

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 26th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Michael Wargachuk By the Wargachuk Family
†Daisy Levangie By Guy Bougie

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

For the Intentions of Marilou Caspe Comodero
†Felicidad Concepcion By Gloria Mamangun & children
Birthday Blessings for Ivanna Florentino By Imelda Estigoy

Tuesday, August 29th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, August 30th, 2017, 7:00PM

Birthday Blessings for Izabelle Florentino By Imelda Estigoy

Thursday, August 31st, 2017, 9:00AM

Continued Blessings for the Resurrection Angel Candidates of 2017 and their families ..
By Merly Nunez

Friday, September 1st, 2017, 9:00AM

†Arthur Lagman By Maria Garcia..

Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, 5:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, September 3rd, 2017, 10:30AM

For the Intentions of Wenmar Comodero

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 27, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In a conversation with Peter and the apostles, Jesus declares His intention to build His Church on a human being. Whatever was He thinking? **By Gayle Somers [Gospel (Read Mt 16:13-20)]**

Today's Gospel is so familiar to Catholics that the potential for missing the punch it packs is inordinately high. If ever we are challenged on our belief in the papacy, we always look to this passage to begin our defense. We see that when Jesus quizzes the apostles about His developing reputation, they are well aware of what people were saying. This helps us understand that there was a buzz in the air about Jesus. The apostles had families and friends; they heard the conjectures about the itinerant preacher/miracle worker. The Jews, from their own history, had lots of ideas of who Jesus might be—Elijah, Jeremiah, or "one of the prophets." Some even thought the spirit of the now dead John the Baptist had somehow come back to live in Jesus. Then comes the pivotal question: "But who do you say that I am?" We should move through this familiar part of the passage slowly if we are to let its importance register.

Jesus asks about the opinion of "men." Aren't the apostles also men? Indeed, they are "flesh and blood," like all of us. However, Simon responds to the question with a **divine** answer, as Jesus makes clear. Simon declares that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God." In other words, Simon knows that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah and that He is not simply the son of David, as the Jews expected, but God's own Son, something very unexpected. This was not a truth that came simply through observation, study, personal reflection, or intense holiness. "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My heavenly Father." Simon, a man, had gotten a revelation from God. His ability to make this confession did not come from him alone. In an extraordinary moment, a man spoke God's words. How extraordinary was this? The rest of the passage makes the answer abundantly clear.

First, Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter, or "rock." Jews, from their history, understood that when God changed a man's name, it represented a change in his God-given role in salvation history (i.e., Abram to Abraham in Gn 17:5; Jacob to Israel in Gn 32:28). Simon Peter's confession made explicit an interior work of God in him. On that basis, Jesus makes him "the rock" upon which He will build His Church. Just as the Temples of the Old Testament were built on a great stone (see 1 Kings 5:17; Ezra 3:10), Jesus will build His Church upon the foundational rock of Peter.

Why would Jesus build His Church on flesh and blood and invest him with such daunting authority (keys to the kingdom, binding and loosing on earth and heaven)? We must ask this question if we are to get to the heart of what really troubles people about the papacy. Wasn't this terribly **risky**? Peter, as we know, was capable of highs and lows. We see in him everything that confirms us in our suspicion that to make a man the foundation of the Church looks like a terrible mistake.

That is precisely why this choice is important for us to understand. The Catholic Church is full of flesh and blood—the papacy, the hierarchy, the saints, Mary. They are all people like us. Yet we are not afraid of this, because, as we see in the Gospel, flesh and blood can be graced with divinity. That is the whole point of the Incarnation! Jesus came to redeem fallen humanity; God has never given up on flesh and blood, which He created in His own image and likeness. Jesus proves that beyond doubt when He fearlessly proclaims Peter the rock of His Church. In addition, He promises to preserve the Church against "the netherworld," or "Hades." It is Jesus, not Peter, who guarantees that the dark forces of death and deception represented by "Hades" (see Rv 6:8) will never prevail against His flesh-and-blood Church. Yes, this is risky, but what clearer demonstration of the victory of Redemption could we possibly desire?

Possible response: Lord Jesus, help me remember that to build a human Church was Your idea; help me believe that You will see it through—<http://corardens.com/blog/2017/08/20/twenty-first-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a-august-27-2017/>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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, Paulo Silva 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 Fortune, 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

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. PREX polo t-shirts, for the PREX graduates, there are still some shirts available. If you are interested, please see either Stasi or Carole. The donation is \$15 per t-shirt.

Open House at Loyola High School

"Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for prospective students on Saturday, September 16th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the people who make up the Loyola family, tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities. Loyola ensures that finances are not a barrier to a qualified student attending. We offer Financial Aid to families who could otherwise not afford the school fees. To learn more, please visit loyola.ca."

St. John Brébeuf – Book Sale Sept. 8-10

When: Fri. Sept. 8, 5 – 7 p.m. / Sat. Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. / Sun. Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Where: 855 Bishop Power, LaSalle

There will be a Tea Room with homemade sweets on Saturday.

Donations of used books, CDs, DVDs: call 514-366-0131 ext. 223 to arrange drop off.

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.

St. Francis de Sales' four steps for putting yourself in the presence of God

1. [Cultivate] a lively, attentive realization of God's absolute presence, that is, that God is in all things and all places. There is no place or thing in this world where he is not truly present...Blind men do not see a prince who is present among them, and therefore do not show him the respect they do after being told of his presence. However, because they do not actually see him they easily forget his presence, and haven forgotten it, they still more easily lose the respect and reverence owed to him. Unfortunately, Philothea, we do not see God who is present with us. Although faith assures us of his presence, because we do not see him with our eyes we often forget about him and behave as if God were far distance from us...This is why before praying we must always arouse our souls to explicit thought and consideration of God's presence...When you prepare to pray you must say with your whole heart and in your heart, "O my heart, my heart, God is truly here!"

2. Remember that God is not only in the place where you are but also that he is present in a most particular manner in your heart and in the very center of your spirit. He enlivens and animates it by his divine presence, for he is there as the heart of your heart and the spirit of your spirit. Just as the soul is diffused throughout the entire body and is therefore present in every part of the body but resides in a special manner in the heart, so also God is present in all things but always resides in a special manner in our spirit. For this reason David calls him "the God of his heart," and St. Paul says that "we live, and move, and are in God." Therefore in consideration of this truth excite in your heart great reverence toward God who is so intimately present in us.

3. Consider how our Savior in his humanity gazes down from heaven on all mankind and particularly on Christians, who are his children, and most especially on those who are at prayer, whose actions and conduct he observes. This is by no means a mere figment of the imagination but the very truth. Although we do not see him, it remains true that from on high he beholds us.

4. The fourth method consists in the use of simple imagination when we represent to ourselves the Savior in his sacred humanity as if he were near us, just as we sometimes imagine a friend to be present and say, "I imagine that I see such a one who is doing this or that," or "I seem to see him" or something similar. If the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is present, the Christ's presence is real and not purely imaginary. The species and appearance of bread and like a tapestry behind which our Lord is really present and sees and observes us, although we do not see him in his own form.

Do not use [these techniques] all at once, but only one at a time and that briefly and simply.

<http://jenniferfulwiler.com/2011/02/4-steps-to-placing-yourself-in-the-presence-of-god/>

Prayer for Teachers and Students at the beginning of the school year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<http://thecatholiccatalogue.com/prayers-to-begin-a-school-year/>

Blessing of Bags at the Beginning of the School year...The weekend of Sept 9/10, 2017, at the 5:00PM and 10:30AM Mass; as the school year begins, we invite you to please bring in your school bags, purses or any bags that you would like to have blessed by Fr. Greg.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

August 5-6, 2017—
\$1,006.20

August 12-13, 2017
—\$609.75

August 19-20, 2017
—\$991.40

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

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

9:30am to 11:30am

Birthday/Anniversary

Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week and Birthday Blessings to Ivanna Florentino and Izabelle Florentino .

Thank You to

◇Mike, Merly, Cora and Ann, Judith and all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and Church,

Plants Wanted!

If you have extra perennial plants/flowers, 1ft in height or less, and you would like to donate them to the parish, please bring them with you to mass or contact the rectory.

