

MASS TIMES

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

10:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday

7:00pm

(Devotions)

Wednesday 6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

9:00am

(Adoration)

Friday 9:30am-11:30am

Announced Masses

Sunday Jan. 12

† **Leona Panganiban**

By The Family

Tuesday Jan. 14

Pro Populo

Saturday Jan. 18

† **Kishore Narwani**

By Marie LaFleche

Sunday Jan. 19

† **Leona Panganiban**

By The Family

Looking For....

**Alumni of
St. Willibrord's.**

Please contact the office should you have the Name, address, or phone number for any former parishioners, supports, or friends of the parish.

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January 12, 2014 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism of the Lord

It's a big day! After thirty hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus, the Messiah, is on the move, going public with his mission to heal and save. As John baptizes him in the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as Savior, "Beloved Son". Today the heavens open, the Father speaks, the Spirit descends—the whole Trinity is revealed. No wonder artists who have painted this scene tend to fill it with rays of light, glowing doves, and clouds of angels!

There's something else going on here, though, that is harder to paint. That's because it has to do with **humility**. Consider John: here's a man with a clear understanding of his mission; a herald preparing the way for someone "*mightier*", the best man and not the bridegroom. Then suddenly, the Messiah shows up, and John is taken aback.

"This can't be what God wants! I'm not worthy." Matthew 3:14).

Yet even in his confusion, John is humble enough to grasp that God's plan may be different from what he thinks. At a word from Jesus, he accepts a role he never sought. And who can fathom the depths of Jesus' **humility**? Out of love, the sinless One joins with us sinners, to show that he is truly "God with us". For the rest of his days on earth, he will continue to be one like us.

Last year, Pope Francis told a group of priests that shepherds should have "the smell of their sheep." Jesus, mingling with the lost and needy sheep at the Jordan, shows us what that means. So never forget that whatever your "odor," Jesus is not put off.

He is, and always will be, God with you.

"Who am I, Lord, that you would offer me so much? Jesus, teach me to be like you!"

Many thanks to **The Word Among Us**

As a "beloved" Son, Jesus in today's Gospel shows his obedience to the Father by fulfilling what was required of him. Through Jesus, who dwells in you, do you see yourself as a beloved son of your Father in heaven? Why or why not? What is God asking of you as a "beloved son"?

Collections January 4-5 \$1,230.00

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM INFORMATION

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 Faith to be eligible.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Sanctuary
lamp is being lit
for

**Leona
Panganiban**

**Mother to the
Redrino Sisters**

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11—Flea Market—Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and to those who made purchases.

January 11—Zumba and Line Dancing Event! Thanks to all those who organized this event and we hoped that everyone had a good time!

January 22—Art Classes—Winter Session Begins! The goal is getting to know the basics of drawing and painting, through practical exercises with a creative expression. The course is based on various plastic mediums of expression: charcoal, graphite, pastel, sanguine, acrylic and ink, applying the principles and techniques to compose a pictorial work by the game of the lines; geometric figures, volume, light and shade, composition. \$25 for registration and \$10/class. Call the office to reserve your space



January 12 Feast Day of Marguerite Bourgeoys, “Mother of the Colony.”

“God closes a door and then opens a window,” people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else’s. That was certainly true in Marguerite’s case. Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her. In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada invited her to come and start a school in Ville-Marie. She soon realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667 they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France, three years later, resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in seventeenth-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God’s providence. In his homily at her canonization, (as the first female saint of Canada) in 1982, Pope John Paul II said, “...in particular, she [Marguerite] contributed to building up that new country [Canada], realizing the determining role of women, and she diligently strove toward their formation in a deeply Christian spirit.” He noted that she watched over her students with affection and confidence “in order to prepare them to become wives and worthy mothers, Christians, cultured, hardworking, radiant mothers.”

The CND sisters opened an English language school in Verdun in 1919 at the request of the first pastor of St. Willibrord Church – Father P. MacDonald. The stained glass window which forms the center of her shrine was part of the original structure of the church. In 1953 Canon Jasper Stanford donated it to the Motherhouse of the Congregation of Notre Dame. When the Motherhouse was sold in 1983, it was returned to St. Willibrord Parish so the window could be the nucleus of our shrine.