

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 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Announced Masses

Saturday February 27th

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

By Nicole Cyr

† **Death Anniversary of
Jovita Nunez Baldesco**

By Aida Baldesco Galan

Sunday February 28th

† **Death Anniversary of
Jesus Bulseco**

By Bernard & Janet Bur-
cena

Tuesday March 1st

PRO POPULO

Wednesday March 2nd

† **Death Anniversary of
Jovita Nunez Baldesco**

By Aida Baldesco Galan

Thursday March 3rd

Friday March 4th

Saturday March 5th

† **Teddy Campeau**
By Adeline Doyle

Sunday March 6th

Meditation: *The fire of God's purifying love and deliverance*

When Moses came near the mountain of God at Horeb (which is also named Sinai), God made his presence and will known to Moses through an extraordinary sign - a bush inflamed with a fierce fire that did not harm or destroy the bush. This burning bush was a sign of God's presence and power to save his people from destruction. The fire of God's presence always demonstrates his purifying love and mercy that burns away sin and re-fashions us in his holiness and righteousness (moral goodness). Just as gold is tested through fire, God tests and purifies his people and fills them with the fire of his love and holiness.

The sign of the barren fig tree

Jesus' parable of the barren fig trees illustrates his warning about the consequences of allowing sin and corruption to take root in our hearts and minds. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the people of Palestine. A fig tree normally matured within three years, producing plentiful fruit. If it failed, it was cut down to make room for more healthy trees. A decaying fig tree and its bad fruit came to symbolize for the Jews the consequence of spiritual corruption caused by evil deeds and unrepentant sin. The unfruitful fig tree symbolized the outcome of Israel's indifference and lack of response to God's word of repentance and restoration. The prophets depicted the desolation and calamity of Israel's fall and ruin - due to her unfaithfulness to God - as a languishing fig tree (see Joel 1:7,12; Habbakuk 3:17; and Jeremiah 8:13). Jeremiah likened good and evil rulers and members of Israel with figs that were either good for eating or rotten and wasteful (Jeremiah 24:2-8). Jesus' parable depicts the patience of God, but it also contains a warning that we should not presume upon God's patience and mercy. God's judgment will come in due course - very soon or later.

Don't tolerate sin

God, in his mercy, gives us time to get right with him, but that time is now. We must not assume that there is no hurry. A sudden and unexpected death leaves one no time to prepare to settle one's accounts when he or she must stand before the Lord on the day of judgment. Jesus warns us that we must be ready at all times. Tolerating sinful habits and excusing unrepentant sin and wrongdoing will result in bad fruit, painful discipline, and spiritual disease that leads to death and destruction. The Lord in his mercy gives us both grace (his gracious help and healing) and time to turn away from sin, but that time is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up. Do you hunger for the Lord's righteousness (moral goodness) and holiness?

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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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Julian Paparella
Administration and PCL

Collections
Jan 30-31/16—\$1037.50
Feb 6-7/16—\$2317.70
Flea Market—\$2510.75
Feb 13-14/16—\$977.50
Feb 20-21/16—\$1053.50



We pray for the eternal peace of **William (Bill) Lawlor**, longtime friend and parishioner of Saint Willibrord whose funeral was celebrated here this past Friday, February 26th. We pray for him and for his family.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist for all their work cleaning our Church!

Thank you to Mike for cleaning the hall and soup kitchen and shoveling the snow!

Thank you to Cora Garlando, Nabua Group, Susan Charlebois, Adeline Doyle, Maria Garcia for donating all the delicious food for the Fundraiser and their hard work



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all those who attended and contributed to our **1950's FUNDRAISER FOR HEATING** last night in Cameron Hall! Thank you to all our donors and volunteers! Special thanks to Johanne Patry and friends for entertaining us with **Trouble in Tahiti!**

FIRST FRIDAY PASSION CONCERT THIS WEEK

This Friday, 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. We will have Mass at 7pm followed by the concert.



PREX VI—CONTINUES TODAY!!!

The next Parish Renewal Experience begins today!

Sunday, February 28th, 12-6pm

It will conclude next **Sunday, March 6th!**

Please pray for all of those sharing this experience!

Thank you to all our leaders and volunteers!



ALPHA and Faith in the Family next Sunday!

Join us next **Sunday, March 6th** as we continue to journey together in faith. Please keep all of our participants in your prayers!



Symbolon and Bible Study continue every Thursday!

Join Father Gregory Thursday evenings at 6:30 for Bible Study and 7:30 for Symbolon, both in the Rectory! We are currently studying the Acts of the Apostles and have a new Symbolon topic each week! Come and see!

Flea Market this Saturday, March 5th!

Next Saturday is our Flea Market for the month of March! Please come and visit our vendors! Thank you to all our volunteers!

ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF PARISH: COFFEE HOUSE CONCERT FUNDRAISER

All proceeds will go towards the sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family by the parishes of St. John Brébeuf and St. John Bosco. This wonderful evening of music will be held on **Sunday, March 6 at 7:00 pm** (7777 George St., LaSalle H8P 1C8). Doors open at 6:15pm. The concert will feature the **Aurora Choralis Choir, Gameday Quartet, Nathalie and Pamela Khoriaty, Larry Cassini** and other special guests. There will be a fabulous raffle prize and door prizes (including a pair of tickets to see **Santana!**). Refreshments available. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and can be purchased at the door or to reserve, contact Bill at 514-366-0131 x221.