

## 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

9:30am to 11:30am

### Announced Masses

*Saturday, Dec 3rd*  
†**Souls in Purgatory**  
By Adeline Doyle

*Sunday, Dec 4th*  
†**Nellie Icaro**  
By Digna Esguera &  
Lourdes Agabao

*Tuesday, Dec 6th*  
**Pro Populo**

*Wednesday, Dec 7th*  
†**Federico Pasal..**  
†**Elena Baldos..**  
By Melina Pasal &  
Bong Quiocho

*Thursday, Dec 8th*  
**For the Intentions of**  
**Fareena Rodriquez**

*Friday, Dec 9th*

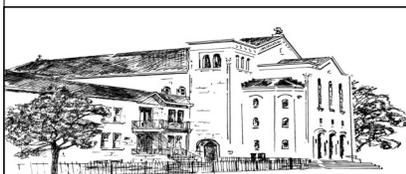
*Saturday, Dec 10th*  
†**Gladys**  
**Briffett Spurrell**  
By David Briffett

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Dec 4, 2016

**Second Sunday of Advent**

### **John points to the coming of Christ and his kingdom**

**Meditation** What kind of Messiah did God promise to send to his people and how would he bring God's kingdom to them? The prophet Isaiah foresaw the day when God would raise up a Messianic King long after King David's throne had been overthrown and vacant for centuries. God promised that he would raise up a new king from the stump of Jesse, the father of King David (Isaiah 11:1). This messianic king would rule forever because the Spirit of God would rest upon him and remain with him (Isaiah 11:2).

**Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah** Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be equipped with the gifts of the Spirit - with wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord (*Isaiah 11:2*). This king would establish the kingdom of God, not by force of human will and military power, but by offering his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. Through his death on the cross, Jesus, the true Messiah King, would defeat Satan, overcome death, and win pardon and reconciliation for sinners. God's plan of redemption included not only the Jewish people but all the nations of the earth as well. Through his death and resurrection Jesus makes us citizens of heaven and friends of God. The Lord Jesus wants us to live in joyful hope and confident expectation that he will come again to fully establish his kingdom of righteousness and peace.

**John the Baptist's prophecy of the Messiah** Why did John the Baptist prophesy that the Messiah would come and "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Matthew 3:11)? Fire in biblical times was often associated with God's presence and with his action in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). Fire was also used as a sign of the Holy Spirit's power and presence (Matthew 3:11). When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost, tongues of fire appeared over the heads of the apostles and disciples of Jesus (Acts 2:3). The fire of the Holy Spirit purifies and cleanses us of sin, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us. Do you want to be on fire for God and for the return of the Lord Jesus when he comes again in his glory?

**John pointed others to the coming of Christ and his kingdom** John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was *filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb* (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leapt in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). Like the prophets of the Old Testament, John devoted his entire life to prayer and the word of God. He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). The Holy Spirit prepared John for the mission entrusted to him as forerunner of the Messiah, Jesus Christ - the Word of God who became man for our salvation (John 1:1,14). John pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world by offering his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sin of the world (John 1:29) John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit? -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.

# ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

## Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration

Bazaar, Oct 21-23, 2016  
\$18,178.50

Oct 29-30, 2016 —\$671.00

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

## 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, Marie-  
Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel  
Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny  
Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go,  
Carmen Al Fudhaili.

Temperence Miriam Browning  
**God is with you always.**



## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

**Birthday Blessings and Anniversary Blessings to all Parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.**

Thank you to

◆Mike, Bernadette, Tes, Beng, Susan, Anne, Joseph for their preparing for visit of the Priests from Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.

◆All who have generously made donations to the Christmas Basket food drive

◆Judith for helping in the rectory and the Church

## Pope Francis remarks on Advent

Pope Francis marked the beginning of the new liturgical year at the Angelus for the First Sunday of Advent.

On this Sunday, he said, the Gospel introduces us to one of the most “evocative” themes of the Advent season: the visit of the Lord to humanity. Pope Francis pointed out three visits of the Lord: the first, in the past, with the Incarnation, and Birth of Jesus at Christmas; the second, in the present, as Jesus visits us continually, every day; and the final visit, in the future, when Jesus “will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. The Gospel, the Pope said, is not trying to frighten us, but “to open our horizons” to further dimensions, giving meaning even to everyday occurrences.

This perspective, he continued, is also an invitation to “sobriety, to not be dominated by the things of this world” but rather to keep them in their proper place. If, on the other hand, we allow ourselves to be overpowered by a concern for material things, we will not be able to perceive what is much more important: our final encounter with the Lord. And so, the Pope said, Advent is “an invitation to vigilance, because, not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart.”

During Advent, Pope Francis concluded, “we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don’t imagine.” — *Pope Francis (Vatican radio)*

**The Singing Priests of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines** On Friday, Dec 2, 2016 @6:00pm, at St Willibrord’s Church, the Singing Priests of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines gave a wonderful performing “On The Spot”. The proceeds, \$2706.00, from this concert will go toward to rebuild the Churches that were destroyed by earthquake. Thank you to all who came to show your support

## A message of selfless love at Christmas

The Christmas message is that of selfless love and is very important. The idea is to think of someone else’s needs before own. There are a great many people in our community that need your help. We are collecting donations of food and money, in order to supply the families in need with food this Christmas.

Remember that the donation that you make will enable them to eat and it also sends a clear and selfless message of love; you are in need and I am here for you. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the rectory.



## Important dates to mark on your calendar!

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

**Advent: Nov 27, 2016** is the First Sunday of Advent

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

Details to follow

**Flea Market: Saturday, December 3, 2016 has been cancelled,**

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



Faith in the Family Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation  
Next session will be on Dec 11, 2016, at 9:00 am.

## WARDENS ELECTIONS:

In the coming weeks Saint Willibrord’s Parish will be organizing elections for our Wardens. Wardens are the financial overseers of the Parish.

Saint Willibrord’s has six Wardens. If you are interested in serving Saint Willibrord’s as a Warden and live in the territory, please contact Fr Gregory or the Parish Office.

## HOLY CROSS PARISH 1960 JOLICOEUR STREET MONTREAL.

Bilingual **BINGO** is every Tuesday night in the Church Hall. Games start at 7PM  
Doors open at 6PM. 14 games are played. TOP PRICE IS \$100. 00

