

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 25th, 2018, 5:00PM
Birthday Blessing for Mary-Grace Rosal

Sunday, August 26th, 2018, 10:30AM
Birthday Blessing for Joe Brisindi
Blessings for Fely Quinto and Segundo Quinto on their 40th anniversary of marriage
Mass Intentions for Rosita Miranda and Kimberly Quiocho
by Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Quiocho and Family
Anniversary Blessings for Christina Parsons and Sylvain Lambert

uesday, August 28th, 2018, 7:00PM
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Wednesday, August 29th, 2018, 7:00PM
†Michael Serrano by Maria Garcia..

Thursday, August 30th, 2018, 9:00AM
†Jose Beltrano by Cora Garlando..

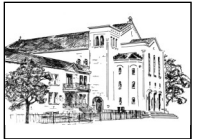
Friday, August 31st, 2018, 9:00AM
Nabuenos of Montreal, the Nunez family and Laxina family by the Nunez Family..

Saturday, September 1st, 2018, 5:00PM
† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, September 2nd, 2018, 10:30AM
Thanksgiving and blessings for Patrick John Quiocho by the Quiocho family..

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August 26, 2018—Twenty-First 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>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

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
August 18-19, 2018—\$461.50

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)
Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday (Rector)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am (Rector)

Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rector

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to
◇All celebrating this week
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Thank you to
◇Mike, Ann, Cora, and all who volunteer at the Church, and the Rector,

Found!

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

Growing in our faith and living a life in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

- Formation, and Spiritual Nourishment Offered:**
- Bible Study
 - Faith in the Family
 - PREX
 - Retreats or Recollections
 - Meditation Group
 - Eucharistic Adoration
 - Marian Devotions
 - Peñafrancia

How can we live the life in accordance with the teachings of Jesus?
By service in our St Willibrord's Community.

- Opportunities Offered**
- Religious**
- Liturgical Ministries (Lectors, Greeters, Acolytes)
 - Choir with Paul
 - Choir trained by Johanne Patry
 - RCIA
 - Catechesis (Children, Teens, Families)
 - Family, Ministry, Youth Ministry
 - Filipino Family Ministry
 - Decorating Church
 - Praise and Worship
 - Pastoral Home Care
 - Prayer Ministry
 - Legion of Mary
 - Evangelization

- Non-Religious/Social**
- Fundraising committee
 - Raffle Tickets
 - Flea Market
 - Annual Bazaar
 - Advertising
 - Soup Kitchen
 - Light maintenance/repairs
 - Cleaning Church/Rector
 - Book Club
 - Social events, i.e. Karaoke, comedy shows, etc
 - Designing Event
 - Cooking
 - Hall Setting and clean up for events
 - Appreciation committee

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Formation and Opportunities: On the previous page there is a list of formation and opportunities offered here, at St Willibrord. You are invited to look over the list, pray and see if you are being to participate in one of the opportunities. If you are uncertain about what is involved in a particular opportunity or have an idea about another activity, that is not on the list; please contact the rector.

Raffle Tickets
The Raffle Tickets have arrived and will be made available at the rector or after Mass. This is a very important fundraising event and we need all of your assistance, in order to make it a success.
If you are in contact with long time parishioners, who have moved away but may still want to be in contact and support the Parish, would you kindly supply us with their contact information.
The prizes are as follows: First Prize is \$1,000.00, Second Prize is \$500 and Third Prize is \$250. The draw will be held on December 8, 2018. Information, regarding the draw, can be found on the ticket stub.

The BBQ Social Gathering
We would like to know which date is most convenient for you. The tentative dates for the BBQ Social Gathering, sponsored by PREX, will be September 23, 2018 or October 7, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass. All parishioners, friends and families are invited to attend. If you will be attending and would like to bring something to share with the community; please contact the rector.

Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People
Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rector,
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 rector, 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

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.