

Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints." —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017, 5:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

†The deceased members of the Doyle Family by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017, 10:30 AM

Prayers for the people of St Willibrord's, thanksgiving blessing and safe travels to the Philippines for Evelyn Maramag
Julian Lagman by Maria Garcia

Tuesday, December 5th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 6th, 2017, 7:00PM

Anatole Lesyk by Maria Salceda

Thursday, December 7th, 2017, 9:00AM

Augusto Basilan By Rose and Mayet Basilan

Friday, December 8th, 2017, 9:00AM

†Felomina Cancio By Jocelyn & Oscar Ordonez

Saturday, December 9th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Gladys Briffett Spurrell & Herbert Spurrell by David Briffett

Sunday, December 10th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†Elvira Diperna By Beverly Fender

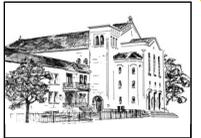
We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick

Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Gordon Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili, Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk, Carmen Lapello, Eddie Rodgers, Terry & Liz McHugh, Dale Flood, Isabel McKeever, Virginia Feledick, Brenda McCambridge, Maureen O'Brien, Polly Storey, Justin Occhionero, Hugo Diaz, Teresita Rosales, Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist Sr.

God is with you always.

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December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

*'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'*¹

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed'" (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread. (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh. (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive. (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

¹ Pope Benedict XVI, *Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006*

Raffle Tickets!!! As the draw date, Dec 9, 2017, approaches, there are still tickets left to be sold. We are asking for your assistance in selling the remaining tickets. Spread the word, encourage your friends, family and coworkers to purchase a booklet of tickets. Tickets can be picked up after mass or at the rectory. The proceeds from this fundraising event will go towards supporting our outreach programs such as Christmas Baskets, Soup Kitchen and emergency food bags. **All outstanding books and money should be returned by Dec 7, 2017**

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM
Lectors and Lay Ministers Meeting: Sunday, Dec 10, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass.
Acolytes: Saturday, Dec 16, 2017, at 9:00AM
Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, Dec 17, 2017, at 9:00AM

Dates to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, Jan 13, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Volunteer/ Parishioners Christmas Party: Saturday, December 9, 2017, at 6:30 PM. It will be a potluck meal. If you will be bringing something, please contact the rectory.
Simbanggabi: Dec 15 through 24, 2017. ****See box below for details.**
Christmas Bake Sale: Saturday, Dec 16, 2017, in the Church basement, from **9:00AM to 11:30AM**

Simbanggabi

The dates for this special Christmas Novena will be Dec 15, 2017 to Dec 24, 2017. ****Please note that the Mass scheduled on Friday, Dec 15, 2017, at 7:00 PM will be celebrated at the Catholic Filipino Mission of Montreal, located at 8500 Saint Laurent Bd, Montreal, Quebec H2P 2M8**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th, 2017 Christmas Carols 7:00 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30 PM
 Monday, December 25th, 2017 Solemn Mass, 10:30 AM
 Sunday, December 31st, 2017 Mass 7:00 PM
 Monday, January 1st 2018 Solemn Mass 10:30 am

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, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.

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.



Christmas Basket

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.

The dates for the preparations of the Christmas Baskets

Dec 15, 2017, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM—Food is being delivered and will need to be sorted, we will need many volunteers.

Dec 16, 2017, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Dec 17, 2017, from 12:00PM to 5:00PM, will be **family days**. This is a time for multi-generations, children, parents, grand-parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, to come and volunteer their time, working on preparing food baskets for people and families left fortunate. It is also a wonderful time for families to get together.

Dec 21, 2017, from 9:00AM to 9:00PM—Many volunteers are needed to help with the perishables and finishing up the boxes.

Dec 22, 2017, from 9:00AM to 9:00PM—Is DELIVERY DAY and we need many volunteers and drivers are needed.

*If you are willing and able to volunteer a few hours or if you have a vehicle and would be willing to use it to help deliver the Christmas Baskets, please contact the rectory and let us know the dates and times that you will be available to help. (514-769-9678)

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
 Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Triduum—\$214.45
 Bowl-a-thon—\$671.00
 Flea Market—\$2,324.00
 Nov 4-5, 2017—\$1,256.35
 Nov 11-12, 2017—\$811.85
 Nov 18-19, 2017—
 \$1,201.75
 Nov 25-26, 2017—\$721.60

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
 @ 9:00 am
 Adoration Fridays
 9:30am to 11:30am

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.
 Happy Birthday to Noah and Evangeline Delamanta
Thank You to
 ◇Mike, Ann, Cora, Merly, Judith and all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and in the Church.
 ◇Roger C, Ann W, Maureen O, Wendy W, Cora G, Maria G and Carole W, for selling raffle tickets at the Royal Bank
 ◇Royal Bank on Wellington Street, for welcoming our volunteers who sold raffle tickets.