

# 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 5th, 2017, 5:00PM

†John (Jack) Doyle By Adeline Doyle

For the Intentions of Nikki Cyr

Healing Blessings for Justin Occhionero By Betty Friedman

Sunday, August 6th, 2017, 10:30AM

For the Intentions of Janis Carlin By Carole Wepruk

Thanksgiving Blessings By Comodero Family

Healing Blessings for Justin Occhionero By Betty Friedman

Thanksgiving Mass By Cora Garlando

†Filomeno F. Ramos By Eric Ramos & Donnabel De Guzman

†8th Death Anniversary of Pablo L. De Guzman By Donnabel De Guzman & Eric Ramos

Tuesday, August 8th, 2017, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, August 9th, 2017, 7:00PM

Thanksgiving by Mr & Mrs Noel Altamera & Family..

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

By Cora Garlando

Thursday, August 10th, 2017, 9:00AM

Healing and Peace for Cora Garlando..

Friday, August 11th, 2017, 9:00AM

†Birthday Blessings for Richard Charbonneau By Monalisa Cartegena

Saturday, August 12th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, August 13th, 2017, 10:30AM

Blessings for Wedding Preparations for Amanda & Francis Choi By Carole Wepruk

## 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

**God is with you always.**

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August 6, 2017

Transfiguration of Our Lord

## Listen to my beloved Son

**Meditation:** Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? The Lord Jesus is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when some of the disciples see Jesus transfigured in glory on a [high mountain](#). [In many churches of the east and west this event is celebrated as a major feast on August 6.] Jesus often went to a lonely place to pray - to seek solitude and sanctuary away from the crowds. But on this occasion, Jesus' face became radiant like the sun and his clothing became dazzling white (Matthew 17: 2 and Luke 9:29).

This vision of radiant light and glory is prefigured in the prophecy of Daniel. In chapter 7 of the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament we see a vision of the "Son of Man who came with the clouds of heaven" and was presented before the royal court of heaven and the "Ancient of Days" who is clothed in a radiant garment "white as snow" (Daniel 7:9,13). The prophet Daniel foretold that God would send his Anointed One, the *Son of Man who would come on the clouds of heaven* to bring God's reign of glory and righteousness on the earth (see Daniel 7:13-15). Daniel's vision describes a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. The *Son of Man* is a Messianic title for God's anointed King, the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament word for "Messiah" is "Christ" which literally means the "Anointed One" or the "Anointed King". God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his Gospel message.

## *The Lord Jesus came to fulfill all that Moses and the prophets spoke*

Jesus on three occasions told his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on a cross to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain. Just as Moses and Elijah were led to the mountain of God to discern their ultimate call and mission, so Jesus now appears with Moses and Elijah on the highest mountain overlooking the summit of the promised land. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus *was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light* (Matthew 17:2).

## *Jesus reveals his glory to the apostles and to us*

Why did Jesus appear in dazzling light with Moses and Elijah? The book of Exodus tells us that when Moses had met with God on Mount Sinai *the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God* (Exodus 34:29). Paul the Apostle wrote that *the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness* (2 Corinthians 3:7). After Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, had destroyed all the priests and idols of Baal in the land, he took refuge on the mountain of God at Sinai. There God showed Elijah his glory in great thunder, whirlwind, and fire, and then spoke with him in a still quiet voice. God questioned Elijah, "What are you doing here?" And then directed him to go and fulfill the mission given him by God. Jesus, likewise, appears in glory with Moses and Elijah, as if to confirm with them that he, too, is ready to fulfill the mission which the Father has sent him to accomplish.

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**Pastor**  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
**Office Staff**  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

July 1-2, 2017—  
\$1,240.50  
Flea Market July —  
\$1,957.00  
July 8-9, 2017—  
\$1,029.80  
July 15-16, 2017—  
\$867.70  
July 22-23, 2017 —  
\$701.65  
July 29-30, 2017 —  
\$1,222.80

**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

**Birth/Anniversary Blessings to**  
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.  
Happy Birthday to Wenmar Comodero..

**Thank You to**  
◇Mike, Cora and Ann all the volunteer who worked in the work in the rectory, Church,  
◇All the Flea Market Volunteers, for their hard work

**Listen to my beloved Son.... Continued...**  
Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: *This is my beloved Son; listen to him.* The Father glorified his son because he was faithful and willing to obey him in everything. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8).

**Christ's way to glory**  
The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps

Origen (185-254 AD), a noted early church bible scholar and teacher, explains the significance of Jesus' transfiguration for our own lives:  
"Do you wish to see the transfiguration of Jesus? Behold with me the Jesus of the Gospels. Let him be simply apprehended. There he is beheld both "according to the flesh" and at the same time in his true divinity. He is beheld in the form of God according to our capacity for knowledge. This is how he was beheld by those who went up upon the lofty mountain to be apart with him. Meanwhile those who do not go up the mountain can still behold his works and hear his words, which are uplifting. It is before those who go up that Jesus is transfigured, and not to those below. When he is transfigured, his face shines as the sun, that he may be manifested to the children of light, who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. They are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the children of day. They walk honestly as in the day. Being manifested, he will shine to them not simply as the sun but as he is demonstrated to be, the sun of righteousness." (Commentary on Matthew)

Luke's Gospel tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

**We are partakers of his glory**  
Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Jesus Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. *We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?"Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your word, your action, and your constant presence in my life. Let me see your glory." copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net), author [Don Schwager](#)

**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  
We are accepting donations of new items and/or cash donations that can be used to purchase items/prizes.

**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 August 12, 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.

**Donation for Food Bank**  
The food bank is in need of nonperishable foods such as canned goods: soup, tuna, canned meat, spaghetti sauce, beans, and pasta, cereal, peanut butter...etc.  
For your convenience, there is a basket placed at the back of the Church where the donation can be placed.

**Do you have any questions about your faith and are looking for answers?**  
Ask Father....  
Papers have been placed at the back of the Church for you to ask the questions that you have always wanted to ask, concerning the Church and your faith. The answers will appear in subsequent bulletins. A blue box has been placed at the back of the Church to collect your questions. Please continue to write down your questions and they will all be answered. Keep your questions coming.

**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.

