

Mass Intentions

A Reflection about Mass Intentions

Giving a “Mass Card” to the family of someone who has died is a traditional, practical, and consoling custom among Catholic people. Arranging to have a Mass offered for the repose of someone’s soul respects the mystery of death and pays attention to the truth that we will all be judged by God, mercifully but justly, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do.

When we die, life is changed, not ended. Do you think that everyone is ready for immediate welcome into the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps some are, perhaps very few. Upon his death, who had more prayers and Masses offered for him than Pope John Paul II? We all have need for divine mercy, and we can benefit from the prayers of our friends. When we die, we will be fortunate and blessed if we have a Mass of Christian Burial and if we have people pray for us at other Masses in the months and years to come

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Saturday, February 16th, 2019, 5:00PM

†Auckland Edwards by Bernadette & Lincoln

Sunday, February 17th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Gordon James by Virginia Feledick and Betty Luyten -Friedman
Death Anniversary of †Jesus Bulseco & †Emilia Bulseco by Burcena Family
†Felix Mañugo Sr and Romana Mañugo Vega by Merly Nuñez and family
†Ramon S. Mamangun, for Death Anniversary by Mrs. Gloria Mamangun and Children
Healing Mass for Maria Salceda by Carole Wepruk
Thanksgiving Mass for Blessings received by Burcena Family

Tuesday, February 19th, 2019, 10:30AM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 20th, 2019, 7:00PM

† Margaret and Alphonse Luyten
by Virginia Luyten-Feledick and Betty Luyten-Friedman..

Thursday, February 21st, 2019, 9:00AM

Blessings for Bernice Burcena from the family..

Friday, February 22nd, 2019, 9:00AM

Blessings for Jessica Reginales by the Reginales Family ..
†Romana Mañugo Vega By Nunez Family

Saturday, February 23rd 2019, 5:00PM

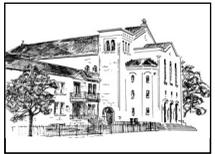
Healing mass for Lourdes Quiocho by Melina and Bong Quiocho..

Sunday, February 24th, 2019, 10:30AM

†Jim Barrett by Marilyn and Jim Coleman

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February 17, 2019 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you poor - yours is the kingdom of God"

Meditation: When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word *beatitude* literally means *happiness* or *blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

True happiness can only be fulfilled in God

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression.

The beatitudes strengthen us in virtue and excellence

Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbor. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness." (*EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 5.62–63, 68*).

No one can live without joy

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "*No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures.*" Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/feb17.htm>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

February Flea Market—
\$2,045.00
Feb 2-3, 2019—
\$1,066.50
Feb 9-10, 2019—\$920.65

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 in the Rectory

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to
◇All who are celebrating this week.

Thank you to
◇Mike, Ruth, Merly, Cora, Beng Jonas, Shiela, Jorge, Bernard, Janet, Juliet, Susan, Maria, Michael, Tom, Mello, Imelda, Arturo and all the Volunteers, Benefactors and Supporters
◇The Blossom of Love Choir

III. CHRISTIAN BEATITUDE

1720 The New Testament uses several expressions to characterize the beatitude to which God calls man:
- the coming of the Kingdom of God;¹⁶ - the vision of God: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"¹⁷
- entering into the joy of the Lord;¹⁸
- entering into God's rest.¹⁹
There we shall rest and see, we shall see and love, we shall love and praise. Behold what will be at the end without end. For what other end do we have, if not to reach the kingdom which has no end?²⁰

1721 God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life.²¹ With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ²² and into the joy of the Trinitarian life.

1722 Such beatitude surpasses the understanding and powers of man. It comes from an entirely free gift of God: whence it is called supernatural, as is the grace that disposes man to enter into the divine joy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." It is true, because of the greatness and inexpressible glory of God, that "man shall not see me and live," for the Father cannot be grasped. But because of God's love and goodness toward us, and because he can do all things, he goes so far as to grant those who love him the privilege of seeing him. . . . For "what is impossible for men is possible for God."²³

1723 The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love:
All bow down before wealth. Wealth is that to which the multitude of men pay an instinctive homage. They measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability. . . . It is a homage resulting from a profound faith . . . that with wealth he may do all things. Wealth is one idol of the day and notoriety is a second. . . . Notoriety, or the making of a noise in the world - it may be called "newspaper fame" - has come to be considered a great good in itself, and a ground of veneration.²⁴

1724 The Decalogue, the Sermon on the Mount, and the apostolic catechesis describe for us the paths that lead to the Kingdom of heaven. Sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we tread them, step by step, by everyday acts. By the working of the Word of Christ, we slowly bear fruit in the Church to the glory of God.²
http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s1c1a2.htm

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The ibreviary
An instrument for prayer that can be accessed on your computer at <http://www.ibreviary.org/en/> or as an app on your smart phone.

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The Daily Missal for the celebration of Mass The iBreviary offers you the complete daily missal to follow the Mass or, if you're a priest, even to celebrate it. It is similar to the missalettes and worship aids found in your church. The Missal of the iBreviary contains the Ordinary of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayers, Masses for the the Saints, daily Mass readings, Prefaces, Prayers of the Faithful, Solemn Blessings, rites for various celebrations and other liturgical texts.

DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE

Thursday Bible Study:
Will be held on Thursday, at 6:30PM, in Rectory

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:
will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Choir Practice
will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Acolytes:
Meeting will be held in the rectory, on March 9, 2019, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:
The next faith in the family will be on February 24, 2019, at 9:00AM, in Cameron Hall

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Flea Market:
Saturday, March 2, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall
Saturday, March 9, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

Zumba
The next Zumba class will be held on Sundays following the 10:30AM Mass. (approx. 12:00PM) we will be gathering downstairs to exercise.

Volunteers
Thank you for expressing an interest in volunteering at St Willibrord's Parish. We will be contacting you shortly to arrange meetings. If you have not given your name and contact information but wish to learn about the volunteering opportunities, please contact the rectory.

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 important to reserve the church before the Hall.