

MASS TIMES

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 9:30-11:30

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December 27, 2015

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Announced Masses

Sunday December 27th

† **Leona Panganiban**

† **Mauro Redrino**

By the Redrino Family

In Thanksgiving

By the Burcena Family

For the Intentions of

F. Foulds

Tuesday December 29th

Wednesday December 30th

In Thanksgiving

By the Burcena Family

Thursday December 31st

For the Intentions of

F. Foulds

Friday January 1st

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

Saturday January 2nd

Sunday January 3rd

**For the Intentions of
Altrice Weekes**

Meditation: How can families grow together in mutual love, harmony, and care for one another? When God made a covenant with his people, he taught them his way of love:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength - And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart - and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

God the Father's love is a covenant love that binds people together as his beloved children. His love is the cornerstone that binds man and woman in one flesh in marriage, and in their mutual love for their children, and for their children's children for generations to come. God wants his love to be the center of all our relationships and all that we do. That is why God gives us his Holy Spirit so we can love as he loves us. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Jesus was born into a family devoted to the word of God

When God sent his only begotten Son into the world, Jesus was born into a human family as a Jew who was raised according to the teaching and wisdom of God's word in the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament Scriptures) and the religious customs of his people. Jesus was born under the law of Moses (Galatians 4:4) and was circumcised (the sign of being a covenanted member of Israel) on the eighth day and given his name, *Yeshua* in Hebrew (*Jesus* in English) which means "God saves."

We know little about Jesus' early life at home in Nazareth. Luke in his Gospel account gives us a glimpse of Jesus' growth as a boy into young manhood. Luke tells us that Jesus was obedient to his parents - Mary, his mother and Joseph, his foster father. As devout and God-fearing Jews, Joseph and Mary raised the boy Jesus according to the Scriptures and Jewish customs. It was the duty of all Jewish parents to raise their children in the instruction and wisdom of God's word in the Scriptures.

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching" (Proverbs 1:8). "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).
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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



Join us on **New Year's Eve** as we thank God for the many blessings of the year on **Thursday, December 31st at 7pm!**

Come celebrate with us on **New Year's Day** as the Church begins the year with the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. Holy Mass will be celebrated **Friday, January 1st at 10:30**. *Please join us and invite your family and friends!*

SIMBANG GABI AND CHRISTMAS MASSES—THANK YOU!!!

Thank you very much to all those who attended our *Simbang Gabi* and *Christmas* Masses! Special thanks to all of our liturgical ministers, sponsors, and those who offered intentions!

Over 350 Christmas Baskets Delivered!

Wednesday over 350 families received Christmas baskets of food and children's gifts from Saint Willibrord's Parish!!! Thank you for all your generosity in helping to provide a beautiful Christmas to our brothers and sisters in need! Please keep all of the families we serve in your prayers.

"THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY PASSES THROUGH THE FAMILY"

"The future of humanity passes through the family," as Saint John Paul II would say so often. Today's readings remind us that the family has a vital impact on society. **The foundation of society is the family. And the foundation of the family is marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman.** As the keystone of society, the family is the most favorable environment in which to welcome children. We need young adults to say their "I do" with joy, conviction, faith and hope. They are our future and our hope. Without married people, we cannot build the future of society and the Church. Without committed, married people, we will not have holy families today." (Father Thomas Rosica, CSB on the Feast of the Holy Family. Read more at www.saltandlighttv.org)

OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th

To celebrate Christmas and the New Year the Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 25th until Tuesday, January 5th. Mass will continue.

Congratulations to our Raffle Prize Winners!

Thank you to all those who bought tickets! This year's winners are:
First prize of \$1,000.00—Marilyn Scott
Second Prize of \$500.00—Sison Cello
Third Prize of \$250.00—Bibiana Uscanga

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)
Administration
Terrel Joseph
Adult Faith Formation
Julian Paparella
Administration and PCL

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick, Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Yolanda Ganancial, Rita Riley and Marie-Paul. God is with you always.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Angele Lafleche and all her volunteers for their hard work preparing for the Christmas Baskets!!!

Thank you to Mike for cleaning the Hall!

Thank you to Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist, Angela Choi and Patrick Lau, and Carole Wepruk for cleaning and preparing our church for Christmas!!!

Thank you to Carole Wepruk and Anastasia Wargachuk for all their help in the Office!

Thank you!