

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

Announced Masses

Saturday, Dec 17th

†Barnes Family

†Cyr Family

By Nikki Cyr

Sunday, Dec 18th

Thanksgiving

& Birthday Blessings

for Janet Bulseco

By Burcena Family

Thanksgiving Mass

By Juliet Quiocho

†Sotero Rosales

By Beng Bolofer & Family

Tuesday, Dec 20th

Pro Populo

Wednesday, Dec 21th

Thanksgiving

& Birthday Blessings

for Janet Bulseco

By Burcena Family

Thursday, Dec 22nd

Friday, Dec 23rd

†Deceased members of the Batt-

cock Family

By Tom Battcock

Thanksgiving Mass

By Mr & Mrs Greg Porlucas

and Family

Thanksgiving Mass

By Mr & Mrs Dindo Doblado

Saturday, Dec 24th

5:00pm

†Deceased members of the

Doyle Family

By Adeline Doyle

Anniversary Blessings for Janet

& Bernard Burcena..

7:30pm

†Emmett Cavanagh

†Gary Cavanagh

By Lillian Cavanagh

Anniversary Blessings for Janet

& Bernard Burcena

Thanksgiving Blessings for

Bolofer Family

Sunday, Dec 25th

†Yvette Marchand

By her children

Thanksgiving Blessings

By Merly Nunez

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Dec 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

"He will save his people from their sins"

Meditation: Do you hold on to the promises of God at all times, especially when you are faced with uncertainty or adversity? The prophet Isaiah spoke words of hope in a hopeless situation for Israel. When Ahaz, the apostate king of Judah and heir to the throne of David (735 B.C.) was surrounded by forces that threatened to destroy him and his people, God offered him a sign to reassure him that God would not abandon the promise he made to David and his descendants. King Ahaz, however, had lost hope in God and refused to ask for a sign of favor. God, nonetheless, gave a sign to assure his people that he would indeed give them a Savior who would rule with peace and righteousness (Isaiah 7:11ff). Like the prophet Isaiah we are called "in hope to believe against hope" (Romans 4:18) that God can and will fulfill all his promises.

Mary was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit

Mary had to face an enormous challenge to her faith and trust in God and to the faith of her family and Joseph, the man she chose to marry. She was asked to assume a burden of tremendous responsibility. It had never been heard of before that a child could be born without a natural father. Mary was asked to accept this miraculous exception to the laws of nature. That required faith and trust in God and in his promises. Second, Mary was not yet married. Pregnancy outside of wedlock was not tolerated in those days. Mary was only espoused to Joseph, and such an engagement had to last for a whole year. She was asked to assume a great risk. She could have been rejected by Joseph, by her family, by all her own people. Mary knew that Joseph and her family would not understand without revelation from God. She nonetheless believed and trusted in God's promises.

Joseph believed the angel's message "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit"

Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his espoused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah.

A model of faith for us

Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

"Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your divine plan for my life." —————*rc.net*

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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk

Administration

Nov 5-6, 2016—\$1,247.90

Nov 12-13, 2016—\$880.65

Nov 19-20, 2016—\$512.30

Nov 26-27, 2016—\$1,077.85

Dec 3-4, 2016—\$1,553.00

Dec 10-11, 2016 —

\$1,135.75

Simbang Gabi Sponsors

Dec 16 to 24 @ 7:00PM

Dec 16, 2016

Pastoral Council
Bulseco/Burcena Family

Dec 17, 2016

Lorraine Molloy

Dec 18, 2016

Salinggawi
Cora Garlando

Dec 19, 2016

Merly Nunez

Dec 20, 2016

Cora Garlando
Halpin & Oxley Family

Dec 21, 2016

Merly Nunez

Jonathan and

Verdun Community

Dec 22, 2016

PREX

Angela Choi
Cora Garlando

Dec 23, 2016

Fely & Pedro Quioco
Melina & Bong Quioco

Marilou & Nonong
Comodero

Beck & Wilson Tamgonan

Dec 24, 2016

Janet Bulseco

Juliet & Pepito Mendoza

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Birthday Blessings and
Anniversary Blessings
to all Parishioners
who are
celebrating this week.

Thank you to

◊Mike for cleaning the Church

◊All who have generously made

donations to the Christmas
Basket food drive

St Willibrord Parish

As 2016 comes to an end, let us take the time to evaluate and reflect upon our accomplishments and remember our ideas, plans, our hopes and dreams, for the future. The beginning of a new year affords us the opportunity to come together as one community, as one family, and work to for the greater good of our community. Should you wish to donate your Time, Talent and Treasures, and are interested in being an active part of the community, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca

Flower donations for Sanctuary

If you would like to donate flowers or money to purchase flower, please bring the flowers to the Church or In a clearly marked envelope, place the donation into the collection basket.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. —John 1:14



Christmas Mass Season Schedule

December 24th 5:00PM Mass

7:00pm Singing Carols with the Choir

7:30PM Christmas Mass with Children's Pageant

10:00PM (Midnight Mass)

December 25th 10:30am (Mass at Dawn)

Dec 31st 5:00PM

Jan 1st 10:30AM

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by Symbolon at 7:30pm

All Things Christmas Baked Table: Saturday, Dec 17, 2016, from 9am to 1pm

Simbang Gabi: Dec 16, 2016 through Dec 24, 2016, 7:00PM

Flea Market: Saturday, January 7, 2016, 9:00am to 3:00pm



The next session of Faith in the Family Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation is Jan 8, 2017



Christmas Baskets

A call for volunteers for the Thursday Dec 22 9am to help with the perishable food delivery and Delivery Day Friday December 23 starting at 9am but Cars, Vans and Trucks free to come at any time during the day! Donations of food and gifts can be received all week.

Donations Many thanks to the people and companies who have made donations to our Christmas basket food drive. We will be able to prove Christmas Baskets to the people in need. It is not too late to make a donation. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the rectory.

Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

A devotional series of nine daily masses (Novena) The Simbang Gabi' originated in the early days of Spanish ruled over the Philippines (1669) as a practical compromise for farmers, who began working before sunrise to avoid the noonday heat out in the field. Simbang Gabi marks the beginning of the Christmas Season and honors of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Expectant Mother of God, and in preparation for the commemoration of the birth of our Savior.

**Simbang Gabi at St Willibrord's Parish on
Dec 16th, 2016 to Dec 24th, 2016., at 7:00PM**

If you would like to sponsor one of the nine masses, please contact the rectory..

How can you sponsor aMass? Let the office know that you are interested and which the date of the Mass and

1. Invite family and friends to attend the celebration
2. Make a donation, traditionally the donation is \$15, but any amount would be appreciated.
3. Bring an offering to the Lord that can be brought up during the offering procession, examples: flowers for the sanctuary, food for the needy, gifts to be placed in Christmas Baskets, a bottle of wine.....
4. Participation at the Mass is encouraged but not mandatory
5. Bring food to socialize and eat as a community.

If you are a family, community or a group of people, then it is a good idea to assign a person as coordinator to facilitate this process.