

# Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints." —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, February 18th, 2017, 5:00PM

† **John Carley** By Susan Charlebois

Sunday, February 19th, 2017, 10:30 AM

† **Gerry (Geraldine) Le Grove** by the Parish

† **First year death anniversary of Ramos S Mamangun** By Gloria Mamangun and children

† **Paciencia Amaro Corporal** by Marilyn Mendoza

† **James Austin** By Maria Garcia

† **Gilles Roch** By Isabel McKeever

**Anniversary Blessings for Melina Pasal & Angelito Quiocho**

Tuesday, February 21st 2017, 7:00PM

**Pro Populo**

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017, 7:00PM

**Thanksgiving Mass for the 22nd Birthday of Virgil Isabelle Rosal** By her family

† **Romana Manugo Vega, Ambrosio Vega** By the Nunez Family

Thursday, February 23rd 2017, 9:00AM

**Birthday Blessings for Bernice Burcena and**

**Get well wishes for Emilia Bulseco..** By Burcena Family

Friday, February 24th, 2017, 9:00AM

† **Yvette Marchand..** By her children

Saturday, February 25th, 2017, 5:00PM

† **James Briffett** By David Briffett

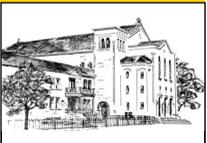
**We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick,**

Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk.

## St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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February 19, 2017

**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Do not return evil for evil**

**Meditation:** If someone insults you or tries to take advantage of you, how do you respond? Do you repay in kind? Jesus approached the question of just retribution with a surprising revelation of God's intention for how we should treat others, especially those who mistreat us. When Jesus spoke about God's law, he did something no one had done before. He gave a new standard based not just on the requirements of justice - giving each their due - but based on the law of grace, love, and freedom.

**Law of grace and love**

Jesus knew the moral law and its intention better than any jurist or legal expert could imagine. He quoted from the oldest recorded law in the world: *If any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe* (Exodus 21:23-25). Such a law today seems cruel, but it was meant to limit vengeance as a first step towards mercy. This law was not normally taken literally but served as a guide for a judge in a law court for assessing punishment and penalty (see Deuteronomy 19:18). The Old Testament is full of references to the command that we must be merciful: *You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD* (Leviticus 19:18). *If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink* (Proverbs 25:21). *Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done"* (Proverbs 24:29). *Let him give his cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults* (Lamentations 3:30). Jesus does something quite remarkable and unheard of. He transforms the law of mercy with grace, forbearance, and loving-kindness. Jesus also makes clear that there is no room for retaliation. We must not only avoid returning evil for evil, but we must seek the good of those who wish us ill. Do you accept insults, as Jesus did, with no resentment or malice? When you are compelled by others to do more than you think you deserve, do you insist on your rights, or do you respond with grace and cheerfulness?

**Grace of the Holy Spirit**

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. The Lord Jesus suffered insult, abuse, injustice, and death on a cross for our sake. Scripture tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and guilt (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7, I John 1:7, Revelation 1:5). Since God has been merciful towards us through the offering of his Son, Jesus Christ, we in turn are called to be merciful towards our neighbor, even those who cause us grief and harm.

"Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone." — copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net), author [Don Schwager](#)

**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.

**Pastor**  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
**Office Staff**  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

Jan 21-22, 2017 —\$1,923.55  
Jan 28-29, 2017—\$694.25  
Feb 4-5, 2017—\$2,404.55  
Feb Flea Market —\$3,174.50  
Feb 11-12, 2017—\$1,193.80

**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday @ 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday @ 10:30 am**  
**(incl. Children's Liturgy)**  
**Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectorcy)**  
**Wed @ 7:00 pm**  
**Thursday & Friday**  
**@ 9:00 am**  
**Adoration Fridays**  
**9:30am to 11:30am**

**St Willibrord Parish**  
**Mission Statement**

That we be a people who desire to grow: in our understanding of the Church., in our love for Christ, in our love of & service to our sisters and brothers. That we nurture diversities, give people the opportunity to discover Gospel values in everyday life. That we be a Church where all feel welcome to participate at their own will.

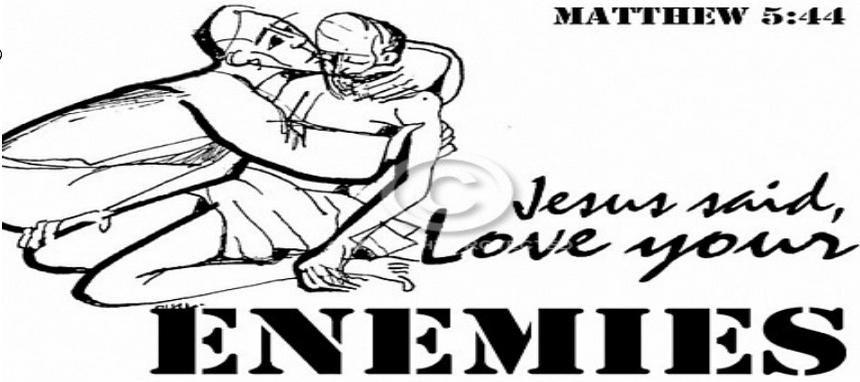
**Birthdays/Anniversary**  
**Blessings to**  
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.  
◊ Anniversary to Melina Pasa & Bong Quioco

**Thank you to**  
◊ Mike, Merly & Ann for their work at the rectory and the Church

**"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)**

These are some of the most challenging words of the Bible! Compared to these verses, the rest of the Christian journey is not too difficult. I can go to Mass, pray, give to others, and in general be kind to those around me. Jesus wants His followers to go beyond what is easy and convenient—He wants us to love and pray for our enemies and those who persecute us. You may or may not have enemies as such; worry not, this reading also applies to you! Undoubtedly you have someone in your life with whom there are at least struggles, obstacles, disappointments, harsh words, long periods of silence, on and so forth. By now you have named that person; keep that name in mind as you read the rest of this column. The verses chosen as the basis for this column come from the Sermon on the Mount, which is chapters 5-8 of Matthew's Gospel. Essentially, Jesus challenges His people to go above and beyond anything else they had heard or read. Loving one's enemies and praying for persecutors jarred those listening to Jesus. This is yet another example of how the message of Jesus challenges His followers to their very core. Now that you have a person in mind who fits the categories discussed in these verses, let's see what Jesus wants us to do about it. To begin with, it sounds like doing nothing and allowing situations to fester for years is not an option. Nowhere does Jesus say wait and let nature take its course. And yet, is that not what most of us do in these situations? This type of response only leads to more silence, more misunderstanding, and more distance. Jesus asks us to love and to pray, using the present tense for both verbs. It means now! Before we can explore loving and praying, we must begin with a desire to do something about the situation, whatever it is. Conscience nags the person to be at peace with loved ones and others. If the person you are thinking about is deceased, offer the person to God in peace. If alive, choose to be at peace with that person. Anger is a choice; forgiveness is a beer choice. Of course, one must do more than think about it! That's where "loving" and "praying" come into the picture. Excerpt from Reflection: The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5:38-48 By Msgr. Bernard Bourgeois <http://www.bigccatholics.com/2017/02/reflection-sermon-on-mountain-matthew-538.html>

**MATTHEW 5:44**



<http://likesuccess.com/topics/19224/love-your-enemies>

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Resurrection Angel Candidates**

The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. This bond/relationship between mother and son forms the basis of the belief of *Salubong* which is that the first person Jesus did visit upon his resurrection was the Blessed Mother. The following candidates will be raising money for St Willibrord Parish by canvassing for sponsors which is 2\$ per ticket and the child who raises the most money will have the honor of lifting the veil of sorrows from Mary when Jesus first appears to her, **Jazlyn Rose Cawaling, Joe Anthony Luis Carrillo, Spencer William Fabia Poquiz, Jolina Sheloh Reginales, Jessica Jane Quiocho, Glyness Joy Tecson, Rex Alexander Ansay, Vincent Fournier, Auraya Altares Low and Fredrick Kay Manansala.** This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honor for the child to be the angel who lifts the veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

**Salubong Souvenir Book**

To commemorate this event, a Salubong souvenir booklet will be made available. This Souvenir booklet is a way in which we can fundraise and show our delight in the gifts and blessings that we have received, our family, our friends, our work, the committees and organizations for which we work... If you would like to announce or advertise your company (work) or your achievements., please complete the advertisement form and present it to the rectory by the March 5, 2017. Pictures can, also, be submitted by email or brought in on a USB drive. There will be a Special Donors Acknowledgement page for those who contribute \$10 or more. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.

**Important dates to mark on your calendar!**

**Every Thursday: Bible Study** at 6:30pm followed by **Catholicism** at 7:30pm  
**Flea Market: Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM**  
**Ash Wednesday: March 1, 2017, Rosary at 6:30PM, Mass at 7:00PM**  
**World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 3, 2017, will be celebrated at St Lawrence Church, 520 -75th Avenue, Lasalle**  
**St Patrick's Pub Night at St Willibrord's :March 18, 2017, details to follow**  
**Parish Lenten Recollection will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass, for a period of one hour, on March 19, 2017, March 26, 2017, April 2, 2017 and April 9, 2017**

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

**Faith in the family (incl Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation):** Feb 19, 2017 at 9:00AM  
**Lectors:** Today and March 5, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass, at the rectory  
**Acolytes:** March 4, 2017, at 9:15AM, at the rectory

**Do you want to know Jesus more intimately? Looking for something new to enrich your Lenten journey towards Easter?**

CFC Singles for Christ invites you to its Christian Life Program (CLP): a **FREE** 12-week series of talks, guided discussions, and fellowship intended to lead participants into a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ. The CLP is designed for unmarried persons, 21 to 40 years of age. It begins on March 4th, 2017, at St. Willibrord's Parish (351 rue Willibrord - Verdun metro station),