

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24th, 2018, 5:00PM

†Norma Harrison by Yvonne Wargachuk and family

Sunday, February 25th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Eric Oke by Maria Salceda

Tuesday, February 27th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018, 7:00PM

†Felix Manugo and Vicenta Manugo by the Nunez Family

Thursday, March 1st, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving Mass by Delia Daniel, Angelo and Patrick Gotera..

Friday, March 2nd, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving Mass by Merly Nunez and family..

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018, 5:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, March 4th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Rogel Bonete and Bobby Bonete and thanksgiving blessings by the Bolofer family..

Easter Triduum Masses

Thursday, March 29th Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm

Friday, March 30th Good Friday – 3pm

Friday, March 30th Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross– 6:30pm

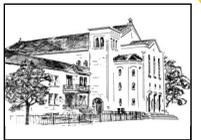
Saturday, March 31st Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil – 8pm

Sunday April 1st Easter Sunday – 10:30am



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February 25, 2018—Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection

We have heard many stories of parents sacrificing their lives for their own children. Today we hear the famous story from the Hebrew Scriptures of a father being commanded by God to sacrifice his only son. Abraham responds in faith and takes his son Isaac to an altar of offering and is ready to "slaughter" him, but the test of faith is over as a messenger from heaven intercedes and Abraham is rewarded for his being obedient. This seems to make God a bit of a trickster, who makes faith an experience of mental cruelty.

The second reading upgrades the image of God quite a bit. Paul writes to the community in Rome that God is for us and so we do not have to defend ourselves from anybody's condemnation, not even from God. While listening to this reading, we still have one cautious eye on the Trickster-God and find ourselves wondering which image of God is worth our trusting.

The Gospel presents us with a third image, a "transfigured" image at that. Simon, "the Rock" and the two "Sons of Thunder," James and John, follow Jesus up a mountain and strange things happen. Two of the Hebrew prophets appear talking with Jesus and then, as happened in the first reading, a voice comes from heaven saying, "This is my beloved son. Listen to him."

Abraham found a ram to sacrifice, taking the place of his only son. Jesus is pictured as the new Isaac and takes His place as the "lamb" to be slain. As they return down the mountain, His three followers are wondering what this has all been about and what does, "rising from the dead mean?" How can this be the "beloved son," and be talking about dying?

Is God a trickster putting us to one test and an other as we live this difficult human life? Is God for us in such a way that we need not fear when we fail one test or other? Is Jesus the beloved son so that we want to follow him down off the mountains of "transfiguration" and peace and joy into the valleys of spiritual "disfiguration?"

It is Lent and a time for praying with our false and true images of God. It would be hard to have the faith of Abraham unless we had some picture or experience of Who this God is. The early Apostles had a deep encounter with Jesus on that mountain. Abraham must have had such intimate encounters with God so as to have a trust so great that he could take the life of his only son, because God had asked it of him. The mountain on which this holocaust would take place was called, "God Will Provide." On the mountain of Transfiguration, God provided a blessing over the Lamb Who would be sacrificed on the next mountain of crucifixion.

The Apostles who were there to witness the event in today's gospel would run away from the Lamb's being slain, but would live their lives out, witnessing to His rising. Their question about what that "rising from the dead" meant would be made clear in their preaching and bringing into birth the "new Church." We listen prayerfully to today's readings, trying to trust God as did Abraham, knowing that we have flight-tendencies ourselves from the crosses of our lives and hoping that God will always be for us.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Archive/2000/031900.html>

Resurrection Angel Candidates

This is the Second Annual Resurrection Angel Fundraising Event. The Candidates are Ali Junior Ansagay, Victoria Eden Sanglitan, Tamina Eli Nabor Saturno, Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, Jamea Ival Marie Corpuz, Lexie Anne Castro and Michael Amuro. The candidate who raises the most money will be given the honor of being the Resurrection Angel, who on Easter Sunday, will be given the honor of lifting the veil of sorrow from Mary, at the time when Mary sees Jesus for the first time since the Crucifixion.

Thank you to the candidates and their parents. We invite you to encourage them by sponsorship and donations.

Tax Receipts: Tax receipts were mailed out this week and you should receive them before the end of the month.

Collection Envelopes

Collection Envelopes are a great way to make a donations to the parish. It enables us to keep track of your donations and at the end of the year you will receive an income tax receipt.

If you have move and are expecting to receive an income tax receipt, please email your correct address to stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members: Sunday, Feb 25, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Acolytes: Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 9:00AM

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will be on March 4, 2018

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall: ****Revised** Saturday, March 24, 2018, 5:00PM**, followed by a light meal

ALPHA: Dates to be announced. ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. ALPHA has become a worldwide phenomenon, now in 164 countries, where millions of people have come to explore the meaning of life and discover a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

We will meet weekly on Sunday, at noon, following the 10:30AM Mass . In each session we will begin by enjoying a meal, followed by laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile

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, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.

Substantial Work

In preparation for our upcoming Marion devotion, St Willibrord's, parishioners are encouraged to follow one of the principled practices of the Legion of Mary, called substantial works; for they are the basic nourishment of the Legion and when fully lived, grace and joy flow superabundantly through us into the mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

The works that are done in service of the Lord, in honor of Mother Mary. *'the performance of a substantial work, in the spirit of faith, and in union with Mary, in such fashion that in those worked for and in one's fellow members, the Person of Our Lord is once again seen and served by Mary, his Mother'*. is overwhelmingly faithful to the performance of substantial apostolic work every week because therein lies the source of magnificent graces .

The work(s) should be done in a spirit of obedience, encouraged to do apostolic work whenever the opportunity arises. A work that is a profound and practical way of living true devotion to Mary.

Every week the parishioners who perform a substantial work, will write it down on a piece of paper which will be placed in a basket and brought during the offertory.

<https://www.legionofmary.ie/news/article/substantial-active-legionary-work>

DID YOU KNOW? Questions and Answers about Mass. In the bulletin, each week, there will be true/false questions.

Questions:

19. A priest may never use an unapproved Eucharistic Prayer.
20. The altar bread dough may not include ingredients other than flour and water.
21. Communion in the form of ginger bread or a sweetened cake may be used at Masses for children.
22. The Vatican has issued guidelines encouraging people to hold hands during the "Our Father".
23. The priest may omit the sign of peace during Mass if he so chooses

Answers:

19. True - only the Eucharistic Prayers approved by the Vatican are to be used in Mass. (ID 5)
20. True - only unleavened bread made from wheat flour and water in the preferred form of round wafers may be used. (CIC 924)
21. False - Communion made from any substance other than unleavened bread, especially those which crumble, may never be used under any circumstances. (CIC 924)
22. False - The Vatican Document *Notitiae* (Not 11 (1975) 226) stated the practice of holding hands during the Our Father should be "repudiated". That means it should not happen, and should not continue. (see also DOL 1502)
23. True - The actual wording is: "Then the deacon (or the priest) *may* add: Let us offer each other the sign of peace." (Note "may" does not mean it is required) (GIRM 112)

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Feb 3-4, 2018—\$1,277.75
Flea Market, Feb 2018—
\$2,531.75
Collection for the heating expenses: —\$20.00
Feb 10-11, 2018—\$843.45
Feb 10-11, 2018—\$582.30 (heating expense)
Feb 17-18, 2018—
\$1,100.00
Feb 17-18, 2018—\$260.00 (heating expense)

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)

Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday (Rectory)
@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am (Rectory)

Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rectory (351 Willibrord Ave)

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.

Thank You to

◊Mike, Ann, Cora, Judith, and all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and Church.
◊those who contributed to the heating expenses