

## MASS TIMES

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

## St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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**July 10, 2016**

**Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

### Announced Masses

*Saturday, July 9th*

†**Mary Lea Jordan**

By John Jordan

*Sunday, July 10th*

**Int of Francisco Meirelles**

†**Benita Meirelles**

By Francisco Meirelles

**Wedding Anniversary of  
Dindo & Rebecca Doblado**

By Mr & Mrs Alex Laxina

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Mr & Mrs Alex Laxina

†**Charlene Mae & Jenson**

**Galan** By Julian Galan Jr

†**Esther & Romeo Galan**

By Julian Galan Jr

*Tuesday, July 12th*

**Pro Populo**

*Wednesday, July 13th*

**Wedding Anniversary of**

**Dindo & Rebecca Doblado**

By Mr & Mrs Alex Laxina

*Thursday, July 14th*

†**Benita Meirelles**

By Francisco Meirelles

*Friday, July 15th*

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Mr & Mrs Alex Laxina

### "Go and do likewise"

**Meditation:** If God is all-loving and compassionate, then why is there so much suffering and evil in this world? Many agnostics refuse to believe in God because of this seemingly imponderable problem. If God is love then evil and suffering must be eliminated in all its forms. What is God's answer to this human dilemma? Jesus' parable about a highway robbery gives us a helpful hint. Jesus told this dramatic story in response to a devout Jew who wanted to understand how to apply God's great commandment of love to his everyday life circumstances. In so many words this religious-minded Jew said: "I want to love God as best as I can and I want to love my neighbor as well. But how do I know that I am fulfilling my duty to love my neighbor as myself?"

Jesus must have smiled when he heard this man challenge him to explain one's duty towards their neighbor. For the Jewish believer the law of love was plain and simple: "treat your neighbor as you would treat yourself." The real issue for this believer was the correct definition of who is "my neighbor". He understood "neighbor" to mean one's fellow Jew who belonged to the same covenant which God made with the people of Israel. Up to a certain point, Jesus agreed with this sincere expert but, at the same time, he challenged him to see that God's view of neighbor went far beyond his narrow definition.

#### *God's love and mercy extends to all*

Jesus told a parable to show how wide God's love and mercy is towards every fellow human being. Jesus' story of a brutal highway robbery was all too familiar to his audience. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho went through a narrow winding valley surrounded by steep rocky cliffs. Many wealthy Jews from Jerusalem had winter homes in Jericho. This narrow highway was dangerous and notorious for its robbers who could easily ambush their victim and escape into the hills. No one in his right mind would think of traveling through this dangerous highway alone. It was far safer to travel with others for protection and defense.

#### *God expects us to be merciful as he is merciful*

What does Jesus' story tell us about true love for one's neighbor? First, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Second, our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. Good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, are not enough. And lastly, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional. So we must be ready to do good to others for their sake, just as God is good to us. Jesus not only taught God's way of love, but he showed how far God was willing to go to share in our suffering and to restore us to wholeness of life and happiness. Jesus overcame sin, suffering, and death through his victory on the cross. His death brought us freedom from slavery to sin and the promise of everlasting life with God. He willingly shared in our suffering to bring us to the source of true healing and freedom from sin and oppression. True compassion not only identifies and empathizes with the one who is in pain, but takes that pain on oneself in order to bring freedom and restoration.

#### *The cross shows us God's perfect love and forgiveness*

Jesus truly identified with our plight, and he took the burden of our sinful condition upon himself. He showed us the depths of God's love and compassion, by sharing in our suffering and by offering his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. His suffering is redemptive because it brings us healing and restoration and the fulness of eternal life. God offers us true freedom from every form of oppression, sin, and suffering. And that way is through the cross of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to embrace the cross of Christ, to suffer for his sake, and to lay down your life out of love for your neighbor? -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.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

June 4-5, 2016—\$1,324.70  
June 11-12, 2016—\$788.90  
June 18-19, 2016—\$960.05  
June 25-26, 2016—\$684.00  
July 2-3, 2016 —\$1,069.30  
Flea Mkt July 2, 2016—  
\$1,700.00

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SPA0 and St Willibrord Parish, Joint Fundraiser.**

August 20, 2016 at 7:00pm, the Salinggawi Philippine Arts Organization will be holding a Filipino cultural show which is being held at the Vanier College Auditorium, , 865 Sainte-Croix Ville St Laurent. The price of tickets is \$15 per person. There will also be a souvenir book giving you the opportunity to support by becoming a donor and purchasing an advertising spot where you can publicize your company or simply post a picture of yourself or your family. The amounts for becoming a donor range from \$10 to \$100. To commemorate the event, a souvenir program is being prepared which will include advertisements from business establishments, organizations, families and individuals who wish to contribute to this fundraising project, the **deadline for sponsoring is July 13, 2016** The proceeds from both the show and the souvenir book will be divided between the SPA0 and St Willibrord Parish. Tickets and sponsorship forms can be obtained at the rectory.

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, and Joey Walsh. God is with you always.

**BAZAAR 2016—Raffle Tickets!**

We are pleased to announce that this year’s Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd**. The raffle tickets have arrived and will be made available after Mass. We need your support to ensure the success of this fundraiser. All proceeds from this event will be used to feed the people who need help feeding their families.

**Dorothy Wakefield (RIP):** The memorial mass of Dorothy Wakefield will be held, at St Willibrord Parish, on July 16, 2016, at 11:00am and visitation will be held prior to the mass from 10:00am to 11:00am.

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



**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

**Birthday Blessings to Adeline Doyle, Ruth Laxina, Juliet Quiocho and to all Parishioners who are Celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.**

**THANK YOU**

◇ **To Isabel Correa for being a guest speaker at our Spiritual Recollection**  
◇ **Fr Joseph Cameron for presiding at our Healing Mass**  
◇ **To Mike, for cleaning the Church.**

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

**Healing Mass:** July 10, 2016, the 10:30 am Mass will be held in Cameron Hall

**First Friday Spirituality:** next talk will be held on August 5, 2016

**Flea Market :** Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 9:00am to 3:00pm

**SPA0 Fundraiser.** August 20, 2016 at 7:00pm, the Salinggawi Philippine Arts Organization will be holding a Filipino cultural at the Vanier College Auditorium, 865 Sainte-Croix Ville St Laurent.

**THE PETER’S CHORD:** On August 19, 2016 at **St. Willibrord Parish**, 351 Willibrord St., Verdun, Quebec H4G 2T7) A thanksgiving mini-concert, “**Moments of Grace**” by a group of 12 “Singing Parish Priests” of the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte, Philippines



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The purpose of this benefit concert of THE PETER’S CHORD is to help the ongoing construction of the St. John Evangelist School of Theology (SJEST), Palo, Leyte. During the super typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), the seminary was badly damaged and submerged in water brought by the storm which made it unusable. Hence, the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte clergy is appealing to your generous hearts. You can help and support, this worthwhile endeavor and the continuing rehabilitation project and the formation of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte, by buying concert tickets at 20\$ each or through your sponsorship. ♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪

**Volunteers Needed!**

*Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to his harvest.' Matthew 9:37*

If you are able to share your time and talents and would like to volunteer, please contact the rectory. We need a few people to work a few hours a week to clean the Church.