationship with them.

Jesus surprised his listeners by saying that one's membership as a people who have entered into a covenant relationship with God does not automatically mean entry into the everlasting kingdom of God. Second, Jesus asserts that many from the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike.

Jesus is the door to the kingdom of heaven

But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not *strive to enter by the narrow door*. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. *I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved* (John 10:9). God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God grace (favor and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system or society of people who are opposed to God and his laws.

Following the Lord requires effort and commitment on our part

If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance which is stored up for us in heaven, then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will - our own life for his life - our own way for his way.

Why did Jesus say we must *strive to enter* his kingdom of righteousness and peace? The word *strive* can also be translated as *agony*. To enter the kingdom of God we must struggle against every force or power of opposition - even the temptation to remain indifferent, apathetic, or compromising in our faith and personal trust in Jesus, our hope in holding firm to the promises of Jesus, and our uncompromising love for God above all else (the "love that has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

The Lord is with us to strengthen us in our trials and struggles

The good news is that we do not struggle alone. God is with us and his grace is sufficient! As we *strive side by side for the faith of the Gospel* (Philippians 1:27) Jesus assures us of complete victory! Do you trust in God's grace and help, especially in times of testing and temptation?

"Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your guiding presence and mercy towards me. Through the gift of your Spirit fill me with courage and persevering faith to trust you in all things and every circumstance I find myself in. Give me the strength to cling to your promises when the world around me begins to shake or crumble. And when my love and zeal begin to waver, fan it into a flame of consuming love and dedication for you who are my All."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 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
 August 13-14,2016—
 \$818.50

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.



BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Birthday blessings to Marissa Hosana
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings to all Parishioners who are Celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.

THANK YOU

◇**To Mike and Carole for cleaning the Church.**
 ◇**To Ruth and Cora for your help**
 ◇**The Salinggawi Community for their efforts and hard-work preparing for the fundraiser**

THE PETER’S CHORD: We would like to extend our thanks to Msgr Alex, Msgr Bernardo Fr Ariel, Fr Gregorio, Fr Francis, Fr Cipriano, Fr Romeo, Fr Engelbert, Fr Isagani, Fr Fabian, Fr Rafael, Fr Raymond and the talented musicians known as “Peter’s Chord”, from the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte, Philippines, who came to St Willibrord and entertained us with a wonderful and thought provoking performance and a special thank to the technicians, Ralph, Dexter and Val, to Joseph, the coordinator and to all who attended this concert or showed your support by purchasing their CD or making a donation. The proceeds will be used to rebuild the Seminary in Palo, Leyte, which was damaged and submerged in water that was brought about by the storms resulting from the super typhoon and for the ongoing construction of the St John Evangelist School of Theology.

SPAO and St Willibrord Parish, Joint Fundraiser.

A special thanks to the Salinggawi Philippine Arts Organization who held a successful and enjoyable fundraising concert, on Saturday, at the Vanier College Auditorium, 865 Sainte-Croix Ville St Laurent. A special thank you to all who attended this concert or showed your support by purchasing a souvenir book or making a donation. The Souvenir Book will, also, be made available at the rectory. The proceeds from both the show and the souvenir book will be divided between the SPAO and St Willibrord Parish.

BAZAAR 2016—Raffle Tickets!

As you know, this year’s Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st** and **Saturday, October 22nd**. There are still a lot of raffle tickets left to be sold and they have arrived and will be made available after Mass. We need your support to ensure the success of this fundraiser. Please help us to sell these tickets. The more tickets that you buy the greater your chances are of winning one of the prizes. All proceeds from this event will be used to feed the people who need help feeding their families.

BAZAAR 2016—Booth

We are pleased to announce that this year’s Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st** and **Saturday, October 22nd**. We still need donations for all of the booths. If you would like to donate an article or money that could be used to purchase items(s), please contact the rectory. *Good Cheer, Sports booth, Religious Booth, Christmas Booth, Wheel of Fortune, and many more.* We are also in need of Volunteers to work preparing for the Bazaar, working at the Bazaar and cleaning up after the Bazaar.

By Working together, we can ensure that this year’s Annual Bazaar will be successful

The Holy Doors of Mercy

Montrealers have the privilege to be able to walk through seven Holy Doors of Mercy located at Marie Queen of World Basilica, Chapelle Notre-Dame-de Lourdes, Sanctuaire Notre-Dame-de-la-Médaille-Miraculeuse, Sanctuaire Marie-Reine-des-Coeurs, Sanctuaire de la Réparation-du-Sacré-Coeur, Santuaire du Saint-Sacrement, Saint-Joseph Oratory, and Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs. Last Sunday, approximately 40 parishioners of St Willibrord’s Parish made their way to Notre -Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs in order to experience and share in the Divine Mercy of our Heavenly Father by walking through a Holy Door of Mercy,

We will be planning another pilgrimage to another Holy Door of Mercy.

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

