

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30th, 2019, 5:00PM

Healing prayers for Mr. Desmond Malic and Birthday blessings for Fe Quinto and Zachary Guloy by the Quinto Family..

Thanksgiving and Blessings by Precy Lim

† Mario Asunio and all the souls in Purgatory by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan and family

Sunday, December 1st, 2019, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving prayers offered by the Comodero family..

Thanksgiving blessings by Merly Nunez and family

Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings offered by Flora Lim

For the Intentions offered by the Cabaneros Family

† All Souls in Purgatory by Merly Nunez and family

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 4th, 2019, 7:00PM

† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino..

Thursday, December 5th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Georgette Carpentier Perron by Carole Wepruk..

Friday, December 6th, 2019, 9:00 AM

† Eugenia Estigoy By Imelda Estigoy..

Saturday, December 7th, 2019, 5:00PM

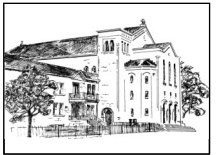
† Patrick Doyle by Adeline Doyle..

Sunday, December 8th, 2019, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving in honour of the Holy Family by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan and Family

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December 1, 2019 — First Sunday of Advent

Watch and be ready - the day of the Lord's coming draws near

The days of Noah

The Book of Genesis describes why God chose to separate Noah and his family who were faithful to God from those who had utterly rejected God and corrupted the earth with violence and evil:

"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5), "with corruption and violence spreading everywhere" (Genesis 6:11-12).

Why did so many perish when the day of judgment came? They were caught completely unaware and unprepared for the disaster that swept them away. The Lord Jesus warned his disciples and he issues the same warning to us today - be alert and be prepared to meet the Lord today and every day - and when he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

The ark of refuge

Just as God provided a safe haven and place of refuge for Noah and his family in the ark which spared them from destruction (Genesis 7), the Lord provides for us today a place of refuge in the ark of his people - the body of Christ - who listen to his word and obey his voice. God made a covenant of peace with Noah and his descendants (Genesis 9:8-17). Noah's ark was a prophetic sign and beacon of hope which prefigured the new covenant of everlasting peace which the Lord Jesus would accomplish through his atoning death on the cross, resurrection, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

Jesus came to fulfill all the promises of God, including the covenant of peace which God made with Noah. Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission to set us free from sin and condemnation and to give us new life in his Holy Spirit. Jesus died for our sins, rose to everlasting life, and is now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He now reigns over the heavens and the earth as the exalted Lord of creation. The Lord Jesus promised that he would return again in glory to complete the work of redemption which he began at his first coming.

Our merciful Savior is also our Judge and Vindicator

God fulfills all his promises to us in Jesus, our merciful Savior, who will come again as our Judge and Vindicator. Jesus told his disciples that the Father has given him all authority to execute judgments on the earth "because he is the Son of man" (John 5:27). The "Son of man" is a Messianic title for God's anointed one who will overthrow God's enemies and establish an everlasting kingdom of righteousness and peace. The "Son of man" is described in the Book of Daniel as the one who is given supreme authority to judge and execute justice on the earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Jesus came the first time to lay down his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. He promises to return again at the "end of the age" to complete the work of restoration and final judgment. While we do not know the time of his return, we will not mistake it when it happens. It will be apparent to all, both to the followers of the Lord Jesus and to every inhabitant on the earth as well. — copyright (c) 2019 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

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Nov 2-3—
\$1,254.90
Nov 9-10—\$746.05
Triduum (Masses)
—\$470.15
November 16-17—
\$389.50
November 23-24—
\$592.40
Annual Bazaar—
\$6,038.60

**ST WILLIBRORD
PARISH**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm
(Rector)

Wednesday:
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am
(Rector)

Friday: 9:00am
(Rector)

Adoration
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rector)

**Please note the
Mass, on Tuesday,
Thursday and Fri-
day will be held in
the Rector**

Raffle Tickets have arrived and we have five weeks to sell 8,500 tickets. The date of the draw is December 28, 2019. We need you. I know that it is an ambitious goal but with your help, we can do it. Please take a few booklets and invite your friends, coworkers and family members to do the same. Spread the word and help us sell these tickets. The money raised will be used to fund our outreach programs such as the Soup Kitchen, Christmas Baskets and emergency food bank

The Prizes are: First Prize, \$1,000.00, Second Prize, \$500.00 and Third Prize, \$250.00

Save the date: Saturday, May 30, 2020

Marian Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré.

We are in the planning stages of a day long pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré with a tour of various attractions in Quebec City and Ste Anne Canyon. Box lunch will be provided, please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.

If you are interested please rsvp by contacting the rectory, places are limited.

Project Best Christmas Ever!

Christmas is quickly approaching and if you are interested in helping to make this the best Christmas ever, here are some ideas of food items that are needed..

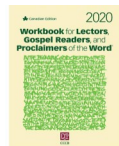


Non-perishable items: Cereal, cookies, snack bars, pasta, pasta sauce, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, Kraft diner, pudding, jams, peanut butter and pancake mix, syrup, etc... We also need monetary donations to purchase perishable items: bread, butter, milk, eggs, cheese, meat, etc...

If you want to share the spirit of Christmas with your family and friends, you are invited to work together preparing Christmas Baskets for people in need.

Books Available

Sunday Missal 2019-2020, will be available at the back of the Church, you may have a personal copy for a donation of \$6.00



Lector's Workbooks are also available for a donation of \$20.00



ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to all who are celebrating this week.
Happy Birthday to Flora Lim, Precy Lim and Stephen Ralbovsky
Thank you to Mike, Maria G., Ann, Merly, Ruth, Cora, John, Beng, Susan B. and all of our dedicated volunteers

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Sacramental Preparation: Sunday, December 8, 2019, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door)

Acolytes Meeting: Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:

Schedules will be distributed.

Flea Market: Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Parishioners Party & Concert: December 14, 2019

"Do you want to know more about your strengths?"—

Live Your Strengths Questionnaire

Live Your Strengths is a program to help you discern what God is calling you to do by discovering the unique talents He has given you. You will be asked to go online and fill out a questionnaire, very easy to fill out, they give you three answers and you chose the one that most describes you. You have about 20 seconds to answer the question.

Not only is the questionnaire a tool to better know ourselves, but we can also apply it to our daily challenges in our life and at our workplace especially in our Parish.

There is a small fee of approximately \$45 or so when registering for this questionnaire and your own personal copy of its analysis. It is a wise investment in your personal growth and development.

Please see Stasi or Carole for more information.

SIMBANG GABI is a beautiful Advent tradition that captures the expectant, excited, spiritual waiting that pervades Advent – the precursor of Christmas. It is a vibrant expression of ***unity and community***.

Many parishes in the diocese will fittingly mark Christmas preparation with an Advent Novena of Masses, popularly called "Simbang Gabi" (Filipino for "night mass", indicating it being held when dark). It is one of the oldest and most popular among the Filipino traditions in the Philippines. Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena to the expectant Blessed Mother. The novena begins on December 16, and culminates with the "Misa de Gallo" ("*gallo*", Spanish word for rooster, which crows at break of dawn) on Christmas Eve. In some churches, the "panuluyan" (lodging search) – Las Posadas in Mexico - is reenacted showing the effort of Joseph and Mary to find a suitable birthplace.

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and 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.