

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 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

Saturday, July 15th, 2017, 5:00PM

Mary Lea Jordan By Jack Jordan
Birthday Blessings for Adeline Doyle

Sunday, July 16th, 2017, 10:30AM

†Sotero Rosales.. By Beng Bolofer
Birthday of †Generosa Nunez by Nunez Family

Tuesday, July 18th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, July 19th, 2017, 7:00PM

Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Marissa and Jun Nool
† Death Anniversary of Oscar Laxina by Laxina Family

Thursday, July 20th, 2017, 9:00AM

† Maurice Gore by the Roach Family

Friday, July 21st 2017, 9:00AM

†Mary Agnes Poku by her daughter Margaret Mary Poku

Saturday, July 22nd, 2017, 5:00PM

Birthday Blessings for Adeline Doyle

Sunday, July 23rd, 2017, 10:30AM

†Ida E. Lamattina By Shirley & Bryan Nix
†Frank "Hank" D'Annoffo By Shirley & Bryan Nix

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, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk, Carmen Lapello, Eddie Rodgers, Terry & Liz McHugh, Dale Flood, Isabel McKeever, Virginia Feledick, Charlene Poirier, Gordon Parsons.

God is with you always.

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July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Why do you speak to them in parables?"

Meditation: What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used [parables](#) - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". Jesus communicated with vivid illustrations which captured the imaginations of his audience more powerfully than any abstract presentation could. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered (Matthew 13:44).

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. *Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit* (Jeremiah 17:7-8; see also Psalm 1:3)

How do you listen to God's word?

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.

Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

The refusal to believe and understand

Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom - that which is hidden to the spiritually blind - to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth.

What can make us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.

How God's word takes root in us

The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit. Do you submit to God's word with trust and obedience?

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Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

June 10-11, 2017—
\$2,188.30
First Communion Dona-
tion—\$270.00
June 17-18, 2017—
\$957.60
June 24-25, 2017—
\$671.60
July 1-2, 2017—\$1,240.50
Flea Market July—
\$1,957.00
July 8-9, 2017—\$1,029.80

Mass Schedule
Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectorv)
Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am

Birthdays/Anniversary Blessings to
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.
Happy Birthday
Pedro Quioco, Lorraine Molloy and
Anastasia Wargachuk
Happy Anniversary to
Marissa and Jun Nool.

Thank You to
◊Mike, Ann Judith, Merly and all the volunteer who worked in the work in the rectorv, Church,
◊all who have visited and spent time with
Isabel McKeever

This document , titled, **CONGREGATION FOR INSTITUTES OF CONSECRATED LIFE AND SOCIETIES OF APOSTOLIC LIFE**, was prepared by the Vatican and presented to you in a series. If you wish to read it in its entirety, it can be found at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccsclife/documents/rc_con_ccsclife_doc_02021994_fraternal-life-in-community_en.html

FRATERNAL LIFE IN COMMUNITY
"Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor"
INTRODUCTION
Part 1 of 3

"Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor"
1. The love of Christ has gathered a great number of disciples to become one, so that, like him and thanks to him, in the Spirit, they might, throughout the centuries, be able to respond to the love of the Father, loving him "with all their hearts, with all their soul, with all their might" (cf. Deut. 6:5) and loving their neighbours "as themselves" (cf. Mt. 22:39). Among these disciples, those gathered together in religious communities, women and men "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues" (Rev. 7:9), have been and still are a particularly eloquent expression of this sublime and boundless love. Born not "of the will of the flesh", nor from personal attraction, nor from human motives, but "from God" (Jn. 1:13), from a divine vocation and a divine attraction, religious communities are a living sign of the primacy of the love of God who works wonders, and of the love for God and for one's brothers and sisters as manifested and practised by Jesus Christ. In view of the relevance of religious communities for the life and holiness of the Church, it is important to examine the lived experience of today's religious communities, whether monastic and contemplative or dedicated to apostolic activity, each according to its own specific character. All that is said here about religious communities applies also to communities in societies of apostolic life, bearing in mind their specific character and proper legislation.

a) The subject of this document is considered in light of this fact: the character which "fraternal life in common" manifests in numerous countries reveals many transformations of what was lived in the past. These transformations, as well as the hopes and disappointments which have accompanied them, and continue to do so, require reflection in light of the Second Vatican Council. The transformations have led to positive results, but also to results which are questionable. They have put into a clearer light not a few Gospel values, thus giving new vitality to religious community, but they have also given rise to questions by obscuring some elements characteristic of this same fraternal life lived in community. In some places, it seems that religious community has lost its relevance in the eyes of women and men religious and is, perhaps, no longer an ideal to be pursued. With the serenity and urgency characteristic of those who seek the Lord, many communities have sought to evaluate this transformation, so that they might better fulfil their proper vocation in the midst of the People of God.

b) There are many factors which have determined the changes of which we are witnesses:

- - "Constant return to the sources of the whole of the Christian life and to the primitive inspiration of the institutes".(1) This deeper and fuller encounter with the Gospel and with the first breakthrough of the foundational charism, has been a vigorous impulse towards acquiring the true spirit which animates fraternity, and towards the structures and usages which must express it adequately. Where the encounter with these sources and with the originating inspiration has been partial or weak, fraternal life has run risks and suffered a certain loss of tone.

- But this process has occurred within the context of other more general developments which are, as it were, its existential framework, and religious life cannot exempt itself from their repercussions.(2)

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Willibrord Parish Mission Statement
That we be a people who desire to grow: in our understanding of the Church, in our love for Christ, in our love of & service to our sisters and brothers. That we nurture diversities, give people the opportunity to discover Gospel values in everyday life. That we be a Church where all feel welcome to participate at their own will.

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 9:00AM
Lectors Meeting: To be determined, please contact Stasi with your availability to meet.
Acolytes: The next meeting will be in August 12, 2017

Dates to Remember

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectorv, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM
Bible Study: Every Saturday, at 4:00pm and Every Sunday, Session 1 at 9:30am, Session 2 at 12:00pm (following the 10:30am Mass)
If you are interested in attending a particular session, please speak with either Carole or Stasi.
Flea Market: Saturday, August 5, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Healing Mass: Sunday August 20, 2017, 10:30AM in Cameron Hall, followed by a light lunch.
PREX 9: will be held on Sept 29, 30 and Oct 1, 2017, for more information, or to register, please contact the rectorv or speak with Carole or Stasi.

Healing Mass Sunday, August 20, 2017, 10:30AM , in Cameron Hall (church basement)

It is important to know that ...*All masses are healing masses, for God wants to heal you through the powerful sacrament of the Eucharist. It is His gift to the Church;* but several times a year we have a Mass celebrated in the basement of the Church in order to allow all to participate, even parishioners with limited mobility or are unable to climb the stairs, can attend. A light lunch will follow the mass. If you are interested in attending this Mass and need transportation, please call the rectorv. If you have a vehicle and are able to transport a parishioner, please contact the rectorv at 514-769-9678.

Requesting volunteer with knowledge of bike repair.

We have a few bikes that need to be repaired before selling.
Do you know how to repair a bike? If so, please contact the rectorv at 514-769-9678.

Do you have any questions about your faith and are looking for answers?
Ask Father....
Papers have been placed at the back of the Church for you to ask the questions that you have always wanted to ask, concerning the Church and your faith. The answers will appear in subsequent bulletins. A blue box has been placed at the back of the Church to collect your questions. Please continue to write down your questions and they will all be answered. Keep your questions coming.

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.