

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, December 31st, 2016, 5:00PM
For the Intentions of Fareena Rodriguez

Saturday, December 31st, 2016, 7:00PM
†**Emmett Cavanagh and †Gary Cavanagh..** By Lillian Cavanagh

Sunday, January 1st, 2017, 10:30 AM
Thanksgiving Blessings for Aaron Dabucol By Merly Nunez
Thanksgiving Blessings By Mr & Mrs Dindo Doblado
†**Maximo Jun Castillo , †Rogelio Bonete, †Bobby Bitara**
and †Raymond Rodriguez By The Bolofer Family
†**Death anniversary of Areliou Eguia & Eufemia Eguia** By Mr & Mrs Dindo Doblado
†**Gregorio & Generosa Nunez, Ambrosio & Romana Vega, Necitas Nunez, Macario & Junita Nunez**
By Ruth & Alex Laxina

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017, 7:00PM
Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 4th, 2017, 7:00PM
Anniversary Blessings for Janet & Bernard Burcena..

Thursday, January 5th, 2017, 9:00AM
Thanksgiving Blessings By Merly Nunez

Friday, January 6th, 2017, 9:00AM
†**June Cardinal** By Tom Battcock

Saturday, January 7th, 2017, 5:00PM
†**Mary Leas Jordan** By her boy Jack
†**All the Souls in Purgatory** By Adeline Doyle

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, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning. **God is with you always**

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January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary: the Holy Mother of God

"He was called Jesus"

Meditation: What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people (Genesis 17:10-12). It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

Jesus - the eternal Son of God who was born of a woman to become our Savior

In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name *Jesus* on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name *Jesus* because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to *save his people from their sins* (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the *Christ* (the Greek word for *Messiah* in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or *Theotokos* in Greek which literally means "God bearer."

Jesus - the name above every other name

In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favor), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name *Jesus* signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that *there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved* (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11).

The name *Jesus* is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name?

"Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory." —rc.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.

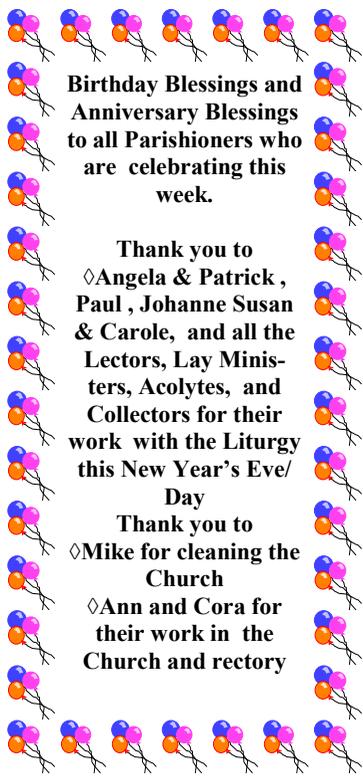
Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

MARRIAGE Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance., as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Dec 3-4, 2016—\$1,553.00
Dec 10-11, 2016 —\$1,135.75
Dec 17-18, 2016 —\$645.40
Dec 24,-25, 2016—\$3,702.15

Mass Schedule
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 9:30am to 11:30am



Birthdays and Anniversary Blessings to all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.

Thank you to
♦Angela & Patrick, Paul, Johanne Susan & Carole, and all the Lectors, Lay Ministers, Acolytes, and Collectors for their work with the Liturgy this New Year's Eve/Day

Thank you to
♦Mike for cleaning the Church

♦Ann and Cora for their work in the Church and rectory

Papal Intentions for the month of January Christian Unity.
That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing

January 1st is the feast day, Mary the Blessed Virgin, who is the patron saint of all humanity

Mary, also known as St. Mary the Virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Mary, Mary Mother of God or the Virgin Mary is believed by many to be the greatest of all Christian saints. The Virgin Mother "was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men."

Mary's life and role in the history of salvation is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, while the events of her life are recorded in the New Testament. Traditionally, she was declared the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Born in Jerusalem, Mary was presented in the Temple and took a vow of virginity. Living in Nazareth, Mary was visited by the archangel Gabriel, who announced to her that she would become the Mother of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit.

She became betrothed to St. Joseph and went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was bearing St. John the Baptist. Acknowledged by Elizabeth as the Mother of God, Mary intoned the Magnificat.

No scriptural reference concerns Mary's last years on earth. According to tradition, she went to Ephesus, where she experienced her "dormition." Another tradition states that she remained in Jerusalem. The belief that Mary's body was assumed into heaven is one of the oldest traditions of the Catholic Church.

This special role of Mary in salvation history is clearly shown in the Gospel where she is seen constantly at her son's side during his soteriological mission. Because of this role, exemplified by her acceptance of Christ into her womb, her offering of him to God at the Temple, her urging him to perform his first miracle, and her standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary Mary was joined fully in the sacrifice by Christ of himself.

Mary possesses a unique relationship with all three Persons of the Trinity, thereby giving her a claim to the title of Queenship. She was chosen by God the Father to be the Mother of his Son; God the Holy Spirit chose her to be his virginal spouse for the Incarnation of the Son; and God the Son chose her to be his mother, the means of incarnating into the world for the purposes of the redemption of humanity.

This Queen is also our Mother. While she is not our Mother in the physical sense, she is called a spiritual mother, for she conceives, gives birth, and nurtures the spiritual lives of grace for each person. As Mediatrix of All Graces, she is ever present at the side of each person, giving nourishment and hope, from the moment of spiritual birth at Baptism to the moment of death.—*catholic.org*

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

What is happening at St Willibrord's Parish
St Willibrord Parish has some wonderful programs and projects that may be of interest to you, as you continue your faith journey: PREX, Faith in the family, Bible Study, Symbolon. There are also opportunities to be an active participant during Mass, such as becoming a lector, acolyte (adult and youth). There are other groups and committees, such as cooking, flea market, annual bazaar, cleaning, decorating, choir, greeter (usher)
If you are interested in any of these programs or committees, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca

• **Important dates to mark on your calendar!**
Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by **Symbolon** at 7:30pm
Flea Market : Saturday, January 7, 2017, 9:00am to 3:00pm
Parish Potluck Party (Celebrating our Parishioners and Volunteers): All are welcome to attend, Saturday, January 7th, following the 5:00PM Mass, in Cameron Hall
PREX (Parish Renewal Experience) January 27th, 28th & 29th, 2017

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
If you are interested in contributing to St Willibrord Parish, you can do so by making donations using the offertory envelopes. By using the envelopes for your contributions, you will be issued a tax receipt.

WARDENS ELECTIONS:
Saint Willibrord's Parish needs warden, if you live in the territory and feel that you would be a suitable candidate and would like to be considered for the position of Warden and would like to have more information. About the position of Wardens and what it entails, please contact the Parish Office.

The next session of Faith in the Family Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation is Jan 8, 2017



Willi's Word
If you are interested in becoming involved with the publication of the next edition of Willi's Word, as a writer or photographer or editor. If you have any ideas for articles or if you have any questions pertaining to your faith, that can be submitted to "Ask father" and the answer will appear in the in the publication.. Please contact the rectory, at 514-769-9678 or by email at stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca