

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21st, 2019, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving and blessings for Merly Nuñez and Janelle Dabucol
by the Nunez family..

Sunday, December 22nd 2019, 10:30AM

†Andrée Agia by Isabel McKeever
†Virginia (Jean) Feledick by Betty Luyten-Friedman
Healing prayers for Catalino Apan by Cora Garlando and family
Thanksgiving Blessings received on their anniversary
offered by Janet Bulseco and Bernard Burcena

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019, 7:00PM

† Emmett Cavanagh and Gary Cavanagh by Lily Cavanagh
†Jesus Bulseco on the occasion of his birthday by the Burcena family
† Melania Anore by Merly Nunez
The Deceased members of the Doyle Family by Adeline Doyle
The deceased members of the Molloy Family by Lorraine Molloy

Wednesday, December 25th, 2019, 7:00PM

†The deceased members of the Pasal family by Melina Pasal and family..

Thursday, December 26th, 2019, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving Mass offered for Our Lady of Peñafrancia by Merly Nuñez..

Friday, December 27th, 2019, 9:00 AM

†Prof. Laurie Hendren by Joseph D'Silva..

Saturday, December 28th, 2019, 5:00PM

† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino

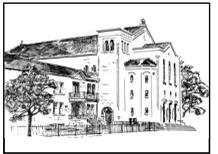
Sunday, December 29th, 2019, 10:30AM

†the deceased member of the Carlin Family
Anniversary & Thanksgiving for blessings received by Mr & Mrs. Victorio Saldo

Let us include in our intentions prayers for all anniversary and birthday celebrants
Happy Birthday to Susan Charlebois
Happy Anniversary to Bernard Burcena and Janet Bulseco

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December 22, 2019 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

"He will save his people from their sins"

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.— copyright (c) 2019 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Anastasia
Wargachuk
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Nov 23-24—
\$592.40
Annual Bazaar—
\$6,038.60
Bowl-a-Thon—
\$647.00
Nov 30-Dec 1—
\$1,616.20
Dec 7-8—\$549.95
Dec 14-15—
\$1,078.15

**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 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

Prizes

Fist Prize, \$1,000.00, Second Prize, \$500.00 and Third Prize, \$250.00

Pope Francis explains symbolism of Vatican Christmas tree and sand nativity
By Courtney Mares

The signs and symbols found in Christmas traditions can “help us to contemplate the mystery of God made man to be close to each one of us,” Francis said Dec. 7.

“The Christmas tree with its lights reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, the light of the soul that drives away the darkness of animosity and makes room for forgiveness,” he continued.

The great height of this year’s Christmas tree -- cut from Italy’s Cansiglio forest -- symbolizes that the Son of God, who lowered himself in assuming the human condition to draw man up to himself, the pope explained.

God raises man “from the fogs of selfishness and sin” and invites him to “participate in his divine and incorruptible nature.”

The Vatican also unveiled the annual nativity scene in St. Peter’s square, this year sculpted entirely out of sand. The 52-foot-wide sand sculpture of Mary, Joseph, the Child Jesus, and an angel was created by four international artists using around 700 tons of sand brought from the Dolomites.

The concept of a sand nativity originated from a tradition from the Northern Italian beach-town of Jesolo, where professional sand sculptors from around the world create original renderings of the nativity and other Christian stories for locals and visitors to enjoy each Christmas season.

Pope Francis reflected that sand is a humble, poor material that “recalls the simplicity, the smallness with which God showed himself at the birth of Jesus in the precariousness of Bethlehem.”

“Contemplating the God child, who emanates light in the humility of the nativity scene, we can also become witnesses of humility, tenderness and goodness,” Francis said.

Pope Francis encouraged families and communities come together to reflect upon the meaning of these Christmas traditions:

“The nativity and the tree, fascinating symbols of Christmas, can bring families and meeting places a reflection of the light and tenderness of God to help everyone to live the feast of the birth of Jesus.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-explains-symbolism-of-vatican-christmas-tree-and-sand-nativity-37221>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thank you to Mike, Maria G., Ann, Merly, Ruth, Jackie, Cora, Ogaga. Susan B., Pedro, Fely, Bong, Melina, Jonas, Beng and all of our volunteers, especially our Christmas Elves who worked on the Christmas Baskets

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Sacramental Preparation: Sunday, January 12 2019, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door)

Acolytes Meeting: Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

Flea Market: Saturday, January 11, 2020, 9:00AM to 3:00PM



Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th, 2019
7:00PM —Carols (Songs)
7:30PM— Christmas Pageant
8:00PM— Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th, 2019
10:30AM—Mass

New Year’s Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2019
7:00PM—Mass

New Year’s Day, Wednesday, January 1st, 2020
10:30AM—Mass



Lord God, we praise you for creating man, and still more for restoring him in Christ. Your Son shared our weakness; may we share his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all who bought or sold raffle tickets. Please return the stubs with the money. a.s.a.p., in order to ensure that they are processed in time for the draw.

As our Christmas Basket Project comes to a close for this year we would like give thanks to all who were involved in making this project a success!

Thank you so much for our volunteers that worked through the 7 days of preparation, and in the office helping on the phone. To all of our drivers and runners who helped for delivery. Through the bitter cold we always had help and enthusiastic hands getting the job done!

Thank you to our donors of food, toys and money. We were able to help so many of our brothers and sisters in need because of your generosity. Thank you to everyone who cooked and served meals to our volunteers! Our parishioners, friends and family who believe in what we do we are forever grateful.

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.