

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 17th, 2018, 5:00PM**

Birthday Blessings for Virgil Rosal

**Sunday, February 18th, 2018, 10:30AM**

†Eric Oke By Maria Salceda

†Emelia and Jesus Bulseco by Janet and Bernard Burcena

†Bianca Grace Burcena Marinas by Burcena family

Anniversary Blessings for Melina Pasal and Angelito Quiocho

†Antonino Espares by Nina Razon Espares

**Tuesday, February 21st, 2018, 7:00PM**

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**Wednesday, February 21st, 2018, 7:00PM**

†Patrick & Josephine Doyle By Adeline Doyle

†Romana Manugo by the Nunez Family

**Thursday, February 22nd, 2018, 9:00AM**

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity by Domie & Isabel Rosal

**Friday, February 23rd 2018, 9:00AM**

†Lucile Laberge by France Gaumond

**Saturday, February 24th, 2018, 5:00PM**

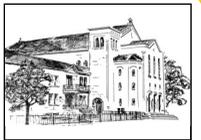
†Norma Harrison by Yvonne Wargachuk and family

**Sunday, February 25th, 2018, 10:30AM**

†Eric Oke by Maria Salceda

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## February 18, 2018—First Sunday of Lent

### Reflection on the Gospel-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Year B (Mark 1:12-15)

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time to consider how we might respond to the pain of the world and of its inhabitants. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into "the wilderness" and for grappling with the mysteries of life. It is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith.

The gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in "the wilderness". Jesus is said to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the original Greek term than is "tempted"]. Forty is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God. The wilderness is ever so real and at the same time symbolic. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:2). Jesus now passes the tests that Israel failed.

Jesus is "with the wild beasts". This terse statement recalls the prophet Isaiah's vision of a future time of reconciliation and harmony when "the wolf will lie down with the lamb" (Isa 11:6-9). Jesus is presented as the one who ushers in that age of peace and healing of division. God's agents care for him in his time of testing: "angels minister to him". In this context, Jesus announces the coming of God's empire or reign. His message is to "repent" or to "think beyond" in a way that might turn lives around in God's direction, and to "believe the good news" that he is set to proclaim in word and action. At a time of growing divide between the mega-rich and the desperately poor, we might look back to our symbolic tradition and forward to ways of bringing good news to those mostly deeply affected by the inequities in our world.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

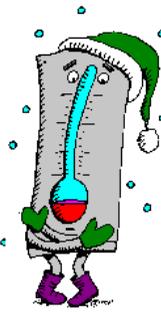
<http://www.mercyworld.org/uploads/cknw/files/2015/Reflection%20on%20the%20Gospel-Lent%201B%20VL%20220214.pdf>

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration

Feb 3-4, 2018—\$1,277.75  
Flea Market, Feb 2018—  
\$2,531.75  
Collection for the heating  
expenses: —\$20.00  
Feb 10-11, 2018—\$843.45  
Feb 10-11, 2018—\$582.30  
(heating expense)

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  
(351 Willibrord Ave)

Birthdays/Anniversary  
Blessings to  
all Parishioners who are  
celebrating this week.  
Happy Birthday to Magie  
and Cornelia Fisher  
Happy Anniversary to  
Melina and Bong Quiocho  
Thank You to  
◊Mike, Ann, Cora, Judith,  
and all the volunteers  
who worked in the  
rectory and Church.  
◊those who contributed to  
the heating expenses



**Winter is here and it is bring very cold weather.**

For those of you who have been parishioners for many years, you will remember that a certain amount of briskness is to be expected during these cold winter months and you know that it take a tremendous amount of gaz to heat a building the size of this wonderful but old building and at one point, usually during the month of March, we would make an appeal for money to assist with the heating expenses.

This year has been exceptionally cold and our heating expenses are very high and so we are turning to you for assistance in order to help raise the much needed funds. We have implemented a second collection on the second weekend of each month.

We are, also, taking steps to reduce the cost of heating by putting plastic on the windows and heating the areas of the Church that is absolutely necessary but we will still need some extra help from you. In the past, our parishioners have been very generous and we hope that we can count on you again this year.

Help us to make this Church a warm and welcoming place to gather together, as one community, to pray and to be nourished by the Word of God

**Please give, everything is greatly appreciated.**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Questions and Answers about Mass. In the bulletin, each week, there will be true/false questions. Questions:**

- 15. A priest must not omit washing his hands at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- 16. The priest may say, "Lord, wash away *our* iniquities and cleanse us of *our* sins" (instead of 'my') in the hand-washing prior to the Eucharistic Liturgy.
- 17. A bell is not required to be rung during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- 18. At special occasions, the people may join in with the prayer:"Through him, with Him, in Him..." if the priest invites them to do so.

**Answers:**

- 15. True - the priest may never omit washing his hands at the beginning of the Eucharistic Liturgy. (GIRM 52)
- 16. False - the priest may not substitute 'our' for 'my' in the prayer asking for his sins to be cleansed prior to the Eucharistic Liturgy. (Sacramentary)
- 17. True - (technically), although the General Rites indicate that a bell usually should be rung, is entirely appropriate, and sometimes necessary. (GIRM 109)
- 18. False - the people may never join in with the "Through Him, with Him, in Him..." prayer. (ID 4)

**Resurrection Angel Candidates**

This is the Second Annual Resurrection Angel Fundraising Event. The Candidates are Ali Junior Ansay, Victoria Eden Sanglitan, Tamina Eli Nabor Saturno, Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, Jamea Ival Marie Corpuz, and Lexie Anne Castro. The candidate who raises the most money will be given the honor of being the Resurrection Angel, who on Easter Sunday, will be given the honor of lifting the veil of sorrow from Mary, at the time when Mary sees Jesus for the first time since the Crucifixion.

**Thank you to the candidates and their parents. We invite you to encourage them by sponsorship and donations.**

**Tax Receipts:** Tax Receipts are being prepared and it is important that we have the correct spelling of your names and complete address. If you have moved, please contact the rectory and advise us of your new address.

**Collection Envelopes**

The collection envelopes have arrived they are at the back of the Church for pickup. If you would like to receive collection envelopes, contact the rectory or place your contact information on a temporary envelope, in the collection basket.

Collection Envelopes are a great way to make a donations to the parish. It enables us to keep track of your donations and at the end of the year you will receive an income tax receipt. If you have move and are expecting to receive an income tax receipt, please email your correct address to [stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca](mailto:stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca)

**Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people**

**Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism** Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

**Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members:** Sunday, Feb 11, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass. The following will be on Feb 25, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

**Acolytes:** Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 9:00AM

**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family will be on Feb 18, 2018, the following will be on March 4, 2018

**Date(s) to Remember**

**Flea Market:** Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Mass in Cameron Hall:** Saturday, March 10, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

**ALPHA: Dates to be announced.** ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. ALPHA has become a worldwide phenomenon, now in 164 countries, where millions of people have come to explore the meaning of life and discover a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

We will meet weekly on Sunday, at noon, following the 10:30AM Mass. In each session we will begin by enjoying a meal, followed by laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile

**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, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.