

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

*(Devotion to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help every Wed.)*

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

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February 15, 2015

6th Sunday in Ordinary time

Announced Masses

Saturday February 14

Souls in Purgatory

By Adeline Doyle

† **Mauro Redrino**

By The Redrino Family

† **Mark Norbi Pimentel**

By Brenda Cambaliza

Sunday February 15

† **Yolande Fortin Suprenant**

By Maria Garcia

Tuesday February 17

Pro Populo

Wednesday February 18

Ash Wednesday

Thursday February 19

† **Mary Josephine Harty**

By The Parishioners of
St. Willibrord

Friday February 20

† **Mary Josephine Harty**

By The Parishioners

Saturday February 21

† **Mary Josephine Harty**

By The Parishioners

Sunday February 22

† **Marjorie Lopez**

By Parents John Lopez &
Marcela Ellasos

† **Mary Josephine Harty**

By The Parishioners

Meditation: Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion.

~www.rc.net

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Board of Wardens

Joseph Brisindi
Angèle LaFlèche
Paul Moreau
Marcellina Daniel
Emilia Gohing
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling
Administration
Terrel Joseph
Youth Ministry
Julian Paparella
Youth Ministry

Mass Intentions

There are many Masses available for intentions, weekday and weekends. For your convenience please fill out a Mass intention envelope found at the back of the church and return to the office or Fr. Gregory.

Let us pray for the immediate recovery of:

Dale Parsons, Dan Boyer, Mary Paul, and Joe Brisindi

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who helped out at and attended our Valentine's Day Dance to Repair the Rectory!!! We were able to raise much-needed funds to purchase a new snow blower and offset the costs of the rectory repair.

Thank you!!!



LENT & ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, February 18th we begin the holy season of Lent to prepare our hearts and lives for the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To commemorate the start of this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Church asks all Catholics to join in a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Fasting means eating only one regular meals, and two smaller meals that together equal the same as the one regular meal. Children under 18 and seniors over 60 are exempt. All over the age of 14 are likewise invited to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in the Lenten Season.

"Faith in the Family" on LENT next Sunday, February 22nd

All are welcome to join us for our next "Faith in the Family" next **Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 9:00am**. Our topic for the children, youth, and adults will be the Season of Lent. Contact Julian or Terrel for more information.

Bible Study

Join us for our next session of Bible Study this **Thursday, February 19 at 6:30** with **Dr. Nathan Gibbard**. This is an opportunity for all our parishioners to engage with the Bible so they can be more active in their faith. Everyone is invited. Free babysitting is available to those with children.

CHALLENGE RETREAT

From **February 27th to March 1st** St. Willibrord's will host the next Challenge Retreat for ages 18-30! Next Sunday the coordinating teams will join us for Sunday Mass as they continue their preparations. Please keep them and all who will participate in your prayers! To register, visit www.montreal.challenge.ca

40 Days for Life All are welcomed to pray for the end of abortion. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing until Palm Sunday, we are invited to dedicate one hour per week to prayer and fasting for the protection of the unborn. You may also consider joining us at our vigil location (1259 Berri Street between Ste-Catherine and René-Lévesque), where people will gather daily throughout Lent from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Brian Jenkins at (438) 930-8643.

Send off and Welcome!

All the best to **Yvonne Pelling**, our secretary, as she heads off on her **Maternity Leave**. We will pray for you in the coming weeks as you await the arrival of the newest member of your growing family! We welcome **Bernadette Roach** who will serve as our secretary until **May**, when **Julian Paparella** will begin.

Let us pray for:

Dr J Callahan, may the Lord bless him with health and remain close to him always.