

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)

Wed @ 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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August 23, 2015

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Announced Masses

Saturday August 22

† **Alice Barnes**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday August 23

† **James Austin**

By Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist

Lapello Family

By Carmen Lapello

Tuesday August 25

PRO POPULO

Wednesday August 26

9:00 am † **Daisy Levangie 1st Ann.**

By Guy Bougie

7:00 pm † **Daisy Levangie**

By Don Boudreau

† **Vic Lim**

By Flora, Kim & Kimberly Lim

Thursday August 27

For the Salinggawi Families

By Salinggawi

Friday August 28

Apan-Macapacal & Family

By Janessa

Saturday August 29

† **Alice Barnes**

By David Briffett

Sunday August 30

The Lapello Family

By Carmen Lapello

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. **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.

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Fr. Gregory Nunez

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Administration and PCL

Our sincere condolences go to Flora Lim & family on the sudden passing of her husband Vic Lim

Thank you:

Thank you to **Mike** for all his work around the parish!

Thank you to **Arthur and Evelyn Gilchrist** for cleaning the church and to **Arthur** for the furniture pick-ups!

Thank you to **Ruth Laxina** for cleaning the Rectory

Thank you to **all those involved in PREX IV!!!**

THANK YOU!!!

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

PREX IV IS HERE

We had our second day of Retreat yesterday! We have one remaining Saturday:

August 29th!!!

PREX includes talks and sharing by fellow parishioners, music, meals, friendship, and fun. Pray about it!

We look forward to having you with us at our next one in September. Think about it.



On Sunday, September 13, 2015 we will have the Welcoming Mass and Annual Blessing of the children's school bags

We are planning on holding a healing Mass on September 20, 2015 In. Cameron Hall. In order for this to be a success, we would need volunteers to clean, set up, dismantle and clean again.

THANK YOU TO BERNADETTE ROACH AND CAROLE WEPRUK FOR HELPING OUT IN THE OFFICE—THANK YOU



FAMILY POOL OUTINGS EVERY FRIDAY OF SUMMER

Parents, bring your kids Fridays throughout the summer for swimming at the Therrien Pool (LaSalle Blvd. and de l'Eglise, next to the Auditorium)!!! We'll meet at St. Willibrord's at 1:30 each Friday then arrive at Pool at approximately 2:00!

SEE YOU AT THE POOL!!!



First Friday Mass and Spirituality – NEXT SEPTEMBER!!!

Our next "First Friday Mass and Spirituality Talk" will take place on September 4/15! Johanne Patry will be having a TAIZE service, so we will be praying and singing. What a wonderful way to begin each month with our Lord. See you next month. We also have available at the rectory the Living Faith daily prayer booklet at a cost of \$2 to help nourish us.

Bible Study Thursdays with Father Gregory

This Thursday we continue our Bible Study with Father Gregory at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Join us to learn more about Scripture!