

## MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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**February 21, 2016**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Announced Masses**

*Saturday February 20th*

† **Pascal Mayer**

By Susan Charlebois

† **Pierre Cyr**

By Nicole Cyr

*Sunday February 21st*

† **Vicente Cortez**

By Flora Lim & Family

† **Romana Manugo, Felix Manugo, Gregorio, Generosa, Necitas, Oscar, Lodia, Evarista**

By Nunéz & Laxina Family

*Tuesday February 23rd*

**PRO POPULO**

*Wednesday February 24th*

*Thursday February 25th*

† **Anatole Lesyk**

By Maria Salceda

*Friday February 26th*

† **Dale Parsons**

By Christina Parsons & Family

*Saturday February 27th*

**For the Recovery of Peggy and Eddy Cyr**

By Nicole Cyr

† **Death Anniversary of**

**Jovita Nunez Baldesco**

By Aida Baldesco Galan

### ***Meditation: The Lord wants to share his glory with each of us***

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom - your name will be written in heaven. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us, if we will follow in his footsteps. Origen (185-254 AD), an early church bible scholar and writer, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives:

"When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

### ***Stay awake spiritually - Don't miss God's glory and action***

Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. *We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

"Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your presence in my life, and to your life-giving word that nourishes me daily. Let me see your glory." - rc.net

**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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**1950's FUNDRAISER DINNER & DANCE PARTY**

Join us next Saturday, February 27th for **TROUBLE IN TAHITI** a musical about life in 1950's in America featuring Johanne Patry and friends. Dinner at 6:30 followed by the show at 7:30! Come join us and enjoy!

**FIRST FRIDAY PASSION CONCERT**

On the First Friday of March, Saint Willibrord's will hold a Concert on the Passion as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week. Join us March 4th as we enter into the mystery of Jesus' suffering through the profound beauty of music. Mass at 7pm followed by the concert.



Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff  
Julian Paparella  
*Administration and PCL*

**Collections**  
Jan. 23-24/16—\$817.90  
Jan 30-31/16—\$1037.50  
Feb 6-7/16—\$2317.70  
Flea Market—\$2510.75  
Feb 13-14/16—\$977.50

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 and Marie-Paul. God is with you always.

**PREX VI—CONTINUES TODAY!!!**

The next Parish Renewal Experience begins today!

**Sunday, February 21st and 28th, 12-6pm**

**Sunday, March 6th, 12-6pm**

*Please pray for all of those sharing this experience!*



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for all your generosity to our parish throughout the year! Please take time to read the letter attached to the bulletin and enclosed with your tax receipts!

Thank you to all those who donated for the heating of our parish!

Thank you for all those attending and working hard to prepare PREX VI!

Thank you to our catechists, ALPHA leaders, and all our volunteers!



**ALPHA and Faith in the Family continues!**

We had another session of ALPHA and Faith in the Family this morning! Our next session is **Sunday, March 6th**. Please keep all of our participants in your prayers!

**Discover the Treasures of Italy in the Year of Mercy, October 14-25, 2016 – led by Deacon Brian Cordeiro with Msgr. Pierre Blanchard**

Discover the treasures of Italy and receive the special graces during this Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage with daily Mass. We will look at God's mercy through the eyes of five great saints: St. Anthony of Padua, St. Claire and Francis of Assisi, St. Rita of Cascia and St. Padre Pio Pietrelcina. Our pilgrimage begins in beautiful Venice, then we visit Padua-Bologna-Assisi-Cascia-Lanciano-San Giovanni del Rotondo and finally reach our highlight of 4 days in the Eternal city of Rome, where we visit St. Peter's and other great basilicas, experience the joy of praying the Angelus with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, pass through Holy Doors and so much more. Come join us for this pilgrimage of Joy and Mercy, a memory for a lifetime. For detailed information, contact Deacon Brian at 514-545-8709 or [brian.cordeiro89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.cordeiro89@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Challenge Weekend for Young Adults!**

Whether you're a practicing believer or seldom go to church, Challenge will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Christ and yourself. Challenge is open to all young adults aged 18-30. The retreat consists of worship music, prayer, witness, discussions, and games. The next retreat is March 4-6th (Friday 7PM to Sunday 5PM). Location to be determined. Cost is \$60. To apply, visit: [www.montrealchallenge.ca](http://www.montrealchallenge.ca) or contact [outreach@montrealchallenge.ca](mailto:outreach@montrealchallenge.ca)