

Mass Intentions

A Reflection about Mass Intentions

Giving a "Mass Card" to the family of someone who has died is a traditional, practical, and consoling custom among Catholic people. Arranging to have a Mass offered for the repose of someone's soul respects the mystery of death and pays attention to the truth that we will all be judged by God, mercifully but justly, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do.

When we die, life is changed, not ended. Do you think that everyone is ready for immediate welcome into the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps some are, perhaps very few. Upon his death, who had more prayers and Masses offered for him than Pope John Paul II? We all have need for divine mercy, and we can benefit from the prayers of our friends. When we die, we will be fortunate and blessed if we have a Mass of Christian Burial and if we have people pray for us at other Masses in the months and years to come

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Saturday, February 23rd 2019, 5:00PM

Healing mass for Lourdes Quiocho by Melina and Bong Quiocho..

Sunday, February 24th, 2019, 10:30AM

†Jim Barrett by Marilyn and Jim Coleman

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019, 10:30AM

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Wednesday, February 27th, 2019, 7:00PM

Blessings for Carl Lesther Taccabban and Maribel Gaffud by Mila Taccabban..

Thursday, February 28th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Margaret and Alphonse Luyten

by Virginia Luyten-Feledick and Betty Luyten-Friedman..

Friday, March 1st, 2019, 9:00AM

Blessings for Dominic Rosal..

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019, 5:00PM

† Elisabeth Olivier by Louis Olivier..

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Rosanna Besner
by Mr & Mrs Pedro Quiocho and family..

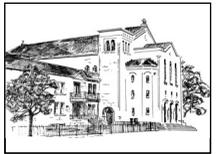
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February 24, 2019 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do good to those who hate you"

Meditation: What makes Christians different and 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. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

Give and forgive - the two wings of prayer

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) describes Jesus double precept to *give and forgive* as two essential wings of prayer:

"Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given you. These are the two wings of prayer on which it flies to God. Pardon the offender what has been committed, and give to the person in need" (Sermon 205.3). "Let us graciously and fervently perform these two types of almsgiving, that is, giving and forgiving, for we in turn pray the Lord to give us things and not to repay our evil deeds" (Sermon 206.2).

Bless and do not curse

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. 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. That is why Paul the Apostle tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to "bless and not curse.. nor take revenge.. and to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14,17,21). Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness (moral goodness) for overcoming evil with good?

"Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart free with your merciful love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone."

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/feb24.htm>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

February Flea Market—
\$2,045.00
Feb 2-3, 2018—
\$1,066.50
Feb 9-10, 2019—\$920.65
Feb 16-17, 2019—
\$515.55
Heating Fundraiser —
\$701.55

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

**Please note the Mass,
on Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday will be
held in the Rector**

**Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to**
◇All who are
celebrating
this week.

Thank you to
◇Mike, Ruth, Merly,
Cora, Ogaga and all
the volunteers who
work at the Church,
in the Rector,
in the Soup Kitchen
and at the Flea
Market.

Here's what you need to know about Ash Wednesday

A simple guide to the solemn day that marks the beginning of Lent.

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the season of Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. It is a day when many flock to their local parishes to receive ashes on their forehead. To help explain the many spiritual levels of Ash Wednesday, here is a simple guide that explains the basics. Ash Wednesday is an ancient liturgical feast with biblical roots. The earliest celebration of Ash Wednesday dates to the 8th century and may have come from an earlier tradition of penitents placing ashes on themselves in atonement for their sins.

The Bible has numerous examples of this type of practice, such as Job, who said, "[I] repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6).

Easter is 46 days after Ash Wednesday.

The six Sundays in Lent are not considered part of the social "Lenten fast" (every Sunday is a special remembrance of the Resurrection of Christ), and so if you subtract six from 46, you get the famous 40 days of Lent.

It is a day of fasting and abstinence. According to the USCCB, the following rules are in force for those between the ages of 18 and 59.

Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

The ashes have deep spiritual meaning. St. John Paul II perfectly summarizes the depth of meaning behind the ashes.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, ... take not your holy Spirit from me." We hear this plea echoing in our hearts, while in a few moments we will approach the Lord's altar to receive ashes on our forehead in accordance with a very ancient tradition. This act is lled with spiritual allusions and is an important sign of conversion and inner renewal. Considered in itself, it is a simple liturgical rite, but very profound because of its penitential meaning: with it the Church reminds man, believer and sinner, of his weakness in the face of evil and especially of his total dependence on God's innite majesty.

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/catholic-faith/here-s-what-you-need-to-know-about-ash-wednesday.html>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lenten/Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 9:00AM and 7:00PM

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, 10:30AM

Chrism Mass, Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7:30PM, at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 Rue de la Cathédrale, Montréal, QC H3B 2V3)

Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 19, 2019, 3:00PM (Stations of the Cross), 7:00PM (Outdoor Way of the Cross (weather permitting))

Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019, 8:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, 10:30AM

DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE

Thursday Bible Study:
Will be held on Thursday, at 6:30PM, in Rector

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:
will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Choir Practice
will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Acolytes:
Meeting will be held in the rectory, on March 9, 2019, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:
The next faith in the family will be on February 24, 2019, at 9:00AM, in Cameron Hall

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Flea Market:
Saturday, March 2, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall
Saturday, March 9, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

Zumba
The Zumba classes will be held on Sundays following the 10:30AM Mass. (approx. 12:00PM) we will be gathering downstairs to exercise.

Volunteers
Thank you for expressing an interest in volunteering at St Willibrord's Parish. We will be contacting you shortly to arrange meetings. If you have not given your name and contact information but wish to learn about the volunteering opportunities, please contact the rectory.

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.