

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1st, 2020. 5:00PM

†David Briffett by Adeline Doyle ..

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020, 10:30AM

†Benedicta Chan by Angela Choi, Patrick Lau and family
Thanksgiving prayers offered by Merly Nunez and family
Healing prayers for Lourdes Quiocho by the Quiocho family
Thanksgiving Mass in Honour of the Holy Family
by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan & Family

Tuesday, February 4th, 2020, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 5th, 2020, 7:00PM

†Diane Chesnel Cox by her husband
†Benedicta Chan, on the 40th day death anniversary
by Angela Choi, Patrick Lau and family

Thursday, February 6th, 2020, 9:00AM

For the intentions of Mrs. Elisabeth Langenbach

Friday, February 7th, 2020, 9:00 AM

†Kianga Lim by the Lim family..

Saturday, February 8th, 2020. 5:00PM

†David Briffett by Adeline Doyle ..

Sunday, February 9th, 2020, 10:30AM

†Benedicta Chan by Angela Choi, Patrick Lau and family

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

Let us include in our intentions prayers for all anniversary and birthday celebrants.

Happy Birthday to

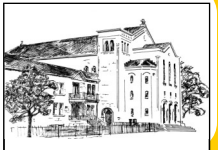
Constance L. and Dan Boyer

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February 2, 2020 — Presentation of the Lord

Sunday (February 2): "**The favor of God was upon him**"

The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Savior of the world

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

The 'new temple' of God's presence in the world

Jesus is the new temple (John 1:14; 2:19-22). In the Old Testament God manifested his presence in the "pillar of cloud" by day and the "pillar of fire" by night as he led them through the wilderness. God's glory visibly came to dwell over the ark and the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-38). When the first temple was built in Jerusalem God's glory came to rest there (1 Kings 8). After the first temple was destroyed, Ezekiel saw God's glory leave it (Ezekiel 10). But God promised one day to fill it with even greater glory (Haggai 2:1-9; Zechariah 8-9). That promise is fulfilled when the "King of Glory" himself comes to his temple (Psalm 24:7-10; Malachi 3:1). Through Jesus' coming in the flesh and through his saving death, resurrection, and ascension we are made living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Ask the Lord to renew your faith in the indwelling presence of his Spirit within you. And give him thanks and praise for coming to make his home with you.

Mary receives both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and trust?

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Fr. Gregory Nunez

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Dec 28-29—
\$511.70
Dec 31-Jan 1—
\$692.80
Jan 4-5—\$1,096.15
Jan Flea Market—
\$2,023.80
Jan 11-12—\$268.90
Jan 18-19—\$982.70
Jan 25-26—\$770.25

**ST WILLIBRORD
PARISH**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm
(Rector)

Wednesday:
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am
(Rector)

Friday: 9:00am
(Rector)

Adoration
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rector)

Please note the
Mass, on Tuesday,
Thursday and Fri-
day will be held in
the Rector

**Sunday of the Word of God: making the Scriptures part of our everyday lives
part 2 of 2**

A press conference in the Vatican details the many aspects of the newly established 'Sunday of the Word of God' to be marked on 26 January. Pope Francis will celebrate Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the occasion.

By Linda Bordoni

Ecumenical value He underlined the great ecumenical value that this Sunday possesses as it falls close to the Day of Dialogue between Jews and Catholics and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

As with other initiatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, Fisichella said this too has a characteristic logo that is immediately identifiable and may provide inspiration for a catechesis that helps to understand the meaning of the celebration of this Sunday.

Vatican II Lectionary to be enthroned Noting that Pope Francis will celebrate Holy Mass on Sunday of the Word of God, he revealed that at the beginning of the Liturgy "there will be the solemn enthronement of the Lectionary that was used in all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council."

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic celebration, he said that in a symbolic gesture the Pope will give a Bible to 40 people representing "different expressions" of our daily life: "from the bishop to the foreigner, from the priest to the catechist, from the consecrated person to the policeman, from the Ambassadors of various continents to teachers of all grades, from the poor to journalists, from the 'Gendarme' to the prisoner serving a life sentence".

A representative of the Orthodox Churches and of Evangelical Communities will also receive a Bible from the Pope. Pope Francis, Fisichella concluded, wants to make sure everyone is entrusted with the Word of God:

"This Sunday, he wants to stimulate all Christians not just to place the Bible on the shelf as one of many books, perhaps filled with dust, but as an instrument that awakens our faith."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-01/sunday-word-of-god-fisichella-press-conference.html>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Sacramental Preparation: Sunday, February 9, 2020, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door)

Acolytes Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

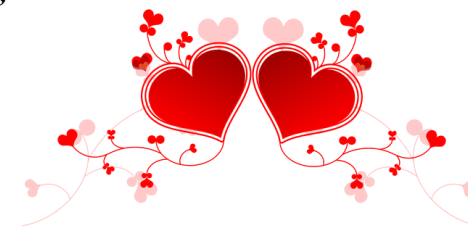
Flea Market: Saturday, March 7, 2020, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

You are invited to attend the Parishioners Party celebrating Saint Valentine's Day February 15, 2020, Following the 5PM Mass.

If you would like to bring some food to eat/share at the party, please coordinate with the office.

Please RSVP. Tickets will be made available. Donation are greatly appreciated.

Important



Save the date: **Saturday, May 30, 2020**

Marian Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré.

We are in the planning stages of a day long pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré with a tour of various attractions in Quebec City and Ste Anne Canyon. Box lunch will be provided, please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.

If you are interested please rsvp by contacting the rectory as places are limited.

Feast of Saint Blaise is February 3, 2020

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Weekend -- February 1st and 2nd, 2020

Blessing of Throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise



Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the **throat** and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. .

Volunteers needed for Soup Kitchen

If you have a few hours to offer to assist the needy of the community are would like to have more information about helping to feed them. Please contact the rectory, there are many opportunities and tasks that need to be done. We are looking for volunteers to work during the hours of soup kitchen, Monday, Wednesday or Friday Mornings or preparations for the meals that will be served during the above mentioned days.

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.