

# Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. " —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, January 7th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Mary Leas Jordan** By her boy Jack

†**All the Souls in Purgatory** By Adeline Doyle

**Birthday Blessings for Hannah Blessie Saldo** By her parents

Sunday, January 8th, 2017, 10:30 AM

**Thanksgiving Blessings for Angela Choi**

Tuesday, January 10th, 2017, 7:00PM

**Pro Populo**

Wednesday, January 11th, 2017, 7:00PM

**Special Intentions of St Willibrord Parishioner**

Thursday, January 12th, 2017, 9:00AM

**Anniversary Blessings for Janet & Bernard Burcena..**

**Thanksgiving Blessings ..By Juliet & Pepito Mendoza**

Friday, January 13th, 2017, 9:00AM

**Thanksgiving Blessings for Bolofer Family..**

Saturday, January 14th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Danny Neeson** by the Neeson Family

**We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick,**

Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning. **God is with you always**

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**January 8, 2017**  
**The Feast of the Epiphany**

**Father Cantalamessa on the Epiphany of the Lord ROME, JAN. 6, 2007 ([Zenit.org](http://zenit.org))**

“We celebrate three wondrous events on this holy day: Today the star leads the Magi to the stable, today the water is changed into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, today Christ is baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation.” With these words the liturgy describes today’s feast; it consists in the triple revelation of Christ: to the magi, at the wedding feast at Cana, and in Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan. Since ancient times, that which has brought about the unification of these three events in a single feast is their common theme of manifestation (in Greek “epiphania”). In these events Jesus progressively reveals what he is in reality, the Messiah and savior.

Christ reveals himself to all peoples and to each category of persons with signs appropriate and comprehensible to them. To simple shepherds he sends an angel; to the wise who scrutinize the courses of the heavenly bodies he sends a star; to the Jews attached to signs, he gives a sign, that is, a miracle: He changes water into wine.

With what signs does Christ manifest himself to the men of our time? The Second Vatican Council gave important attention to the “signs of the times” (“Gaudium et Spes,” No. 11). Among these are the sense of solidarity and the interdependence that is developing between nations, Christian ecumenism, the promotion of the laity, the liberation of women, the new sense of religious freedom.

When Jesus spoke of the “signs of the times,” he meant above all the messianic signs: “The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are healed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news preached to them” (Matthew 11:5). Are there such signs today? Certainly there are! The blind receive the light of faith and hope through contact with the word of God; the spiritually lame (and sometimes the physically lame) get up and walk; those who are prisoners in themselves, of evil, or of men, are freed from their chains; in sum, people are converted and live through the power of Christ and his Spirit.

Jesus insists on one of these signs in particular: “The good news is announced to the poor” (Luke 7:22). Is not the concern, typical of our time, that the Gospel be preached to the poor, a sign that Christ is at work in the Church? Perhaps today we are able to discover a new meaning in that saying of Jesus: “The poor you will always have with you but you will not always have me” (Matthew 26:11); that is to say: When I am no longer with you physically, the poor who represent me will be with you: do to them what you would do to me!

The bringing of the Gospel to the poor may sometimes appear too slow and uncertain and not always consistent, but it would be unjust to deny that there is alive in the whole Church an interest, a zeal — which is also a positive sign — a strong feeling in regard to the poor, whether they be individuals or an entire people. It is a new consciousness that “manifests” the power of the word of Christ.

These are some of the signs of the epiphany of Christ that continue to manifest themselves among us. We all have the task of discovering and evaluating these signs and becoming ourselves a sign of the presence of Christ in the world! —<https://zenit.org/articles/father-cantalamessa-on-the-epiphany-of-the-lord/>

**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., as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

Dec 10-11, 2016 —\$1,135.75  
Dec 17-18, 2016 —\$645.40  
Dec 24,-25, 2016—\$3,702.15  
Dec 31, 2016-Jan 1, 2017—  
\$2,041.10

**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

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

9:30am to 11:30am

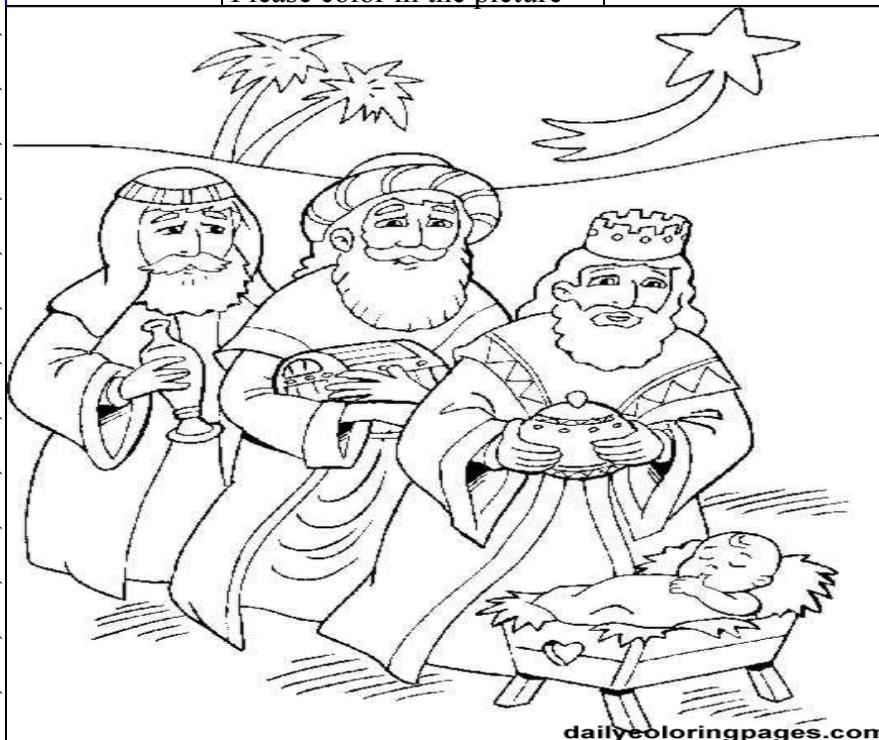
**Papal Intentions for the month of January Christian Unity.**

**That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.**

**The Feast of the Epiphany, January 6**

The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar to worship the baby Jesus. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah which was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought very meaningful gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed Jesus's importance. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God., a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. And Myrrh which was used to keep things fresh, that was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

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**Birthday Blessings to Rex Alexander Ansayag, Angela Choi and Parishioners who are celebrating this week.**

**Thank you to**  
♦all who worked hard, donating their time and talent prepparing for the parishioner/ volunteer supper  
♦Mike for cleaning the Church  
♦Ann and Fely, Pedro, Melina, Bong, Nonong, Marilou, Bernard, Jonas, Merly, Tony, Peter and all the flea Market volunteers for their dedication and hardwork

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Resurrection Angel Candidates**

The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. This bond/relationship between mother and son forms the bases of the belief of *Salubong* which is that the first person Jesus did visit upon his resurrection was the Blessed Mother.

The following candidates will be raising money for St Willibrord Parish by canvassing for sponsors and the child who raises the most money will have the honor of lifting the veil of sorrows from Mary when Jesus first appears to her, Jazlyn Rose Kawaling, Joe Anthony Luis Carrillo, Spencer William Fabia Poquiz, Jolena Sheloh Reginales, Jessica Jane Quiocho, Glyness Joy Tecson, Rex Alexander Ansayag.

This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honor for the child to be the angel who lifts the veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

**What is happening at St Willibrord's Parish**

St Willibrord Parish has some wonderful programs and projects that may be of interest to you, as you continue your faith journey: PREX, Faith in the family, Bible Study, Symbolon. There are also opportunities to be an active participant during Mass, such as becoming a lector, acolyte (adult and youth). There are other groups and committees, such as cooking, flea market, annual bazaar, cleaning, decorating, choir, greeter (usher)

If you are interested in any of these programs or committees, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at [stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca](mailto:stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca)

**• Important dates to mark on your calendar!**

**Every Thursday: Bible Study** at 6:30pm followed by **Symbolon** at 7:30pm

**Flea Market : Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**PREX (Parish Renewal Experience) January 27th, 28th & 29th, 2017**

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

**If you are interested in contributing to St Willibrord Parish, you can do so by making donations using the offertory envelopes. By using the envelopes for your contributions, you will be issued a tax receipt.**

**WARDENS ELECTIONS:**Saint Willibrord's Parish needs warden, if you live in the territory and feel that you would be a suitable candidate and would like to be considered for the position of Warden and would like to have more information. About the position of Wardens and what it entails, please contact the Parish Office.



**The next session of Faith in the Family Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation will be on Jan 22, 2017, at 9:00AM, in the basement of the Church.**