

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4th 2020. 5:00PM

†Mary Lea Jordan by her boy Jack

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Aaron Daducol by Merly Nunez and Family

Sunday, January 5th, 2020, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving blessings for Ryan Tangonan
by Victoria Davantes and family..

Thanksgiving prayers in Honor of the Holy Family by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan and Family

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Aaron Daducol by Merly Nunez and Family

†Myrna Bolofer Go by Jonas Bolofer and family

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

Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 8th, 2020, 7:00PM

†Andrée Agia by Susan Charlebois and family

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

For the intentions of Mrs. Elisabeth Langenbach

Friday, January 10, 2020, 9:00 AM

†Danilo Cornelio by Shiela Cornelio..

Saturday, January 11th, 2020. 5:00PM

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, January 12th, 2020, 10:30AM

†All Souls in Purgatory by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan and Family

†the deceased member of the Carlin Family

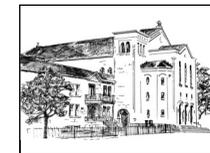
Anniversary and Birthday Blessings Let us include in our intentions prayers for all anniversary and birthday celebrants.

Happy Birthday to Marilyn Mendoza, Aaron Dabucol, Gilles Charlebois, Rex Alexander, Angela Choi, and Dylan

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

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January 5, 2020 — Feast of Epiphany

Feast of the Epiphany expresses God's tenderness and affection

The tenderness of God

The word epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." As such, the obvious question becomes: What exactly is being manifested? The most precise answer is the Christ - the Anointed One of God - and the promises of the living God - originally made to his people Israel - but now open to all peoples. By application, this God who seeks to save his children from sin and darkness, also manifests his tenderness. Unlike the mythical gods who seek to hurt or harm humanity, or who use the human family as toys, the living God reveals a depth of merciful love and kindness that was unknown to the Gentile nations.

God accomplishes this manifestation to all people through a simple star and through foreigners. He goes to the corners of the world and beckons all men and women, of every race and tongue, to himself, to his own compassionate heart and virtuous way of life. As the Lord Jesus would later preach in his public ministry, so his manifestation declares: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Faith as a Journey

The Magi were willing to travel and go beyond their comfort zone. We can only imagine what they must have faced in their two-year journey, and yet they were tenacious. They didn't give up. They saw everything as a lesson and as a part of their search for the Newborn King.

In this way, the Magi model the journey of faith for us. The life that seeks to live by faith will see, suffer, and experience many things, but the sorrows can be just as beneficial as the joys, if we hold on to our faith. In this way, every part of the journey - good or bad - becomes one piece of a beautiful mosaic blessed by God.

The Surprises of Discipleship

The Magi must have been besides themselves and elated with joy when they found the Newborn King with his mother in an ordinary house. The wonders they must have contemplated. The mystery, the surprise, and the question: What marvels will the living God accomplish by so great a King covered in so simple a way of life? The Scriptures tell us that the Magi went home by a separate way. This isn't mere geography. The surprises of God changed them and made them different people.

In our own discipleship, as we travel by faith, we will also be caught off guard by the surprises of God. We too will be filled with wonder and questions. And, we too, will be led and invited to follow a different path.

These are the strong lessons of Pope Francis and of our tradition. They find a harmonious expression in the Epiphany event. And so, as we celebrate this manifestation of God to the nations of the world, will we feel the tenderness of God, journey by faith, and will we celebrate the overflowing surprises of the living God? The choice is ours.

Happy Epiphany!

<https://cruxnow.com/commentary/2019/01/feast-of-the-epiphany-expresses-gods-tenderness-and-affection/>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
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Dec 7-8—\$549.95
Dec 14-15—
\$1,078.15
Dec 21-22—
\$1,173.45
Dec 24-25—
\$2,479.25
Dec 28-29—
\$511.70
Dec 31-Jan 1—
\$692.80

**ST WILLIBRORD
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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm
(Rector)

Wednesday:
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am
(Rector)

Friday: 9:00am
(Rector)

Adoration
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rector)

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

All of life should be journey toward God, pope says at memorial Mass

Carol Glatz (Nov 4, 2019)

ROME - Jesus invites everyone always to go to him, which, Pope Francis said, also means no longer making life revolve around oneself.

“What direction is my journey going? Do I only try to make a good impression, to protect my position, my time and my space or do I go to the Lord?” he asked during a memorial Mass for the 13 cardinals and 147 bishops who died over the preceding year.

Celebrating Mass Nov. 4 in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope reflected in his homily on God's will that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life and be raised on their last day.

In the day's Gospel reading, Jesus says, “I will not reject anyone who comes to me.”

Jesus extends this invitation - “Come to me,” so people may be “inoculated against death, against the fear that everything ends,” the pope said.

Going to Jesus means living each moment of the day in ways that put him at the center - with one's thoughts, one's prayers and one's actions, particularly by helping someone in need.

He said people must ask themselves, “Do I live going to the Lord or do I revolve around myself,” only being happy when things go well for oneself and complaining when they do not.

“You cannot belong to Jesus and revolve around yourself. Whomever belongs to Jesus lives going outward toward him,” he said.

“Today, while we pray for our brother cardinals and bishops who have left this life to go encounter the Risen One, we cannot forget the most important and difficult way out, which gives meaning to all the others, is (going out) of ourselves,” he said.

The bridge between life on earth and eternal life in heaven, he said, is to show compassion and “to kneel before those in need to serve them.”

“It is not (having) a bleeding heart, it is not cheap charity; these are questions of life, matters of resurrection,” he said. It would do people well, he added, to think about what the Lord will see in them on judgment day.

People can find guidance when making an important decision in life by seeing things from the Lord's perspective - what fruits resulted from which seeds or choices made today.

“Among the many voices of the world that make us lose the meaning of existence, let us tune in to the will of Jesus, resurrected and alive.”

<https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2019/11/all-of-life-should-be-journey-toward-god->

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Sacramental Preparation: Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door)

Acolytes Meeting: Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

Flea Market: Saturday, January 11, 2020, 9:00AM to 3:00PM



Raffle Draw Winners

First Prize, \$1,000.00: Di-Tech (c/o Jonas Bolofer)

Second Prize, \$500.00: Ruth Laxina

Third Prize, \$250.00: Fruan Tabamo



Thank you to all who bought or sold raffle tickets. The date of the draw was yesterday, December 28, 2019. Thank you for supporting the parish's outreach programs, such as the Soup Kitchen, Christmas Baskets and emergency food bank.

Save the date: Saturday, May 30, 2020

Marian Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Baupré.

We are in the planning stages of a day long pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Baupré 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.

Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

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.