

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 8th, 2020, 5:00PM

†David Briffett by Adeline Doyle ..  
†Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle ..

Sunday, February 9th, 2020, 10:30AM

†Benedicta Chan by Angela Choi, Patrick Lau and family  
Mass for all Souls in Purgatory by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan & Family

Tuesday, February 11th, 2020, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 12th, 2020, 7:00PM

Blessings for Pedro and Fely Quiocho ..

Thursday, February 13th, 2020, 9:00AM

For the intentions of Mrs. Elisabeth Langenbach

Friday, February 14th, 2020, 9:00 AM

†Rodolfo Deleon by Victoria Deleon and children..

Saturday, February 15th, 2020, 5:00PM

† Albert Chapleau by Carole Wepruk..

Sunday, February 16th, 2020, 10:30AM

†Yvonne Deligeorges by Betty Luyten-Friedman

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RIP

†Lourdes Quiocho and †Luigi Giordano

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

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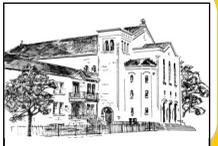
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### February 9, 2020 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday (February 9): "You are the salt of the earth and light of the world"

#### ***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.

Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our mission is to be *light-bearers* of Jesus Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

There is great freedom and joy for those who live in the light of God's truth and goodness. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

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Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff  
Anastasia  
Wargachuk  
*Administration*

Jan 4-5—\$1,096.15  
Jan Flea Market—  
\$2,023.80  
Jan 11-12—\$268.90  
Jan 18-19—\$982.70  
Jan 25-26—\$770.25  
Feb Flea Market—  
\$2,000.00  
Feb 1 & 2—  
\$835.60

**ST WILLIBRORD  
PARISH**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's  
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm  
**(Rector)**

Wednesday:  
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am  
**(Rector)**

Friday: 9:00am  
**(Rector)**

Adoration  
9:30am to 11:30am  
**(Rector)**

Please note the  
Mass, on Tuesday,  
Thursday and Fri-  
day will be held in  
the Rector

**The Power of Intercessory Prayer (part 1 of 2)**

There are many ways to love one's neighbor, but intercessory prayer—praying on behalf of other people—has got to be one of the most powerful.

Prayer is the most potent force known to humanity. Because we have been made partakers in Jesus' victory over sin and death ([1 John 4:4](#)), we have the authority as sons and daughters of God to pray for others, pushing back the darkness of sin and oppression. In prayer, we have a weapon that has divine power to destroy strongholds" ([2 Corinthians 10:4](#)).

That kind of weaponry—the power of prayer—is something God invites us to use as we seek not only personal transformation but the transformation of the world as well. An intercessor is one who takes up a "burden" that goes far beyond his or her own needs and intentions.

And those who take up the call to intercession come to learn in a deeper way that the sufferings of the present time cannot compare to the joy that will come as God's purposes unfold. They learn to trust in the Lord, because they have experienced in prayer how infinitely compassionate God is. Intercessors participate in God's magnificent plan to raise humanity to share in divine life. This insight moves them to engage in a spiritual battle against the forces that seek to destroy God's plans.

The Letter of James tells us that "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" ([James 5:16](#)), and there is no one more righteous than Jesus—the most powerful intercessor whoever walked the earth. Martha, the sister of Lazarus, rightly declared, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you" ([John 11:21-22](#)).

The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that because Jesus' priesthood is eternal, "he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them" ([7:25](#)). Imagine that: right now, Jesus is in heaven interceding for you, even as he intercedes for the entire world. He also invites us all to join in his priestly intercession so that a mighty flood of prayer will ascend to the Father's throne.

So ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray in union with the mind of God. Take to heart St. Paul's words, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes... for the saints according to the will of God" ([Romans 8:26-27](#)). And above all, ask God to give you confidence that he hears your prayers and longs to answer the deep needs of those around you.

<https://christlife.org/blog/the-power-of-intercessory-prayer>

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Anniversary and Birthday Blessings**

Let us include in our intentions prayers for all anniversary and birthday celebrants.  
**Happy Birthday to** Stella D., Jorge Reginales and Virgil Rosal

**Thank you to**

Mike, Maria G., Ann, Edgar, Cora, Ogaga, and all of our volunteers and benefactors who support our parish.

**Collection Envelopes**

For those who are supporting the Parish with collection envelopes, thank you. they are available at the back of the Church

If you wish to receive collection envelopes, please write you request, with your complete address and telephone number and place it in the collection basket.

**DATE(S) TO REMEMBER**

**Sacramental Preparation**: Sunday, February 23, 2020, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door).

**Acolytes Meeting**: Saturday, February 22, 2020, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

**Flea Market**: Saturday, March 7, 2020, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

*Important*

*You are invited to attend the Parishioners Party  
celebrating Saint Valentine's Day February 15, 2020,  
Following the 5PM Mass.*



*If you would like to bring some food to eat/share at the party, please coordinate with the office.*

*Please RSVP. Tickets will be made available. Donation are greatly appreciated.*

Save the date: **Saturday, May 30, 2020**

**Marian Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré.**

We are in the planning stages of a day long pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré with a tour of various attractions in Quebec City and Ste Anne Canyon. Box lunch will be provided, please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.

If you are interested please rsvp by contacting the rectory as places are limited.

**Volunteers needed for Soup Kitchen**

If you have a few hours to offer to assist the needy of the community are would like to have more information about helping to feed them. Please contact the rectory, there are many opportunities and tasks that need to be done. We are looking for volunteers to work during the hours of soup kitchen, Monday, Wednesday or Friday Mornings or preparations for the meals that will be served during the above mentioned days.

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and 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.