

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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February 7, 2016

**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Announced Masses

Saturday February 6th

† **Marie Briffett**

By David Briffett

Sunday February 7th

† **Leonard Walsh**

By Suzanne and Family

In Thanksgiving

By Evelyn Maramag

Tuesday February 9th

PRO POPULO

Wednesday February 10th

Souls in Purgatory

By Thomas Battcock

Thursday February 11th

Souls in Purgatory

By Thomas Battcock

Friday February 12th

In Thanksgiving

By Evelyn Maramag

Saturday February 13th

† **James Briffett**

By David Briffett

† **Rosalia Nunez Prestado**

By Elsie N. Prestado Oason
& Family

Sunday February 14th

Meditation: Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: *At your word I will let down the nets.* When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

God expects greater things than we can do by ourselves

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in *his* works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood."

Witness the joy of the Gospel

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. Paul the Apostle says, "*But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing*" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth?

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Julian Paparella

Administration and PCL

Collections

Jan. 2-3/16—\$832.45

Jan. 9-10-/16—\$1274.05

Jan. 16-17/16—\$1133.90

Jan. 23-24/16—\$817.90

Jan. 30-31/16—\$1037.50

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick, Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley and Marie-Paul. God is with you always.

PREX VI—NEXT SUNDAY!!!

The next Parish Renewal Experience begins next Sunday at 9am! Please join us!

Sunday, February 14th, 9am-4pm

Sunday, February 21st and 28th, 12-6pm

Sunday, March 6th, 12-6pm

Together we deepen our faith and grow as a family!



ALPHA and Faith in the Family Retreat!



Thank you to all who joined us for our ALPHA and Faith in the Family retreat this Saturday! Our next session is Sunday, February 21st at 9am. Together we continue to grow in faith and our knowledge of God's goodness and love!

SYMBOLON Thursdays at 7:30

Father Gregory invites you to join him Thursday evenings at 7:30, following the Bible Study at 6:30 for **SYMBOLON!** An opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the Catholic faith handed down by the apostles.

First Friday Mass & Spirituality

Last **Friday, February 5th** we had a wonderful First Friday Mass and Spirituality Talk with Cathie Macaulay! On the first Friday of March we will have a **Concert on the Passion** following Mass at 7pm. Join us March 4th!

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY—March 19, 2016!

Announcing diocesan World Youth Day 2016!!! The families and youth of Montreal will gather on **Saturday, March 19th** to celebrate *Diocesan World Youth Day!* **Youth Festival** begins at 12:00 at Mission Santa Cruz (60 Rachel O.), followed by a **Procession with Palms** through the streets of downtown to Saint Patrick's Basilica, and **Mass with the Archbishop** at Cathedrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde!

Upcoming Challenge Weekend for Young Adults!

Whether you're a practicing believer or seldom go to church, Challenge will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Christ and yourself. Challenge is open to all young adults aged 18-30. The retreat consists of worship music, prayer, witness, discussions, and games. The next retreat is March 4-6th (Friday 7PM to Sunday 5PM). Location to be determined. Cost is \$60. To apply, visit: www.montrealchallenge.ca or contact outreach@montrealchallenge.ca

TAX RECEIPTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Saint Willibrord's was just informed by the Archdiocese of Montreal that for every Mass Intention of \$15.00, a tax receipt of \$10.00 may be issued. We invite you to offer Masses for your loved ones and personal intentions to lift them to God through the Sacrifice of His Son Jesus.

Belated Happy Birthday to Dan Boyer!!! Many blessings for the year to come!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Cathie Macaulay and all those who attended our First Friday Mass & Spirituality! Join us again March 4th!

Thank you to Mike, Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist, and Ruth Laxina for all their work cleaning our Church & Rectory!

Thank you to Jonas Bolofer and the Salinggawi Fathers for their work repairing our Rectory!