

Mass Intentions

December 15th, 2018, 5:00PM

Blessings for Aldofos Nicolas By Nicolas family..

Evening Mass 7:00 pm

(Simbang Gabi at FCMM—8500 Saint Laurent Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec H2P 2M8)

Sunday, December 16th, 2018, 10:30AM

Oscar Ordoná and Jason Ordoná by the Ordoná Family..

Birthday Blessings for Janet Bulseco by the Burcena Family

Healing mass for Mila Bax by Maria Salceda

Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

7:00 pm

Monday, December 17th, 2018, 7:00PM

Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

Tuesday, December 18th, 2018, 7:00PM

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Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 19th, 2018, 7:00PM

Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

Thursday, December 20th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Margret and Duncan McInnes By Linda Goodfellow and Yves Boileau..

Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

7:00 pm

Friday, December 21st, 2018, 9:00AM

Blessings for Dominic Rosal..

Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

7:00 pm

Saturday, December 22nd, 2018, 5:00PM

Blessings for Cedrick Burcena & Monsour Niq Bulseco by Burcena family..

Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

7:00 pm

Sunday, December 23rd, 2018, 10:30AM

†Maurice Turbide by Carole Wepruk

Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi)

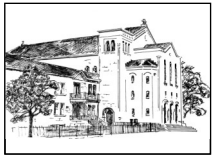
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December 16, 2018—Third Sunday of Advent

REFLECTION

The first two chapters from the book from which our First Reading is taken, are full of prophecies against the nation, the leaders and the people of Israel. Disasters will befall God’s people because of their false worship and disregard for the needs of the poor. All this sad-bad news is replaced by the glad-news we hear today from the third chapter.

The very first verses of the Book of Zephaniah cry out that God is going to sweep away all living things from the face of the earth. The leaders, the judges, the prophets, and the priests have all defiled the nation and the city of Jerusalem. What we hear is a pledge and an announcement that this very same God of troubling vengeance has remained faithful and actually is in “her” presence. Fear and disheartening have been driven away and the victorious warrior is now singing and dancing with joy over Her return.

The images in this poem are celebrational and reflective of the ritual festivals of this agricultural land. Instead of a sweeping away, there is a gathering up. Rather than banishment, there is inclusion. The people are to shout for joy that what was held against them has been removed and they are to relate gratefully with their new and loving King.

It is “Rejoice Sunday” which is always the theme of the liturgical readings for this, the Third Sunday of Advent. This year the Third Sunday is a mere nine days before the celebration of the liturgy of the Nativity. The sense of joyful anticipation is emphasized. Jesus, as Victorious Warrior, is drawing near. The Second Reading for today echoes strongly this spirit Someone very good to us and for us is near and we will be better for that Someone’s arrival.

John is still in center stage predicting the imminent arrival of the Messiah. In response to this preaching, various groups of people line up to find out what they must do to be ready. In a sense we are back to wanting to know what’s going to be expected what will make them ready for the event. The crowds, the tax collectors, the soldiers and presumably other groups of influential people, stepped up to make sure they would be wearing the proper clothes and appearing just right and ready.

John tells each in turn to let go of the natural inclinations of their trade or lifestyle. Basically John is telling them to be freed from their fullness of self to receive a life that leads to the fullness of life. John the Baptist uses a familiar farm image to describe one of the missions of the One who is to come. The Waited -For will have a large fan in His hand and will separate the precious grains of wheat from the expendable chaff. The grain are those who will receive life through the Messiah and in turn give that life through their deeds. The chaff will be those who will choose other ways of receiving meaning for their lives.

Luke ends this revelation with John continuing distributing “Good News”. The rejoicing is both the giving and the receiving of the News of the coming of the presence of the Good. This is a partial reason for the giving of gifts during this Advent and Christmas season. Gifts are meant to express something about the giver, the receiver and something about the relationship between both.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near.” Phil. 4, 4-5

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Archive/2012/121612.html>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration
2018 Annual Bazaar—
\$12,043.60 (revised)
November 24-25, 2018—
\$535.90
Dec 1-2, 2018—\$1,375.15
December Flea Market—
\$2,634.00
Dec 8-9, 2018—\$1,124.40

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
(Rectory)

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rectory)

**Please note the Mass, on
Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday will be held
in the Rectory**

Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to

◇All who are celebrating
this week.

◇Happy Birthday to Jackie
Bolofer and Janet Bulseco
◇Happy Anniversary to Susan
& Gille Charlebois

Thank you to

◇Mike, Ann, Ruth, Merly, and
all the volunteers who work
at the Church, Rectory, and
Soup Kitchen
◇our guest speaker, Fr Jay, for
presenting a wonderful

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. This year we will be adding groceries to the items listed on the tree.



Below is a list of some items that are needed for the Christmas Baskets...
Canned good... veggies, fruit, meat, soup, Cereal, cookies, cake mixes, puddings, Pasta and sauces.nything that you think may brighten up someone's Christmas.

Christmas Basket Preparation

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.

Volunteer Opportunities for the Christmas Baskets

Friday Dec 14- Non-perishable food delivery 8:30AM 5:00 pm -

Saturday Dec 15

9am-12pm Christmas Sale

10-6pm Open House!! Donation Drop off!!

Children's crafts, raffles, food being sold, maybe a half & half \$, and tours of the church

Sunday Dec 16 -12:30-6pm Family day for parishioners after mass

Monday Dec 17 - 8pm (evening after mass)

Tuesday Dec 18 - 8pm (evening after mass)

Wednesday Dec 19 - 6:00PM to 7:00PM and 8:00PM(evening after mass) onwards

Thursday Dec 20 - 9am - 11pm Fresh food delivery and closing up the boxes

Friday Dec 21 - DELIVERY DAY

Christmas and New year's Mass Schedule **Revised**

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24, 2018

Mass: 7:00PM

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Mass: 10:30AM

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018

Mass: 7:00PM

New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1, 2018

Mass: 10:30AM



ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Simbang Gabi 2018 From December 15 to 24, 2018, at 7:00PM, we will be having nine nightly Masses. In order to help prepare us for the arrival of Jesus, the reflections of these Masses will focus on how Mary prepared herself for the birth of her son Jesus.

The Mass on the first night, December 15, will be celebrated at the Filipino Mission Parish.

If you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor the Mass by an offering to the Church and food to be shared as we gather after the Mass, please speak with Stasi.

All Things Christmas Bake Sale:

Saturday December 15, 2018, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE

Thursday Bible Study:

Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:

will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday

Choir Practice

will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday

Acolytes:

Meeting will be held in the rectory, on January 12, 2019, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:

The next faith in the family will be on December 16, 2018

Advent Recollection

Saturday December 15, 2018, from 9:30AM to 3:00PM, Guest speaker Fr Jay
(light breakfast at 9:00AM)

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Flea Market:

Saturday, January 5, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Social Gathering

Save the Date: Saturday, December 22, 2018, at 6:30PM, Parish Family, Social Event

Mass in Cameron Hall

Saturday, January 12, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

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.