

## MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

## St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

351 Willibrord Ave., Verdun, Qc. H4G 2T7

Tel: 514-769-9678 Fax: 514-761-1717

Email: [stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca](mailto:stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca)

Website: [www.stwillibrordparish.org](http://www.stwillibrordparish.org)



**January 3, 2016**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

### **Announced Masses**

*Saturday January 2nd*

*Sunday January 3rd*

For the Intentions of  
Altrice Weekes  
Healing Mass for Jane  
Roach  
By the Roach Family

*Tuesday January 5th*  
PRO POPULO

*Wednesday January 6th*  
Thanksgiving—Garlando  
Apan & Family

*Thursday January 7th*  
Thanksgiving  
By Evelyn Maramag

*Friday January 8th*  
Thanksgiving  
By Silver Davantes and  
Family

*Saturday January 9th*

*Sunday January 10th*  
For the Intentions of  
Altrice Weekes

**Meditation:** If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

John Chrysostom (347-407), in his homily on this passage from Matthew 2, explains the significance of the star of Bethlehem: "Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger." [*The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3*]

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king. To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?  
**- rc.net**

**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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)

*Administration*

Terrel Joseph

*Adult Faith Formation*

Julian Paparella

*Administration and PCL*



EPIPHANY

Today's celebration of the Epiphany draws our attention to three wise kings who set aside their prestige to bow before a humble Child, laid in a manger. Let us ask ourselves: How do we follow the light of Christ in our own lives? How do we set aside our pride to bow down before our humble Lord?

PAPAL BLESSINGS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Congratulations to our 2015 Papal Blessing Recipients:

*Teresita Allonar*

*Guy Bougie*

*Lillian Cavanagh*

*Tony DiLallo*

*Adeline Doyle*

*Tim Kerwin*

*Catherine Luyten-Friedman*

*Angela Choi and Patrick Lau*

Thank you for all you do to build up Saint Willibrord's Parish!

Thank you to Vera Pinto for her effort in contacting the following donors to our Christmas Baskets

BOARDWALK

Miss Phyllis Screpnechuk

Dr. Lyne Guilbault

Jacqueline Dumont

THANK YOU

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Angele Lafleche and all her volunteers for their hard work preparing and distributing our Christmas Baskets!!!

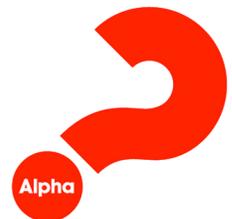
Thank you to Mike for cleaning the Hall and shoveling the snow!

Thank you to Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist, Angela Choi and Patrick Lau, and Carole Wepruk for cleaning and preparing our church for Christmas!!!

Happy Birthday to Susan Charlebois who just had a birthday and Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating in January  
Blessings Always!

ALPHA and Faith in the Family resume next Sunday!

Join us next Sunday, January 10th as we relaunch our ALPHA and Faith in the Family Programs for the new year 2016! All are welcome! We begin with breakfast at 9am followed by catechesis for children and faith enrichment for adults at 9:30! *ALPHA is the perfect place to ask questions about life, God, and faith in a free and open atmosphere!*



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES—THANK YOU!!!

Thank you very much to all those who attended our *Christmas and New Year's Masses!* Special thanks to all of our liturgical ministers, sponsors, and those who offered intentions!

OFFICE REOPENS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th

To celebrate Christmas and the New Year the Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 25th until Tuesday, January 5th. Mass will continue.

Congratulations to our Raffle Prize Winners!

Thank you to all those who bought tickets! This year's winners are:

*First prize of \$1,000.00—Marilyn Scott*

*Second Prize of \$500.00—Sison Cello*

*Third Prize of \$250.00—Bibiana Uscanga*