

Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints." —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, February 25th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**James Briffett** By David Briffett

Sunday, February 26th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**James Austin** By Maria Garcia

†**Jeff Lijeski** By Betty Luyten-Friedman

†**Jovita Nunez Baldesco** By Merly Nunez

Birthday Blessings for Maggie Daniel By The Daniel Family

Tuesday, February 28th 2017, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, March 1st, 2017, 7:00PM

Birthday Blessings for Angelito Quiocho.. By Melina Pasal

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Marie Briffett ..**By David Briffett

Friday, March 3rd, 2017, 9:00AM

Thanksgivings Mass.. By Cora Garlando & Family

Saturday, March 4th, 2017, 5:00PM

Intentions of Aida & Julian Galan Jr

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick,

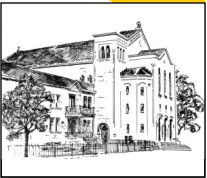
Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk.

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February 26, 2017

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Why are you anxious - seek first his kingdom"

Meditation: What does the expression "serving two masters" and "being anxious" have in common? They both have the same root problem - being divided within oneself. The root word for "anxiety" literally means "being of two minds." An anxious person is often "tossed to and fro" and paralyzed by fear, indecision, and insecurity. Fear of some bad outcome cripples those afflicted with anxiety. It's also the case with someone who wants to live in two opposing kingdoms - God's kingdom of light, truth, and goodness or Satan's kingdom of darkness, sin, and deception - following God's standards and way of happiness or following the world's standards of success and happiness.

Who is the master of your life?

Who is the master in charge of your life? Our "master" is whatever governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, and controls the desires of our heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things - the love of money and possessions, the power of position and prestige, the glamor of wealth and fame, and the driving force of unruly passions, harmful desires, and addictive cravings. Ultimately the choice of who is our master boils down to two: God or "mammon". What is mammon? "Mammon" stands for "material wealth" or "possessions" or whatever tends to control our appetites and desires.

The antidote to fear, pride, and greed

There is one master alone who has the power to set us free from slavery to sin, fear, pride, and greed, and a host of other hurtful desires. That master is the Lord Jesus Christ who alone can save us from all that would keep us bound up in fear and anxiety. Jesus used an illustration from nature - the birds and the flowers - to show how God provides for his creatures in the natural order of his creation. God provides ample food, water, light, and heat to sustain all that lives and breathes. How much more can we, who are created in the very image and likeness of God, expect our heavenly Father and creator to sustain not only our physical bodies, but our mind, heart, and soul as well? God our Father is utterly reliable because it is his nature to love, heal, forgive, and make whole again.

Jesus - our daily bread

Jesus taught his disciples to pray with confidence to their heavenly Father: *Give us this day our daily bread.* What is bread, but the very staple of life and symbol of all that we need to live and grow. Anxiety is neither helpful nor necessary. It robs us of faith and confidence in God's help and it saps our energy for doing good. Jesus admonishes his followers to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God - his kingdom and righteousness. Anxiety robs the heart of trust in the mercy and goodness of God and in his loving care for us. God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him. Who is your master - God or mammon? —————copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](http://www.dailyscripture.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., as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Resurrection Angel Candidates

The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. This bond/relationship between mother and son forms the basis of the belief of *Salubong* which is that the first person Jesus did visit upon his resurrection was the Blessed Mother.

The following candidates will be raising money for St Willibrord Parish by canvassing for sponsors which is 2\$ per ticket and the child who raises the most money will have the honor of lifting the veil of sorrows from Mary when Jesus first appears to her, **Jazlyn Rose Cawaling, Joe Anthony Luis Carrillo, Spencer William Fabia Poquiz, Jolina Sheloh Reginales, Jessica Jane Quiocho, Glyness Joy Tecson, Rex Alexander Ansay, Vincent Fournier, Auraya Altares Low and Fredrick Kay Manansala.**

This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honor for the child to be the angel who lifts the veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

Salubong Souvenir Book

To commemorate this event, a Salubong souvenir booklet will be made available. This Souvenir booklet is a way in which we can fundraise and show our delight in the gifts and blessings that we have received, our family, our friends, our work, the committees and organizations for which we work...

If you would like to announce or advertise your company (work) or your achievements, please complete the advertisement form and present it to the rectory by the March 5, 2017.

Pictures can, also, be submitted by email or brought in on a USB drive.

There will be a Special Donors Acknowledgement page for those who contribute \$10 or more

Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by **Catholicism** at 7:30pm

Flea Market: Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Ash Wednesday: March 1, 2017, Rosary at 6:30PM, Mass at 7:00PM

World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 3, 2017, will be celebrated at

St Lawrence Church, 520 -75th Avenue, Lasalle

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, at 7:00PM, starting March 3, 2017, leading up to Good Friday

St Patrick's Pub Night at St Willibrord's :March 18, 2017, details to follow

Parish Lenten Recollection will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass, for a period of one hour, on March 19, 2017, March 26, 2017, April 2, 2017 and April 9, 2017

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family (incl Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation): March 5, 2017 at 9:00AM

Lectors: March 5, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass, at the rectory

Acolytes: March 4, 2017, at 9:15AM, at the rectory

Do you want to know Jesus more intimately?

Looking for something new to enrich your Lenten journey towards Easter?

CFC Singles for Christ invites you to its Christian Life Program (CLP): a **FREE** 12-week series of talks, guided discussions, and fellowship intended to lead participants into a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ. The CLP is designed for unmarried persons, 21 to 40 years of age. It begins on March 4th, 2017, at St. Willibrord's Parish (351 rue Willibrord - Verdun metro station),

Ash Wednesday The Day of Ashes



During Mass on Ash Wednesday, as we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the Priest make a little cross on your forehead with Ashes.

These ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration from the previous year which are christened with Holy Water and are scented by incense. They are a symbol of penance and contrition, which is why believers are told when the sign of the cross is placed on their forehead "*Remember, man, you are dust, and to dust you shall return*". (cf. Gn 3:19)

Parish Lenten Recollection.

In preparation for Lent, Fr Gregory Nunez and Cathy MacAulay will be directing a retreat. March 19, March 26, April 2 and April 9, following the 10:30am Mass, there will be an hour of recollection on the subject of Lent. Over the course of four weeks let us take the time, one hour, to journey together and prepare ourselves for Lent. Please come and bring a bag lunch, as we will be starting after the 10:30 AM Mass.

Dear Lord,
As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you would send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. We do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us and acknowledge our love for you and our need to have you in our lives.
May the cross on our forehead be a symbol of mourning and mortality. Amen.



http://www.biblekids.eu/Church/ash_wednesday/ash_wednesday_index.html

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

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Jan 21-22, 2017 —\$1,923.55

Jan 28-29, 2017—\$694.25

Feb 4-5, 2017—\$2,404.55

Feb Flea Market —\$3,174.50

Feb 11-12, 2017—\$1,193.80

Feb 18-19, 2017—\$1,112.45

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

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

9:30am to 11:30am

Special Thank You to the person who donates generously but wishes to remain anonymous. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and May God bless you and reward you in a thousand fold.

Birthday/Anniversary

Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.

◇Happy Birthday to Maggie Daniel

Thank you to

◇Mike, Ann, Jonas and Nonong for their work at the rectory and the Church