

## 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

## St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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**December 28, 2014**

**Family Mass**

### **Announced Masses**

Saturday December 27

† **Mr. Wilfrid Vaz**

By The Pinto Family

Sunday December 28

† **Mr. Baptist Noronha**

By The Pinto Family

† **Leona Panganiban**

Maureen Pedrino

Wednesday December 31

† **Aaron Demello**

By Ute Moors

Thursday January 1

† **James Byrne**

By Colette Griffin

Friday January 2

† **Iris Mason Coombs**

By Adrienne coombs

Saturday January 3

† **Deceased Members of the  
Briffett Family**

By Dave Briffett

Sunday January 4

† **Margaret Luyten**

By Betty Luyten Friedman

### ***Mary receives both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow***

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and trust?

### ***The Holy Spirit renews our hope in the promise of God***

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God's promises fueled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God's people.

### ***Our hope is anchored in God's everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy***

What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trails, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way.

Is there anything holding you back from giving God your unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life? Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your life, family, friends, health, honor, wealth, and future. If you seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

**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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor**  
**Fr. Gregory Nunez**

**Board of Wardens**  
Joseph Brisindi  
Angèle LaFlèche  
Paul Moreau  
Marcellina Daniel  
Emilia Gohing  
Jonathan Trabajada

**Office Staff**  
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*Youth Ministry*

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Mass 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 Solemn Mass 10:30 am**

**New Warden's**

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our newest Warden's :  
**Marcellina, (Celly), Daniel & Emilia Gohing**  
who have come forward to serve the parish. We are excited about the upcoming year  
and thank you for your commitment to the parish.

**Art Classes @ St Willibrord – Winter Session 2014/15**

**Schedule:** Wednesdays from 7:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**10 weeks course - starts January 21—Inscriptions:** From January 7 to January 23  
**Info:** 514-845-1602

**Drawing and Painting Course:** The goal is getting to know the basics of drawing and painting, through practical exercises with a creative expression. The course is based on various plastic art mediums of expression: charcoal, graphite, pastel, sanguine, acrylic and ink, applying the principles and techniques to compose a pictorial work by the game of the lines; geometric figures, volume, light and shade, composition, etc. We will works by suggested topics as still life, landscape, wildlife, townscapes, human body, portrait, etc.

**Pastoral Home Care Formation**

Please join us  
on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
in Cameron Hall  
with Cathie Maculay.  
She will be speaking to us  
about taking care of the  
elderly and the sick at  
home.

**Thank you!**

This Christmas Season the Parish is so blessed with volunteers who helped make this joyous season so merry and bright. We would like to thank all those who participated, planned and organized in the Special Masses as well as those who helped to clean and decorate. We are honoured to have you be apart of our Parish Family.

**Thank you!**

To **Tess Allonar and all our Soup Kitchen volunteers**, who brought a warm meal and smile to over 95 people at our Christmas lunch.

**Thank you!**

**Joe Brisindi, Adeline Doyle and Beverly Fender** who continue to help serve in the office. All your efforts are greatly appreciated!

**Thank you!**

**Dan Ormsby and all the flea market volunteers** you have helped to make this the best year ever! The Flea Markets sales are such a wonderful for the parish to connect with the community and the help fund the many ongoing projects.

**Thank you!!**

**Dan Ormsby and Nicholas Pinto** for serving as Warden's for the Parish. Your commitment to the Parish and the parishioners is so greatly appreciated.

**Called home to God**

A former Parishioner, **Angela Zakary**, passed away on Saturday December 20, 2014 Her funeral was on Tuesday Dec. 23rd at Yves Legare Funeral Centre in Verdun.

**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 needed please make sure to re-new their names after one month.