

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 14th, 2018, 5:00PM

Birthday Blessings for Dorothy Harper-Harrison by Dan Boyer

Sunday, July 15th, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday Blessings for Marilou Caspé

† Nickolas Apan Ballester by Cora Garlando & Family

Thanksgiving and birthday Blessings for André Raymond by Evelyn Raymond

Thanksgiving Mass for Juliet and Pepito Mendoza

Tuesday, July 17th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, July 18th, 2018, 7:00PM

† Generosa Nunez, on the anniversary of her birth, by Nunez family

Thursday, July 19th, 2018, 9:00AM

† Oscar Laxina Sr. by Laxina Family

Friday, July 20th, 2018, 9:00AM

† Magdalena Mariveles Serrano by her family..

Saturday, July 21st, 2018, 5:00PM

† Melinda Bulseco Simpson by Burcena family..

Sunday, July 22nd, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday Blessings for Fely Quiucho

† Edward Wargachuk by Gloria Wargachuk

† James Austin, on the 3rd death anniversary, by Maria Garcia

† Prisca Odavar Apan by Cora Garlando

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 one's 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

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July 15, 2018—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus gave them authority over sickness and unclean spirits

Meditation: What kind of authority and power does the Lord want you to exercise on his behalf? Jesus gave his apostles both the power and the authority to speak and to act in his name. He commanded them to do the works which he did - to heal the sick, to cast out evil spirits, and to speak the word of God - the good news of the gospel which they received from Jesus. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with self-sacrificing love and humility. The "world" and the "flesh" seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

Why does Jesus tell the apostles to "travel light" with little or no provision? "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with our possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work in and through each of us for his glory. Are you ready to use the spiritual authority and power which God wishes you to exercise on his behalf? The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents. Are you eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he bids you, and to witness his truth and saving power to whomever he sends you?

"Lord Jesus, make me a channel of your healing power and merciful love that others may find abundant life and freedom in you. Free me from all other attachments that I may joyfully pursue the treasure of your heavenly kingdom. May I witness the joy of the Gospel both in word and deed."

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/jul15.htm>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

June 29-30, 2018—
\$746.55
Jun30-July 1, 2018—
\$746.55
Flea Market, July 2018—
\$2,009.60
July 7-8, 2018—\$885.30

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 (Rectory)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am (Rectory)
Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rectory

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to
◇All celebrating this week
Happy Birthday to Pedro Quioco, Isabel Rosal and Anastasia Wargachuk André Raymond

Thank you to
◇Mike, Ann, Cora, and all who volunteer at the Church, the Rectory,

History of St Willibrord's Parish... part 1....

Once these streets of Verdun were farm fields with rich earth and yielding crops. In spring of 1913 Father Patrick McDonald, with a mandate from Archbishop Bruchesi to found a Parish for the English speaking Catholics west of the Tailrace which divided Verdun from Pointe St. Charles saw not simply farmland on the outskirts of Verdun, but a place on which to build the first (and, on the same tract ultimately, the present) St. Willibrord's church. From a small flat on Church Avenue near Ross Street, Father McDonald directed the beginnings of parish life. He celebrated Mass in the Brothers' Hall of Academie Richard on Galt Avenue until the first church was built and so began a ministry to our forebears which would last the rest of his busy life.

The birth of "the Willibrord Spirit" seemed to come about even before the first church building was raised. Most of the first Parishioners were second generation Irish and British Catholics who had migrated to Verdun from Grifintown and Pointe St. Charles. Many were skilled in carpentry and masonry crafts, were good with their hands, and they volunteered their skills and talents in the building of the first Church. Participation and generosity were woven into the St. Willibrord fabric from the earliest days.

While Father McDonald led the way, the people of St. Willibrord's were vitally involved in the structure and health of their parish from the very outset. The westward population growth saw Verdun expand rapidly through the nineteen twenties and St. Willibrord's grew right along with it. By 1925 the dramatic increase in parish numbers necessitated plans for a larger church to accommodate the population expansion. These were days when families were large and parish life was central to the English-Catholic community.

In April of 1927 Father McDonald celebrated the first Mass in the new church. The total cost for the building was budgeted at \$175,000 but there was a cost overrun and the ultimate bill came to \$204,000.

As a measure of the enthusiasm demonstrated by that generation of parishioners for their parish, the mortgage for the building came from the people themselves. The parish sold bonds which were fully subscribed within the parish. The average bond purchase was approximately \$135 per family. At a time when the average skilled worker, should he work 52 full weeks, might earn \$1000 in a year this manifestation of support exhibited how closely linked the people were to their parish. Once again the spirit prevailed. The Pastor led but the devotion of the people provided the finished product.

<http://stwillibrordparish.org/history6.html>

PCL (Parish Catechetical Leader)

As you know our PCL, Lise Turner, will be leaving us to continue her education. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. This leaves the position of PCL vacant. If you feel that this is a wonderful opportunity and would be interested in learning more about it, please contact the rectory and make an appointment to speak with Fr. Greg. Training and resources will be provided.

Member Engagement Survey Meeting...

We have held two parishioners' meetings to discuss the results of the survey and in order to provide all members of the community with an opportunity to learn and understand the results of the survey, we have invited Terrel Joseph of the Pillars Trust to come back and give another presentation.

This is an invitation, not only to all people who work at the parish or serve in any ministry but to all parishioners, who are interested in learning more about results.

The results, of the Member Engagement survey, gives a snapshot of the parish and a chance for our parishioners to see the big picture. It also gives the parishioner an opportunity to pause for self reflection and evaluation... To ask the questions "Where are we now?", "Where do we go from here?" and more importantly, "How do we get there?"

Thank you, to the Pillars Trust for the opportunity of being able to offer this survey to our parishioners and for journeying with our community as we strive to grow in our engagement and spiritual commitment. We look forward to a continued collaboration.

Collection Envelopes

Collections envelopes is a wonderful way to support your Parish. It is a way to be registered as a parishioner and by using personalized collection envelopes, you will automatically get a tax receipt at the end of the year. If you already have envelopes, you will automatically receive them next year. If you would like to receive envelopes, please contact the rectory or put a slip of paper with you name and contact information, in the collection basket.

Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, **Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members:** after the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, July 22, 2018

Acolytes: The meeting scheduled for July 14, 2018 has been canceled and the following meeting will be on September 8, 2018, at 9:00AM. in the rectory

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family to be announced at a later date

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, August 4, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, August 11, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

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.