

## MASS TIMES

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

10:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday

7:00pm

(Devotions)

Wednesday 6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

9:00am

(Adoration)

Friday 9:30am-11:30am

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## February 2, 2014 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple: A Pointer to the Cross

*... and you yourself a sword will pierce. (Luke 2:35)*

### Announced Masses

Saturday Feb. 1

Sunday Feb. 2

† **Leona Panganiban**

By The Family

† **Cynthia Pereira**

By John, Vera, Nicholas &  
Sascha Pinto

† **Leonard Walsh**

By The Family

Tuesday Feb. 4

**Pro Populo**

Saturday Feb. 8

† **All Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday Feb. 9

† **Paul Moreau Sr.**

*25th Anniversary*

By his Son

Did you know that this day has several celebrations associated with it, including one that involves a large rodent?

It is the feast of the **Presentation**, the feast of the **Purification of Mary**, and even **Candlemas**, the day that churches traditionally bless their candles.

Since the Middle Ages, it has also been observed as Groundhog Day. How did Groundhog Day get tied into this day of holy feasts?

First for Pagans and, later, Christians, February 2 held a special significance as representing the crossing of seasons: when people turned from the weariness of winter and rejoiced in the approaching spring. Over time, Christian folklore developed a theory that if an animal saw its shadow on the feast of the Presentation, spring would be six more weeks away. German immigrants brought this tradition to North America, where the groundhog became the weather prognosticator.

In a sense, today's Gospel reading reveals a similar shift for Mary. Still in the first days of motherhood, she hears Simeon prophesy that a sword will pierce her heart. At that moment, she crossed from the joy of new motherhood to a deeper awareness of the sacrifices that awaited her. We, too, cross over today: from the celebration of Christmas to the upcoming austerity of Good Friday, from rejoicing in Jesus' birth to joining him on the way to Calvary.

Now is the time to put away your warm memories of Christmas and begin looking toward the Lenten call to repentance. Just as God provided you with grace during the winter's festival, he will give you even more grace to embrace a season of self-denial.

*"Lord, guide me as I turn from the manger to the cross. May this Lent be a time of renewal."*



**Collections January 25-26 \$920.00**

**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

#### YOUTH Games Night -

**Saturday February 1st 6pm to 9pm**

Join us for an evening of food & games at St Willibrord. Age range 12-17. Younger kids welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The evening will begin with dinner at 6, followed by a variety of fun board games! To signup please call the Terrel at 514-578-2134 or email [stwillibrordyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stwillibrordyouth@gmail.com).

#### YOUTH Lenten Retreat

**Sunday February 23 noon to 5**

Lunch, catechesis, prayer, and games! For teens aged 12-17. Details coming

#### **St. Kevin's Church Presents a Valentine's Day Concert for the Philippines:**

Juno-nominated Jazz sensation Elizabeth Shepherd  
and The Salvation Army Brass Band  
(an ensemble of 24 musicians!)

are offering a Benefit Concert for HPIC's Medical Relief Efforts for the Philippines. The concert will feature a variety of music, from Jazz covers and originals by Elizabeth Shepherd to Christian hymns and fanfare.

Tickets: \$10 each and include coffee and dessert.

Call the church office (M-F 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at 514-733-5600 to buy/reserve your tickets. Bring your Valentine, enjoy a lovely evening of uplifting music and support HPIC's Medical Relief Efforts for the Philippines.

Friday, February 14, 2014 at 8 p.m

St. Kevin's Church (Hall)

5600 Cote-des-Neiges, Montreal H3T 1Z1

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**Fr. Gregory Nunez**

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#### Thank you to

**Fr. Cameron**

For celebrating  
Masses here  
Feb. 1 and 2nd!

#### **The Legacy of Claude Ryan Liberalism, Faith & Secularity** **McGill University February 13-14, 2014**

##### **Symposium Participants:**



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