

## MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(inc. Children's Liturgy )

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotions) - Wednesday

6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

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January 4, 2015

**Epiphany**

### Announced Masses

Saturday January 3

† Deceased Members of the

**Briffett Family**

By Dave Briffett

† **Marjorie Gander**

By Fely Gander

Sunday January 4

† **Margaret Luyten**

By Betty Luyten Friedman

Tuesday

**Mass Pro Populo**

Wednesday January 7

**Nabuenos of Montreal**

Thursday January 8

† **Hugo**

By Celestino Nunez & Family

Friday January 9

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Mr. & Mrs. Alex Laxina

Saturday January 10

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Tanganan

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Sunday, January 11

**Thanksgiving**

By Cora Garlando

### Gospel Reflection on Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. *"Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace"* (Thomas Aquinas). 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? ~www.rc.net

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM INFORMATION 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 Faith to be eligible.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor

**Fr. Gregory Nunez**

Board of Wardens

Joseph Brisindi  
Angèle LaFlèche  
Paul Moreau  
Marcellina Daniel  
Emilia Gohing  
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling  
*Administration*  
Terrel Joseph  
*Youth Ministry*  
Julian Paparella  
*Youth Ministry*

Coordinators

Tess Allonar -  
*Daytime Soup Kitchen*  
Mary Anne Levasseur -  
*Evening Soup Kitchen*  
Angele LaFleche -  
*Christmas Baskets*  
Dan Ormsby  
*Flea Market*

**Let us pray for the immediate recovery of:**

Dale Parsons,  
Dan Boyer,  
Mary Paul  
and Joe Brisindi

Prayers for the Sick

A book will be available at the back of the church for names of those who need prayer.

Please note that the names will remain on the list for one month.

Should prayers continue to needed please make sure to renew their names after one month.

Pastoral Home Care Formation

Please join us on *January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm* Cameron Hall with Cathie Macaulay.

She will be speaking to us about taking care of the elderly and the sick at home.

Bible Study

We will start our Bible Study on *January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Evening* with Dr. Nathan Gibbard as our facilitator. This is an opportunity for all our parishioners to engage with the Bible so they can be more active in their faith. Please bring your own Bible. Everyone is invited.

New Warden's

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our newest Warden's :

**Marcellina, (Celly), Daniel & Emilia Gohing**

who have come forward to serve the parish. We are excited about the upcoming year and thank you for your commitment to the parish.

Thank you!

This Christmas Season the Parish is so blessed with volunteers who helped make this joyous season so merry and bright. We would like to thank all those who participated, planned and organized in the Special Masses and in our last Parish Christmas Party as well as those who helped to cook, clean, decorate and restored our Hall. We are honoured to have you be apart of our Parish Family.

Thank you!

**Jorge Reginales, Alex Laxina**

and the members of the **Nabua Association of Montreal** who volunteered in repairing the rectory.

Thank you!

To **Tess Allonar and all our Soup Kitchen volunteers**, who brought a warm meal and smile to over 95 people at our Christmas lunch.

Thank you!

To **Joe Brisindi, Adeline Doyle and Beverly Fender** who continue to help serve in the office. All your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

**Dan Ormsby and all the flea market volunteers**, you have helped to make this the best year ever! The Flea Markets sales are wonderful for the parish to connect with the community and the help fund the many ongoing projects.

Thank You!

This year there have been many members of the community who have volunteered their time to make this Parish an enjoyable place to be. During our many activities and events throughout the year, the volunteers have helped to bring an exciting and inviting atmosphere. We would like to thank all those who have given their support. We are blessed to have you be involved in the Parish. **Happy Epiphany!**