

# Mass Intentions

## A Reflection about Mass Intentions

Giving a “Mass Card” to the family of someone who has died is a traditional, practical, and consoling custom among Catholic people. Arranging to have a Mass offered for the repose of someone’s soul respects the mystery of death and pays attention to the truth that we will all be judged by God, mercifully but justly, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do.

When we die, life is changed, not ended. Do you think that everyone is ready for immediate welcome into the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps some are, perhaps very few. Upon his death, who had more prayers and Masses offered for him than Pope John Paul II? We all have need for divine mercy, and we can benefit from the prayers of our friends. When we die, we will be fortunate and blessed if we have a Mass of Christian Burial and if we have people pray for us at other Masses in the months and years to come

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Saturday, January 26th, 2019, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving Blessings offered by Fely and Pedro Quiocho..

Sunday, January 27th, 2019, 10:30AM

†Conchita De La Cruz, †Precy Zuniga, †Gail Austin,  
and † James Austin by Maria Garcia..

†Rowena Pilarte by Merly Nunez and Family

†Teresita Edralin by Amalia Edralin

†Pablo Gutierrez by Amalia Edralin

Tuesday, January 29th, 2019, 10:30AM

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Wednesday, January 30th, 2019, 7:00PM

Blessings for Janet Bulseco by the Burcena Family..

Thursday, January 31st, 2019, 9:00AM

Healing Mass for Mila Bax by Maria Salceda..

Friday, February 1st, 2019, 9:00AM

†The Molloy and Gibbons Families by Lorraine Molloy..

Saturday, February 2nd, 2019, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving Mass offered by Merly Nunez and family..

Sunday, February 3rd, 2019, 10:30AM

Birthday Blessings for Jessica Quiocho by the Melina Pasal and family

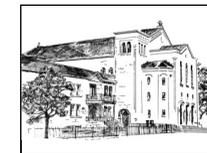
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## **January 27, 2019 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Reflection

The ancient apostolic creed we Christians recite each Sunday boldly professes: “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Life-Giver.” I wonder how many of us grasp the profound implications of this statement, implications both for Jesus and for ourselves. Today’s readings invite us to celebrate the life-giving role of the Spirit in Jesus’ life, in the Corinthian community and in our own lives!

The Spirit had profound implications for Jesus. Listen to Jesus’ first public proclamation after his forty days in the desert: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” Recall that Jesus had lived unobtrusively for thirty years in Nazareth and been known locally merely as the carpenter’s son. Then Jesus left Nazareth abruptly to be baptized by John the Baptist. During prayer after the baptism Luke tells us that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove and he heard the voice from heaven, “You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.”

Perplexed, Jesus was led by the Spirit to the desert for forty days and then back home to Nazareth where he made the startling announcement to his local synagogue, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” Jesus understood that God had chosen him -- as God had chosen previous prophets -- to speak on behalf of God to the people of Israel.

Obediently Jesus left Nazareth and began his public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus forthrightly acknowledged that God had called him and that he was responding to God’s call: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.”

And receiving the Spirit had profound implications for the Corinthians. Paul instructs the Corinthians that something momentous had happened to them through their reception of the Spirit in baptism: “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.”

Paul reminds the Corinthians that reception of the Spirit had concrete implications for their lives. Just as the Spirit called Jesus to new ministry, so now the Spirit was calling them. Some would be called to proclaim the Good News beyond their local communities. All would be called to serve local communities in various roles. But all calls all came from the same source, the Spirit.

And the Spirit they received is the same Spirit Jesus received. The Corinthians are now so intimately united with Jesus through the Spirit that now they are the “Body of Christ” and are now called to proclaim Christ to their world as Christ’s ambassadors.

Today in 2016 we are the Body of Christ for in one Spirit we were all baptized! Our readings prompt a basic question: How is the Spirit calling us to serve our communities and our world? Have we responded to our vocations of being Christ’s ambassadors proclaiming and witnessing to Christ both within our local communities as well as beyond them?

Perhaps a brief note on the first reading is appropriate. The Old Testament reading from the Book of Nehemiah reminds us of the great gift God gave Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai – the gift of the Law, the Torah. Exiled in Babylon for some sixty years many of the community lapsed in observance of this Law. Now having returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, both the high priest Ezra and governor Nehemiah proclaimed and recommitted the Israel to renewed fidelity to the covenant. All were weeping with joy.

But how much more can we Christians be joyful for the law of the Spirit given us through faith and baptism, the law now written not on scrolls but on our hearts! The responsorial psalm catches our joy: “Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life.” —<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Archive/2016/012416.html>

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**Holy Days of Obligation**

The Canadian **Conference** of Catholic Bishops has decreed that the Holy Days of obligation to be observed in Canada are: all Sundays of the year, **Christmas Day** and the **Feast of Mary, Mother of God**.

**Collection Envelopes for 2019**

Collection Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you are interested in receiving envelopes, please contact the rectory, or place your name, address and telephone number in the collection basket.

**Zumba**

The next Zumba class will be on February 3, 2019, from 1:30PM to 2:30PM, we will be gathering downstairs to exercise.

**DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE**

**Thursday Bible Study:**

Will be held on Thursday, at 6:30PM, in Rectory

**Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:**

will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

**Choir Practice**

will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

**Acolytes:**

Meeting will be held in the rectory, on January 26, 2019, at 9:00AM.

**Faith in the family:**

The next faith in the family will be on January 27, 2019, at 9:00AM, in Cameron Hall

**DATE(S) TO REMEMBER**

**Flea Market:**

Saturday, February 2, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Mass in Cameron Hall**

Saturday, February 9, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

**Cultural and Culinary Celebration**

February 16, 2019 —Flavors and Scents of St. John Brebeuf Parish, 7777 George St, Lasalle, QC H8P 1C8 Join us in the hall after the 4:30PM mass for a cultural and culinary celebration. We are aiming for the following countries: Africa, El Salvador , India, Italy & Poland. There are limited spots so please call Dawn at 514-366-0131 ext 223 as it will be first come, first serve.

**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.

**Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?**

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

**Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?**

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

**When Is Ordinary Time?**

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent. The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

**Why Is There No First Sunday in Ordinary Time?**

In most years, the Sunday after January 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In countries such as the United States, however, where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday if that Sunday is January 7 or 8, Epiphany is celebrated instead. As feasts of our Lord, both the Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Thus the first Sunday in the period of Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

**Why Is There No Ordinary Time in the Traditional Calendar?**

Ordinary Time is a feature of the current (post-Vatican II) liturgical calendar. In the traditional Catholic calendar used before 1970 and still used in the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, as well as in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Sundays of Ordinary Time are referred to as the Sundays After Epiphany and the Sundays After Pentecost.

**How Many Sundays Are There in Ordinary Time?**

In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.—<https://www.thoughtco.com/ordinary-time-in-the-catholic-church-542442>

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration

January Flea Market—  
\$2,193.00

Jan 5-6, 2019—\$1,106.85

Jan 12-13, 2019—\$722.40

Jan 19-20, 2019—\$360.00

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  
(Rectory)

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

9:30am to 11:30am

(Rectory)

**Please note the Mass, on  
Tuesday, Thursday and  
Friday will be held  
in the Rectory**

**Anniversary and  
Birthday Blessings to**

◇All who are celebrating  
this week.

Happy birthday

Jessica Quiocho, Arthur  
Gilchrist Jr., Denis Peate,  
Constance Lau  
and Juliana Nool

Wedding blessings for  
Marilou and Nonong  
Comodero and for Beng and  
Jonas Bolofer

**Thank you to**

◇Mike, Ruth, Merly, and all  
the volunteers who work at  
the Church,