

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 4th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Souls in Purgatory** By Adeline Doyle

†**Marie Briffett** By David Briffett

Thanksgivings Mass By Cora Garlando & Family

Sunday, February 5th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**John Carley** By St Willibrord Parishioners

Thanksgivings Mass By Cora Garlando & Family

Tuesday, February 7th 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, 7:00PM

†**Gregorio & Generosa Nunez, Ambrosio & Romana Vega, Necitas Nunez, Macario & Junita Nunez..**
By Ruth & Alex Laxina

Thursday, February 9th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Pierre Sauv ** By Carole Wepruk

Friday, February 10th, 2017, 9:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Hannah Blessie Saldo By her parents

Saturday, February 11th, 2017, 5:00PM

For the Intentions of the PREX VIII Participants By the PREX 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, 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.

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February 5, 2017

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are the salt of the earth and light of the world"

Meditation: Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it, like we trade with valuable goods, such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavor to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled.

The salt of God's kingdom for all

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere - his "kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

Don't lose your saltiness

What did Jesus mean by the expression "if salt has lost its taste... it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot" (Matthew 5:13)? Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away (Matthew 5:13). How can we lose our "saltiness"? When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" - through virtuous living and rejection of sin - not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others.

The aroma of Christ in the world

Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be "the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life" (2 Corinthians 2:15-16). Do you allow the fragrance of Christ's love, truth, and holiness to permeate every area of your life, your thoughts, words, actions, and relationships?

Light that shines for all to see

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. *In his light we see light* (Psalm 36:9). *His word is a lamp that guides our steps* (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace.—copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

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.

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Jan 7-8, 2017—\$966.45
Jan 14-15, 2017 —\$952.85
Jan 21-22, 2017 —\$1,923.55
Jan 28-29, 2017—\$694.25

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

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to
◊Dan Boyer
and to all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.

Thank you to
◊Mike, Beverly, Cora, Ruth and Judith who work at the rectory and the Church
◊all the volunteers who worked at the Flea Market

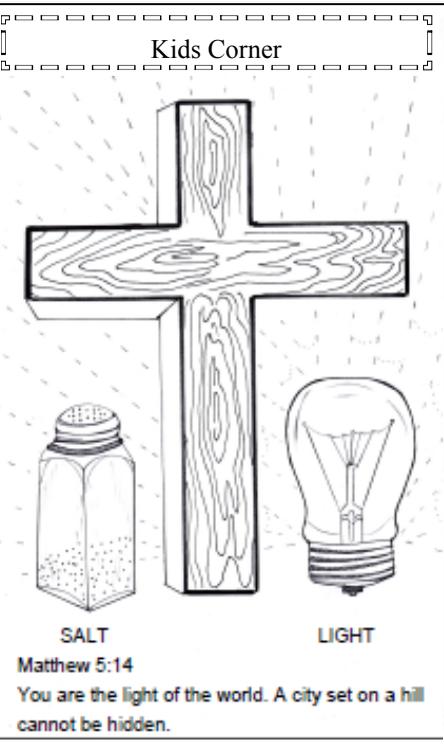
St Willibrord Parish Mission Statement

That we be a people who desire to grow: in our understanding of the Church., in our love for Christ, in our love of & service to our sisters and brothers. That we nurture diversities, give people the opportunity to discover Gospel values in everyday life. That we be a Church where all feel welcome to participate at their own will.

Papal Intentions for the month of February to Comfort for the Afflicted -
That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Parish Lenten Recollection.
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.
On March 19, 2017, Fr Gregory Nunez will be presenting an introduction to the Lenten Retreat and a guest speaker Cathy Macaulay, a director from the Archdiocese of Montreal, will enlighten us on various topics centred around the season of Lent.

The Four Steps of Lectio Divina or Prayerful Reading
Lectio (reading): Read a Scripture passage loud slowly, Notice what phrase captures your attention and be attentive to its meaning. Silent pause
Meditatio (meditation): Read the passage aloud slowly again, reflecting on the passage allowing God to speak to you through it. Silent pause.
Oratio (prayer): Read it aloud slowly a third time, allowing it to be your prayer or response to God's gift
Contemplatio (contemplation): Read it aloud slowly a fourth time, now resting in God's word.



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trampled	underfoot	light
world	city	mountain
hidden	lamp	bushel
basket	lampstand	house
shine	deeds	glorify

<http://www.sunday-school-ideas.com/images/>

<http://www.4catholiceducators.com/gospel-matthew-5-a.htm>

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 Ansagay, 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
St Valentine's Dinner/Dance: Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 6:00PM, in Cameron Hall.
The donation is 15\$ per ticket.
Healing Mass: Sunday, February 12, 2017, the 10:30AM Mass will be celebrated in Cameron Hall.
All are welcome, especially the sick and those unable to climb the stairs, spread the word.
Flea Market: Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Update the Parishioners list, Please confirm the correct spelling if your name and contact information by completing the small form and placing it in the collection basket.
If you know of any former parishioners who would like to receive the bulletins, updates or to be contacted by the parish, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678.

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people
Faith in the family (incl Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation): Feb 5, 2017 at 9:00AM
Lectors: This Sunday and Feb 19, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass, at the rectory
Acolytes: This Saturday and Feb 18, 2017, at 9:00 AM, at the rectory

PREX VIII
Welcome to the PREX family to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, who participated in the retreat this past weekend, it was a pleasure to meet you and get to know you.