

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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February 14, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Announced Masses

Saturday February 13th

† James Briffett

By David Briffett

† Thérèse Bougie/Daisie Levangie

By Guy Bougie

† Rosalia Nunez Prestado

By Elsie N. Prestado Oasnon
& Family

Sunday February 14th

† Susana M. Basilan

By Mayet & Rose Basilan

† Marjorie Lopez

By Marcela Ellasos

**Anniversary Blessings for
Melina & Angelito**

† Michelle Miller By Melina &
Angelito Quiocho

† Lourdes Capuli Gabriel

By Rudy Capuli

† Rosalina Racca Semilla

By Anabel Seridio

Thanksgiving for Nunez Family

By Mr. & Mrs. Alex Laxina

Tuesday February 16th

PRO POPULO

Wednesday February 17th

Thursday February 18th

† Anatole Lesyk

By Maria Salceda

Friday February 19th

† Adrien Leroux By Rusdi
Genest & Marguerite Bibdeau

Saturday February 20th

† Pascal Mayer

By Susan Charlebois

† Pierre Cyr By Nicole Cyr

Sunday February 21st

† Vicente Cortez

By Flora Lim & Family

Meditation: *Spiritual preparation in the forty days of lent*

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and strength in times of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on him (James 4:6) and he helps us to stand firm against the attacks of Satan who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them, and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) with the strength and help which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you seek God's wisdom and guidance for overcoming sin and avoiding the near occasions of sin?

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

"Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it."

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU YVONNE PELLING

Our very sincere gratitude on behalf of the entire parish to Ms. Yvonne Pelling for her many years of service as our Parish Secretary. Thank you, Yvonne, for all you've done for St. Willibrord's. May God bless you and your family in all that lies ahead.

PREX VI—STARTS TODAY!!!

The next Parish Renewal Experience begins today!

Sunday, February 14th, 9am-4pm

Sunday, February 21st and 28th, 12-6pm

Sunday, March 6th, 12-6pm

Please pray for all of those sharing this experience!



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 and Marie-Paul. God is with you always.

ALPHA and Faith in the Family next Sunday!

Join us next Sunday, February 21st for our next ALPHA and Faith in the Family! Please pray for all of our participants, and especially for our children preparing to receive the sacraments! May the Lord guide us all on our journey of faith in Him.



Birthday Wishes to

Jorge Reginales (12)
Guy Bougie (16)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who prepared and attended our Saint Willibrord's Valentine's Party!

Thank you to all those who donated to help heat our parish!

Thank you to Mike, Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist, and Ruth Laxina for all their work cleaning our Church & Rectory!

Thank you to Jonas Bolofer, Bernard Burcena, Pedro Quiocho and Bong Quiocho for their work repairing our Rectory!

Thank you to Cora and Ruth for preparing the hall for the party.

BIBLE STUDY AND SYMBOLON Thursdays at 6:30 and 7:30

Father Gregory invites you to join him Thursday evenings at 7:30, following the Bible Study at 6:30 for **SYMBOLON!** An opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the Catholic faith handed down by the apostles.

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY—March 19, 2016!

Announcing diocesan World Youth Day 2016!!! The families and youth of Montreal will gather on **Saturday, March 19th** to celebrate *Diocesan World Youth Day!* **Youth Festival** begins at 12:00 at Mission Santa Cruz (60 Rachel O.), followed by a **Procession with Palms** through the streets of downtown to Saint Patrick's Basilica, and **Mass with the Archbishop** at Cathedrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde!

Upcoming Challenge Weekend for Young Adults!

Whether you're a practicing believer or seldom go to church, Challenge will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Christ and yourself. Challenge is open to all young adults aged 18-30. The retreat consists of worship music, prayer, witness, discussions, and games. The next retreat is March 4-6th (Friday 7PM to Sunday 5PM). Location to be determined. Cost is \$60. To apply, visit: www.montrealchallenge.ca or contact outreach@montrealchallenge.ca

TAX RECEIPTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Saint Willibrord's was just informed by the Archdiocese of Montreal that for every Mass Intention of \$15.00, a tax receipt of \$10.00 may be issued. We invite you to offer Masses for your loved ones and personal intentions to lift them to God through the Sacrifice of His Son Jesus.