

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 8th, 2018, 5:00PM

Healing Mass for Josie Moralidad by Victoria Davantes and family..

Sunday, December 9th, 2018, 10:30AM

Blessings for Alfonso Reyes and Lilia Pardo by Enrique Reyes..  
Anniversary Blessing for Mary Oviedo and Hernando Benetez,  
on their 22nd Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, December 11th, 2018, 9:00AM

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Wednesday, December 12th, 2018, 9:00AM

Blessings for Archbishop Christian Lépine..

Thursday, December 13th, 2018, 9:00AM

Blessings for Janelle Dabucol by Nunez Family..

Friday, December 14th, 2018, 9:00AM

Blessings for Merly Nunez by Nunez Family..

Saturday, December 15th, 2018, 5:00PM

Blessings for Aldofos Nicolas By Nicolas family..

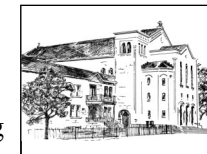
Sunday, December 16th, 2018, 10:30AM

Oscar Ordoná and Jason Ordoná by the Ordoná Family

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not.—<https://aleteia.org/2017/09/02/what-are-mass-intentions/>

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## December 9, 2018—First Sunday of Advent

### "The word of God came to John"

**Meditation:** Do you recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to you when you listen to the word of God in Scripture? Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people.

### *John was filled and led by the Spirit*

John's prophetic calling and mission preceded his conception and birth. The angel had announced to Zechariah that his barren wife will conceive a son, and "you shall call his name John," and "he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:13,15). When John received his name shortly after birth, his father prophesied that he would be "called the prophet of the Most High who will go before the Lord to prepare his ways" (Luke 1:76). John was called to be a prophet, a spokesman for God.

In dramatic fashion Luke tells us when John appeared on the world scene. Luke lists a few of the key reigning rulers in John's era, including Tiberius Caesar of Rome (Luke 3:1). These rulers pale in reference to the man who now stood at the door of a new era of grace and salvation for the world. John's mission was to prepare the way for God's Anointed King who would come to establish God's rule above all other kings and authorities. Luke emphasizes the universal call of the Gospel to all peoples without distinction. He quotes from the prophet Isaiah that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (Isaiah 40:5; 52:10).

### *John was a servant of God's Word*

How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Savior of the world? Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 3:2). John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John not only took the Scriptures to heart, he molded his life according to them, and made himself a servant of the Word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

In the ancient world when a king decided to tour his kingdom, he first sent his courier ahead to prepare the way. John is the courier and great herald of the Messiah King who proclaims to all the peoples that the impending reign of God is now very close at hand. Isaiah had long ago prophesied the role of the Forerunner of the Messiah (Isaiah 40:3-5). John undoubtedly took this word to heart as he searched the Scriptures and reflected on the word of God in the wilderness. When John began his public ministry he traveled throughout the region of Judea and preached a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3).

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/dec9.htm>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Volunteer and Parishioner Appreciation Potluck Party—December 8, 2018, at 6:30PM, in Cameron Hall. This is an invitation to all who contributed in any way at this parish wither it be by serving in the soup kitchen, working at the flea market or bazaar, donating your time talent or treasures.

**LAST Chance for Raffle Tickets:** The Draw will be on December 8, 2018. Raffle Tickets are available at the rectory or after Mass. We need your assistance, in order to make it a success.

**All Things Christmas Bake Sale:**  
 \*\*\*Revised \*\*\*Saturday December 15, 2018, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM\*\*\* Revised\*\*\*

**DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE**

**Thursday Bible Study:**  
 Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,  
**Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:**  
 will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday  
**Choir Practice**  
 will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday  
**Acolytes:**  
 Meeting will be held in the rectory, on December 8, 2018, at 9:00AM.  
**Faith in the family:**  
 The next faith in the family will be on December 2, 2018 followed by December 16, 2018

**DATE(S) TO REMEMBER**

**Flea Market:**  
 Saturday, January 5, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM  
**Social Gathering**  
 Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 6:30PM, Parish Social Event  
**Mass in Cameron Hall**  
 Saturday, December 8 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

**2018 Annual Bazaar**

**Thank you and Blessings to all who donated, worked and shopped; it all helped to make this Annual Bazaar a great Success. It is a year long project to prepare for the Bazaar with many people contribution to it's success and with your continued support next year will be even better.**

**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

**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. This year we will be adding groceries to the items listed on the tree.



Below is a list of some items that are needed for the Christmas Baskets...

Canned good... veggies, fruit, meat, soup  
 Cereal, cookies, cake mixes, puddings  
 Pasta and sauces  
 Anything that you think may brighten up someone's Christmas.

**Christmas Basket Preparation**

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.

***Christmas and New year's Mass Schedule***

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24, 2018  
 Carols: 7:00PM  
 Mass: 7:30PM

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25, 2018  
 Mass: 7:00PM

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018  
 Mass: 7:00PM

New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1, 2018  
 Mass: 7:00PM



Pastor  
 Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff  
 Anastasia Wargachuk  
 Administration

November 17-18,2018—  
 \$704.55  
 2018 Annual Bazaar—  
 \$12,043.60 (revised)  
 November 24-25, 2018—  
 \$535.90  
 Dec 1-2, 2018—\$1,375.15

**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  
**(Rectory)**

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays  
 9:30am to 11:30am  
**(Rectory)**

**Please note the Mass, on  
 Tuesday, Thursday and  
 Friday will be held**

**Anniversary and  
 Birthday Blessings to**

◇All who are celebrating  
 this week.

**Thank you to**

◇Mike, Ann, Ruth, Merly, and  
 all the volunteers who work  
 at the Church, Rectory, and  
 Soup Kitchen

◇all who helped to make this  
 Annual Bazaar a Success.