

## 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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**January 10, 2016**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

### **Announced Masses**

*Saturday January 9th*  
**For the People of  
Southeastern Nigeria**  
By E. Franklin

*Sunday January 10th*  
**For the Intentions of  
Altrice Weekes  
For the Intentions of  
Denis Peate  
In Thanksgiving for  
Bernard Fournier and  
Pedro Quiocho**

*Tuesday January 12th*  
**PRO POPULO**

*Wednesday January 13th*  
**For the Intentions of  
Denis Peate**

*Thursday January 14th*  
† **Anatole Lesyk**  
By Maria Salceda

*Friday January 15th*

*Saturday January 16th*

*Sunday January 17th*  
**For the Intentions of  
Denis Peate**

**Meditation:** Do you want to be on fire for God? John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). It is also used of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us.

#### ***Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire***

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

#### ***Heaven will open for those who bow before the Lord***

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." Do you want to see your life transformed? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us through his Spirit and to anoint us for mission as his ambassadors. We are called to be "light" and "salt" to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you. **- 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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

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Terrel Joseph

*Adult Faith Formation*

Julian Paparella

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**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

“You are my Son.” What is the significance of Jesus’ baptism? Why is this feast the conclusion of the Christmas season? Saint Maximus of Turin, bishop, explains:

“Reason demands that this feast of the Lord’s baptism...should follow soon after the Lord’s birthday, during the same season, even though many years intervened between the two events. At Christmas he was born a man; today he is reborn sacramentally. Then he was born from the Virgin; today he is born in mystery. When he was born a man, his mother Mary held him close to her heart; when he is born in mystery, God the Father embraces him with his voice when he says: *This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: listen to him.* The mother caresses the tender baby on her lap; the Father serves his Son by his loving testimony. The mother holds the child for the Magi to adore; the Father reveals that his Son is to be worshiped by all the nations.”

Thank you to Vera Pinto for her effort in contacting the following donors for our Christmas Baskets  
BOARDWALK  
Miss Phyllis Screpnechuk  
Dr. Lyne Guilbault  
Jacqueline Dumont  
THANK YOU

**PREX VI—February 12th, 13th, and 20th**

We are very excited to announce our next edition of the Parish Renewal Experience! Please join us:  
Friday, February 12th from 6:30-9:30pm  
Saturday, February 13th from 9am-8pm  
Saturday, February 20th from 9am-3pm  
*Together we deepen our faith and grow as a family!*



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist for their tremendous work cleaning our church

Thank you to Mike for all his work clearing snow and serving our parish!

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

Thank you to Carole Wepruk and Anastasia Wargachuk for all their help in the Office!

Thank you to our ALPHA leaders and catechists!

**Thank you!**

**ALPHA and Faith in the Family resumed Today!**



This morning we relaunched our ALPHA and Faith in the Family Programs for the new year 2016! Our next session is Sunday, January 17th! We begin with breakfast at 9am followed by catechesis for children and faith enrichment for adults at 9:30! *ALPHA is the perfect place to ask questions about life, and faith in a free and open atmosphere!*

**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.  
Thank you for all of your Mass offerings!

**Spirituality News**

Join us for our next **First Friday Mass and Spirituality Talk** on Friday, February 5th at 7pm!  
**Living Faith** prayer books for January to March are now available in the Parish Office or at the back of the Church for only \$2.00!