

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(inc. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotions) - Wednesday
6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

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December 14, 2014

3rd Sunday of Advent

Announced Masses

Saturday December 13

**Healing Mass for
Wilma Kelly**

Sunday December 14

† Daisy Levangie
By Carmen & Joe Antenucci

Tuesday December 16

Pro Populo

Wednesday December 17

† Fran Roach
By Beverly Fender

Thursday December 18

† Ken Davies
By Carl & Shelia

Friday December 19

† Fran Roach
By Lily Cavanagh

Saturday December 20

† Lorraine Clearey
By Her Children

Sunday For All Volunteers

† Phobe Roach
By The Roach & Riley

Meditation: Do you know the favor of the Lord? Every 50 years the people of Israel were commanded to celebrate a Year of Jubilee - a year of favor by the Lord (Leviticus 25:10-12). God did not want his people to forget all the blessings and favors he had shown them over the years. Isaiah prophesied in a year of Jubilee that God would send his anointed one to bring his people back from their time of exile (Isaiah 61). The anointed one would bring good news (the same word as "gospel") - news of freedom for those who were oppressed by sin, darkness, despair, and brokenness (Isaiah 61:1-2).

When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's anointed one, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival (see Malachi 4:5, Deuteronomy 18:15)? John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah.

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!* (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah and Savior of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: *Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word.* Do you point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of your life?

"Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony."

~www.rc.net

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM INFORMATION 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 Faith to be eligible.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Board of Wardens

- Joseph Brisindi
- Angèle LaFlèche
- Paul Moreau
- Dan Ormsby
- Nicholas Pinto
- Jonathan Trabajada

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- Yvonne Pelling
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- Terrel Joseph
- Youth Ministry*
- Julian Paparella
- Youth Ministry*

Coordinators

- Tess Allonar -
- Daytime Soup Kitchen*
- Mary Anne Levasseur -
- Evening Soup Kitchen*
- Angele LaFleche -
- Christmas Baskets*
- Dan Ormsby
- Flea Market*

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of

Sr. Mary Walsh R.S.M

who was the sister to one of our dedicated parishioners:

Denise Fox .

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of

Kaye and Sal Azzarello

Sr. Marie Azzarello's brother and sister-in-law who passed away in Langley, B.C.; this week

Prayers for the Sick

A book will be available at the back of the church for names of those who need prayer.

Please note that the names will remain on the list for one month.

Should prayers continue to be needed please make sure to renew their names after one month.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Christmas Caroling!

Bring your family and friends on **Sunday December 14th at 4:00-6:00pm.**

Please meet here at the parish.

Warden's Elections

Let us all thank **Dan Ormsby** and **Nicholas Pinto** for their dedication and service to the Parish as a Warden.

The Warden's elections will take place **THIS SUNDAY December 14th 2014** after the 10:30am Mass. A quorum of 10 Parishioners **living within the Parish boundaries** is legally required to hold the election. Please make an effort to fulfill this stipulation. Should you wish to be a Warden please speak with Fr. Gregory or call the Rectory.

Drivers needed!

Do you have a truck, a van or a car?

We will need volunteers with vehicles to help us delivery

Christmas Baskets on Friday December 19 starting at 9 am until we are all done! Rain, Snow or Sunshine! Feel free to volunteers your driving, we can partner you up with helpers for the heavy lifting!

Please contact Angele LaFleche at : aj.angele@gmail.com

Family Day for Volunteers

Saturday Dec 13 11am - 3pm and Sunday Dec 14 1:30pm-5pm (after the warden's election)

An occasion for kids and teens to help with our Christmas Basket Project! You're invited!!

Please contact Angele LaFleche at : aj.angele@gmail.com

Christmas Mass Schedule

Simbang Gabi—Tuesday Dec. 16-Wed. Dec. 24		7:00pm
Wednesday, December 24 th	Christmas Carols	7:10 pm
	Mass	7:30 pm
Thursday, December 25th	Solemn Mass	10:30 am
Sunday, December 28th	Family Mass	10:30 am
Wednesday, December 31 st	Mass	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 1st 2015	Solemn Mass	10:30 am

Please join us in our Christmas celebrations at a dinner and dance party here at the Parish on

Saturday December 20, 2014 at 7:30pm.

There is no entrance fee, though we encourage you to please bring your own wine as well as a dessert. A non-perishable food donation box will be available to anyone who wants to bring an item for the Food Pantry.

We hope to see you all!

Please RSVP by calling the office—514-769-9678.

