

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, December 9th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Gladys Briffett Spurrell & Herbert Spurrell by David Briffett

Sunday, December 10th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†Elvira Diperna By Beverly Fender

†Nida Sales & Domingo Ballester By Cora Garlando

Birthday Blessings for Vangie Delamata

Birthday Blessings for Jackie Bolofer by the Bolofer family

Tuesday, December 12th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 13th, 2017, 7:00PM

†Felomina Cancio by Ordon family..

Thursday, December 14th, 2017, 9:00AM

†Domingo Garlando by Cora Garlando and Family..

Friday, December 15th, 2017, 9:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Janet Bulseco by Burcena Family

Friday, December 15th, 2017, 7:00PM

Simbangabi Mass Celebrated at the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal

Saturday, December 16th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Kianga Lim by Flora Lim & family..

Saturday, December 16th, 2017, 7:00PM

†Death Anniversary of Sotero Rosales

and for the souls of Ernesto & Juana Bolofer by the Bolofer family

Sunday, December 17th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†Cecilia Fougere by Yvonne Gerald

Birthday Blessings for Bernard Fournier and Vincent Fournier

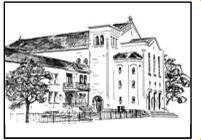
We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick

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, Gordon 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, Brenda McCambridge, Maureen O'Brien, Polly Storey, Justin Occhionero, Hugo Diaz, Teresita Rosales, Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist Sr.

God is with you always.

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December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

The baptism of repentance and purification in the Holy Spirit

Meditation: John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was *filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb* (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leaped in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he grew in the word of God and was tested in preparation for his prophetic mission. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8).

Called to hear and obey the Word of God

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was *more than a prophet* (Luke 7:26). John was the *voice* of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

Let the Holy Spirit purify and transform your mind and heart

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ." *copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: www.daily scripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)*

The Giving Tree: A Tradition at St Willibrord

Every year we place a tree at the back of the Church decorated with pieces of paper, on which is written, the gender and the age of a child and we invite parishioners to pick a piece of paper and purchase a gift that would be placed in the Christmas Basket. This tradition ensures that every child will receive a gift on Christmas day.



Christmas Basket

We need volunteers to help with food delivery and sorting, make the boxes, fill the boxes and deliver them.

We would also like to invite you to consider making a donation of non-perishable goods and if you would like to donate a gift that would be included in the Christmas Baskets, it would be greatly appreciated.

The dates for the preparations of the Christmas Baskets

Dec 15, 2017, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM—Food is being delivered and will need to be sorted, we will need many volunteers.

Dec 16, 2017, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Dec 17, 2017, from 12:00PM to 5:00PM, will be **family days**. This is a time for multi-generations, children, parents, grand-parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, to come and volunteer their time, working on preparing food baskets for people and families left fortunate. It is also a wonderful time for families to get together.

Dec 21, 2017, from 9:00AM to 9:00PM—Many volunteers are needed to help with the perishables and finishing up the boxes.

Dec 22, 2017, from 9:00AM to 9:00PM—Is DELIVERY DAY and we need many volunteers and drivers are needed.

*If you are willing and able to volunteer a few hours or if you have a vehicle and would be willing to use it to help deliver the Christmas Baskets, please contact the rectory and let us know the dates and times that you will be available to help. (514-769-9678)

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Bazaar— \$8,035.60
Triduum—\$214.45
Bowl-a-thon—\$671.00
Flea Market—\$2,324.00
Nov 4-5, 2017—\$1,256.35
Nov 11-12, 2017—\$811.85
Nov 18-19, 2017—
\$1,201.75
Nov 25-26, 2017—\$721.60
Dec 2-3, 2017—\$2,135.95

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. Happy Birthday to Janet Bulseco, Jackie Bolofer, Vincent and Bernard Fournier

Thank You to

◊Mike, Roger, Ann, Cora, Merly, Judith, Wendy, Melissa and all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and in the Church. ◊all who helped organize and set up for our Annual Parishioner /Volunteer Appreciation Party

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th, 2017 Christmas Carols 7:00 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30 PM
Monday, December 25th, 2017 Solemn Mass, 10:30 AM
Sunday, December 31st, 2017 Mass 7:00 PM
Monday, January 1st 2018 Solemn Mass 10:30 am

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM
Lectors and Lay Ministers Meeting: Sunday, Dec 10, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass.
Acolytes: Saturday, Dec 16, 2017, at 9:00AM
Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, Dec 17, 2017, at 9:00AM

Dates to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, Jan 13, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Volunteer/ Parishioners Christmas Party: Saturday, December 9, 2017, at 6:30 PM. It will be a potluck meal. If you will be bringing something, please contact the rectory.
Simbanggabi: Dec 15 through 24, 2017. ****See box below for details.**
Christmas Bake Sale: Saturday, Dec 16, 2017, in the Church basement, from **9:00AM to 11:30AM**

Simbanggabi

The dates for this special Christmas Novena will be Dec 15, 2017 to Dec 24, 2017. ****Please note that the Mass scheduled on Friday, Dec 15, 2017, at 7:00 PM will be celebrated at the Catholic Filipino Mission of Montreal, located at 8500 Saint Laurent Bd, Montreal, Quebec H2P 2M8**

Annual Raffle Draw Winners



1st Prize— Di-Tech (Group)
2nd Prize— Guy Bougie
3rd Prize— Anastasia Wargachuk

Thank you to all who participated.

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.