

# 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 21st, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Michael Doyle** By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, January 22nd, 2017, 10:30 AM

**Blessing for the St Willibrord Community**

**Birthday Blessings for Bernard Burcena** By The Burcena Family

**Birthday Blessings for Angelito Quiocho** By Melina Pasal

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

Tuesday, January 24th, 2017, 7:00PM

**Pro Populo**

Wednesday, January 25th, 2017, 7:00PM

**Thanksgiving Blessings** for Mr & Mrs Alex Laxina

Thursday, January 26th, 2017, 9:00AM

**Birthday Blessings, For Eiriana Caroline Gambalan** By her family

Friday, January 27th, 2017, 9:00AM

**For the Intentions of Fareena Rodriguez..**

Saturday, January 28th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**John Carley** 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, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating.

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**January 22, 2017**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**From darkness and death to light and life**

**Meditation:** Do you know the joy and freedom of the *good news* (Gospel) of the kingdom of God? John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the good news of God's kingdom of salvation cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee. Galilee was at the crossroads of the world and much traffic passed through this little region. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulun when the Israelites first came into the land (see Joshua 9). For a long time it had been under Gentile occupation (non-Jewish nations).

**Jesus brings the light and truth of salvation to the world**

The prophet Isaiah foretold that *the good news of salvation* would reach Jews and Gentiles in the "land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations" (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus begins the proclamation of the Gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus who brings the light and truth of the Gospel to the world.

**The "good news" brings peace, hope, truth, promise, immortality, and salvation**

Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls his hearers to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the *good news* which Jesus brings? It is the good news of *peace* - the Lord comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God. The good news of *hope* - the Lord comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom. The good news of *truth* - the Lord Jesus sets us free from the lies and deception of Satan and opens our mind to understand the truth and revelation of God's word (John 8:32). The good news of *promise* - Jesus fulfills the promise of God to reward those who seek him with the treasure of heaven. The good news of *immortality* - Jesus overcomes sin and death for us in order to raise our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body which will never die again. And the good news of *salvation* - the Lord Jesus delivers us from every fear, every sin, and every obstacle that would keep us from entering his everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

The Gospel is the power and the wisdom of God - both power to change and transform our lives and wisdom to show us how to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust and obedience.

**The Gospel demands a response of faith and obedience to God's gift of salvation**

In announcing the good news, Jesus makes two demands: *repent and believe!* Repentance requires a change of course - a turning away from sin and disobedience and a turning towards the Lord with faith and submission to his word of truth and righteousness (right living according to God's truth and moral goodness). The Holy Spirit gives us a repentant heart, a true sorrow and hatred for sin and its bad consequences (*the wages of sin is death* - Romans 6:23), and a firm resolution to avoid whatever would lead us into sin. The Holy Spirit gives us grace to see our sin for what it is - rebellion and a rejection of the love of God. God's grace helps us to turn away from all that would keep us from his love. —copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://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

## What does it mean to be 'fishers of men'?

The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, the habitat and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after. After we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do we relate that to being fishers of men?

God asks us to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18–20). Just as we need equipment to be fishermen, we need equipment to be fishers of men. Putting on the armor of God is one way to be ready at all times with everything we need (Ephesians 6:10–18). Especially important are the shield of faith with which we ward off the opposition from demonic forces who don't want to see men saved by the gospel of Christ (v. 16) and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (v. 17). Without these two pieces of spiritual equipment, we will find fishing for men's souls impossible.

Not only must we have the armor of God as our equipment, but we must also know the fish we are trying to attract. Knowing the lost condition of the people around us will help us to understand that, no matter how good we are at fishing, we will never "catch" the fish on our own. No reasoned argument will convert the soul of a darkened mind, because "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4). But God can and frequently does penetrate the darkness with the glorious gospel, and He uses us to do it. He knows which "fish" are His; therefore, we are to seek His wisdom and His guidance on all our fishing expeditions. Prayer is essential.

Lastly we must offer the only effective bait—the gospel of Jesus Christ. To those who are perishing, the message of the cross is foolishness, but to us, it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18). The gospel message has the power to change lives, shine light into darkness, and deliver evil men from hell. There is power in no other message and no other "bait" can catch the fish of God. "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile" (Romans 1:16). This was Jesus' message to Peter and Andrew—follow Me, learn of Me, know and understand My mission and My message. Only then will you be able to be fishers of men. <https://www.gotquestions.org/fishers-of-men.html>

### Come Follow Me

Color the picture



And I Will Make You  
Fishers Of Men

## 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 which is 2\$ per ticket 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 Quiocho, 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 veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

### Salubong Souvenir Book

To commemorate this event, a Salubong souvenir booklet will be made available. This Souvenir booklet is a way in which we can fundraise and show our delight in the gifts and blessings that we have received, our family, our friends, our work, the committees and organizations for which we work...

If you would like to announce or advertise your company (work) or your achievements, please complete the advertisement form and present it to the rectory by the March 5, 2017. Pictures can, also, be submitted by email or brought in on a USB drive.

There will be a Special Donors Acknowledgement page for those who contribute \$10 or more  
Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.

### Important dates to mark on your calendar!

**Every Thursday: Bible Study** at 6:30pm followed by **Catholicism** at 7:30pm

**PREX (Parish Renewal Experience) January 27th, 28th & 29th, 2017**

**Flea Market: Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**St Valentine's Dinner/Dance: Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 6:00PM, in Cameron Hall.**

**The suggested donation is 15\$ per ticket**

**RIP: Blanche Pressner**, mother of Brian Pressner, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, Jan 20, 2017. Visitation will be at Yves Legare, (5784 Verdun Street, Verdun (Quebec), Wednesday, Jan 25, and Thursday, Jan 26, from 2pm to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm The Funeral will be held, on Friday, Jan 27, at Holy Trinity Church (1670 du Centre St. Pointe St Charles).

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.



**Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation will be on Jan 22, 2017, at 9:00AM, in the basement of the Church. The next session will be on February 5, 2017.**

### Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

### Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk

Administration

Dec 31, 2016-Jan 1, 2017 \$2,041.10

Flea Market, Jan 7, 2017—\$1,384.00

Jan 7-8, 2017—\$966.45

Jan 14-15, 2017—\$952.85

### 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/Anniversary Blessings to

Bernadette, Christina, Tony D, Marilyn, Bernard, and Jessica  
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.

### Thank you to

♦Mike, Ann, Judith, Jorge who work for the rectory and the Church

♦Kyla and Lise for Children's Catechesis

Thanks! To the person who has been making generous donations, thank you and God Bless you for your kindness.

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