

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, January 14th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Danny Neeson** by the Neeson Family

Sunday, January 15th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**Yvette Marchand** By her children

Birthdays Blessings for Bernice Burcena and

Get well wishes for Emilia Bulseco By Burcena Family

Thanksgiving Mass By Jean and Bernard Fournier

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, January 18th, 2017, 7:00PM

†**Bill Gilchrist** By Carole Wepruk

Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 9:00AM

Special Intentions of St Willibrord Parishoner

Friday, January 20th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Richard Charbonneau** By Monalisa Catargena

†**Marjorie Lopez** and †**Tiffany Lopez** By Marcella Ellasos & John Lopez

Saturday, January 21st, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Michael Doyle** 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 15, 2017

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Behold the Lamb of God!"

Meditation: John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

John points to Jesus' saving mission - to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins

It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

The Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus truly is - the Son of God and Savior of the world

When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things."

Daily Quote from the early church fathers: *John points to Jesus' saving mission*, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD)

"No longer does John need to 'prepare the way,' since the one for whom the preparation was being made is right there before his eyes... But now he who of old was dimly pictured, the very Lamb, the spotless Sacrifice, is led to the slaughter for all, that he might drive away the sin of the world, that he might overturn the destroyer of the earth, that dying for all he might annihilate death, that he might undo the curse that is upon us... For one Lamb died for all (2 Corinthians 5:14), saving the whole flock on earth to God the Father, one for all, that he might subject all to God." (excerpt from the *COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2.1*) —www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

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 31, 2016-Jan 1, 2017
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Flea Market, Jan 7, 2017—
\$1,384.00
Jan 7-8, 2017—\$966.45

Mass Schedule
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
9:30am to 11:30am

Birthday Blessings to Angelito Quioco to all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.

Thank you to
♦Mike, Ann, Judith, Beng, Jackie and Salinggawi for their work in the rectory and the Church
♦all who contribute generously to the collection/offertory

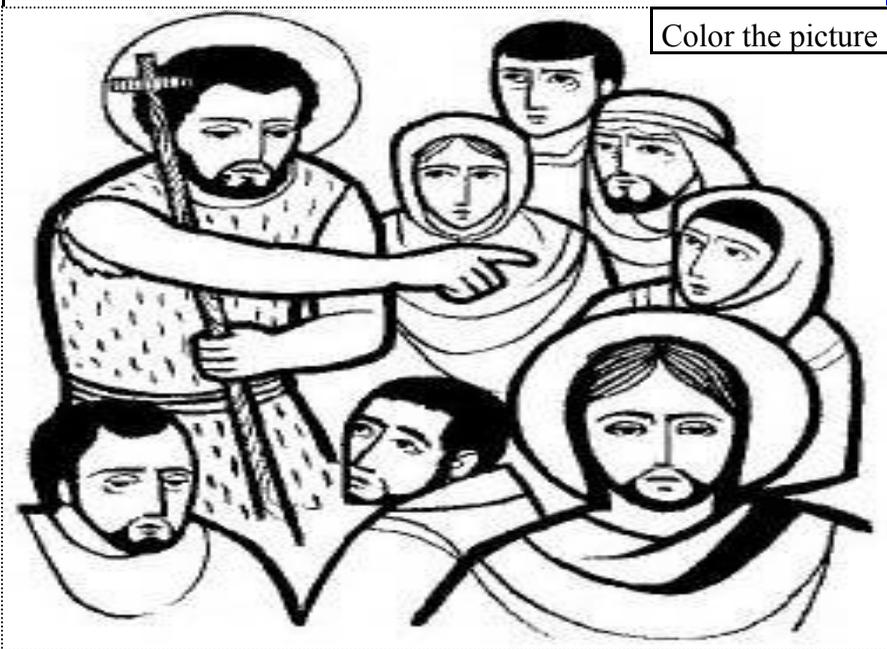
Lost & Found: A ring was turned into the office. If you have lost your ring, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678

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 humanity.

The significance of Ordinary Time
Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.—*uscgb.org*

John the Baptist's Testimony to Jesus
29The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God,* who takes away the sin of the world.¹ 30* He is the one of whom I said,^u 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me'". *John 1: 29-30*



ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Resurrection Angel Candidates
The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. This bond/relationship between mother and son forms the bases of the belief of *Salubong* which is that the first person Jesus did visit upon his resurrection was the Blessed Mother.
The following candidates will be raising money for St Willibrord Parish by canvassing for sponsors and the child who raises the most money will have the honor of lifting the veil of sorrows from Mary when Jesus first appears to her, **Jazlyn Rose Kawaling, Joe Anthony Luis Carrillo, Spencer William Fabia Poquiz, Jolina Sheloh Reginales, Jessica Jane Quioco, Glyness Joy Tecson, Rex Alexander Ansagay, Vincent Fournier, Auraya Altares Low and Fredrick Kay Mananasala.**
This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honor for the child to be the angel who lifts the

Papal Blessings
As it has become our annual tradition, St Willibrord's Parish has awarded a few of our many dedicated volunteers and parishioners with a Papal Blessing as a sign of appreciation for their dedication, hard work and devotion to the parish. This years recipients are **Altrice Weekes, Maria Garcia, Susan Charlebois, Beverly Fender, Bernadette Roach, Peter and Micheline Nols, Jonas & Beng Bolofer, Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist.** These individuals are just a few of the wonderful people who exhibit the qualities of a good disciple...generousness, willingness to help, hardworking, attends faith formation, attends and participates at the Eucharist.

• **Important dates to mark on your calendar!**
Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by **Symbolon** at 7:30pm
Flea Market : Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:00am to 3:00pm
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.

Update the Parishioners list, Please confirm the correct spelling if your name and contact information by completing the small form and placing it in the collection basket
If you know of any former parishioners who would like to receive the bulletins, updates or to be contacted by the parish, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678

The next session of Faith in the Family Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation will be on Jan 22, 2017, at 9:00AM, in the basement of the Church.

