

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(inc. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotions) - Wednesday 6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

(Adoration) Friday 9:30-11:30am

Announced Masses

Saturday Feb.22

Sunday Feb.23

† **Alden Vienneau**
By Arthur & Evelyn
Gilchrist

Tuesday Feb.25

Pro Populo

Wednesday Feb.26

Thursday Feb.27

Friday Feb.28

† **Alden Vienneau**
By Adrienne Coombs

Saturday March 1

† **Edna Lapello**
By Adeline Doyle

Sunday March 2

† **Mary Platt**
By Maria Garcia

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February 23, 2014

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

The lesson we have to learn from today's gospel hardly needs any emphasizing. We must, if we are truly Christian, forgive those who offend or injure us. We must love all, whether they are friends or enemies. G.K.Chesterton says: *"We are commanded to love our neighbors and our enemies; they are generally the same people."* It is our neighbors, those among whom we live and work, who are liable to injure us and thus become our enemies. Charity begins at home, because it is here that it can and should be learned and practiced.

For Christian peace in the home, husband and wife must learn to understand and tolerate each other's imperfections and faults. No two persons in the world, not even identical twins, can agree on all things, so it is vain and unrealistic to expect one's married partner to agree with one in all points. Christian charity can cover the multitude of faults of both partners. If there is peace and harmony between husband and wife, the children will learn too to be understanding and forgiving. Such a home will be a truly happy one even if it has little of the world's riches.

Our charity must spread from the home to our neighbors---to all those with whom we have contact. It is easy to get on with most people, but in every neighborhood and in every village or town there will always be those who are difficult. There will be the dishonest, the tale-bearers, the quarrelsome, the critic of everyone and everything. It is when we have dealings with such people that all our Christian charity is necessary. Most likely we will never be able to change their ways of acting, but charity will enable us to tolerate their faults and will move us to pray for their eternal welfare.

Life for many, if not for most people, has many dark, gloomy and despairing moments. The man or woman who is moved by true Christian charity can bring ***a beam of sunshine***, a ray of hope, into the lives of these people.

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Collections February 15-16, \$ 1,469.00

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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Board of Wardens

Joseph Brisindi
Angèle LaFlèche
Paul Moreau
Dan Ormsby
Nicholas Pinto
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling
Administration
Helene Di Lallo
PCL
Terrel Joseph
Youth Ministry

Coordinators

Tess Allonar -
Daytime Soup Kitchen
Mary Anne Levasseur -
Evening Soup Kitchen
Angele LaFleche -
Christmas Baskets
Dan Ormsby
Flea Market

Looking for someone
to visit
**Carmen
Lapello**

once a week
in the evenings
514 -769 -9678

A-L-T-A-R

"A" means **adore** the Lord.
"L" **love** the Lord.
"T" **thank** the Lord.
"A" **ask** the Lord for what you need.
"R" **resolve** to walk with the Lord in a special way.

- Try praying -
after Communion

Youth Ministry Events

Wednesday March 5 (Ash Wednesday) - Rush Hour

High Fives in the Metro - details coming soon!

Tutoring Program - ongoing -

For high school students

contact Terrel @ 514-578-2134 stwillibrordyouth@gmail.com

(see attached sheet for other detailed events)

"Be My Disciples" Faith Formation Program - Reminder !!

Parents, children and catechists will meet next Sunday, March 2, at 9:00am- Cameron Hall.

World Day of Prayer

The World day of Prayer for the Verdun Area will be held at St. Thomas More Church, 980 Moffat Ave. (corner of Moffat & Bannantyne Aves.) on Friday, March 7th, 2014, at 1 pm. The theme for this year is: *"Egypt Streams in the Desert"*. Participating churches include South West Mission, Church of the Epiphany, St. John Brebeuf, St. Thomas More, St. Willibrord and St. Lawrence. Light refreshments will be served following the service. You are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or canned good for Manna Verdun Food Bank.

*"How far that little *
candle throws its beams!
So shines a good deed in
a naughty world."
William Shakespeare

Request

**In need of medium to
large sized empty
margarine containers.
Please leave at back of
church.**

**Flea Market –next Saturday, March 1, 9:00am– 2:30pm.
Come browse, shop, volunteer !!**

The *Our Father* is the "summary of the whole Gospel"(Tertullian), the "perfect prayer"(Saint Thomas Aquinas). Found in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7*), it presents in the form of prayer the essential content of the Gospel.

F.A.Q. or **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q) What is the origin of the *Our Father*?

A) Jesus taught us this Christian prayer for which there is no substitute, on the day on which one of His disciples saw Him praying and asked Him, "Lord teach us to pray" (*Luke 11:1*). The Church's liturgical tradition has always used the text of Saint Matthew (6:9-13).

Q) Why is it called the "Lord's Prayer" ?

A) The *Our Father* is called the "Oratio Dominica", that is, the Lord's Prayer, because it was taught to us by the Lord Jesus himself.

(From the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

-> *continuation*: Fr. Faber in a booklet on kindness has a poem which we could all learn and practice with great profit for ourselves and for a neighbor in need of kindness. He says:

*"It was but a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving,
But it scattered the night like the
morning light
And made the day worth living.
It was but a kindly word,
A word that was lightly spoken,
Yet not in vain for it chilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken.
It was but a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing,
But its clasp was warm, it saved from harm
A brother whose strength was failing."*

Try the sunny smile of true love, the kindly word of Christian encouragement, the helping hand of true charity, and not only will you brighten the darkness and lighten the load of another but you will be imitating in your own small way the perfect Father of love who is in heaven.
Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Father Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.