

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 25th, 2020. 5:00PM

†Juana Bravo by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan and Family

Sunday, January 26th, 2020, 10:30AM

†Myrna Bolofer Go

†Teresita (Tess) Abalos By Janis Carlin

Jessica Jane Quiocho by Melina Pasal and family

Birthday Blessings for Bernard Burcena and Bernice Burcena by the family

Tuesday, January 28th, 2020, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 29th, 2020, 7:00PM

†Diane Chesnel Cox by her husband

Thursday, January 30th, 2020, 9:00AM

For the intentions of Mrs. Elisabeth Langenbach

Friday, January 31st, 2020, 9:00 AM

†Kianga Lim by the Lim family..

Saturday, February 1st, 2020. 5:00PM

†David Briffett by Adeline Doyle ..

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020, 10:30AM

†Benedicta Chan by Angela Choi, Patrick Lau and family

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings Let us include in our intentions prayers for all anniversary and birthday celebrants.

Happy Birthday to Jessica Quiocho, Bernard Burcena

Thank you to Mike, Maria G., Ann, Ruth, Beng, Jackie, Alfie, Cora, Ogaga, all of our volunteers and benefactors who support our parish.

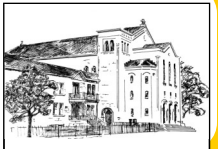
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January 26, 2020 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(January 26): **From darkness and death to light and life**

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.

We believe, hope, and love Him because He loved us first and drew us to Himself

Faith or belief is an entirely free gift which God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the *eyes* of the mind and makes it possible for us to accept and to grow in our understanding of the truth. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we can know God personally and the truth he reveals to us through his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. To believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior is to accept God's revelation of his Son as the eternal Word of God and the Redeemer who delivers us from the tyranny of sin, Satan, and death. Out of his great love for us God the Father made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to atone for our sins and to bring us back to himself.

Do you want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew in you the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Lord Jesus and his will for your life—(c) 2020 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](http://www.donchwager.com)

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Sacramental Preparation: Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door)

Acolytes Meeting: Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

Flea Market: Saturday, February 1, 2020, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Our prayers go out to the people effected by the Taal Volcano, in The Philippines, as they face this natural disaster and deal with its effects that they be strengthened in faith and courage.

Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. ... Surround them with our prayer for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.

Save the date: **Saturday, May 30, 2020**

Marian Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré,

We are in the planning stages of a day long pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré with a tour of various attractions in Quebec City and Ste Anne Canyon. Box lunch will be provided, please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.

If you are interested please rsvp by contacting the rectory as places are limited.

Next Weekend-February 1st and 2nd, 2020

Blessing of Throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and 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

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Dec 28-29—
\$511.70

Dec 31-Jan 1—
\$692.80

Jan 4-5—\$1,096.15

Jan Flea Market—
\$2,023.80

Jan 11-12—\$268.90

Jan 18-19—\$982.70

**ST WILLIBRORD
PARISH**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

(Rectory)

Wednesday:
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am

(Rectory)

Friday: 9:00am

(Rectory)

Adoration

9:30am to 11:30am

(Rectory)

**Please note the
Mass, on Tuesday,
Thursday and Fri-
day will be held in
the Rectory**