

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, July 24th, 2018, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, July 25th, 2018, 7:00PM

Thanksgiving Blessings for the Resurrection Angel Candidates,
their family and friends by Merly Nunez..

Thursday, July 26th, 2018, 9:00AM

For all the blessings particularly for a new baby born in the family
and also for the safety of everybody by Evelyn Maramag..

Birthday Blessing for Jocelyne Ordoná and

† Felomina Rebujo Cancio and Jesus Cancio by the Ordoná family

Friday, July 27th, 2018, 9:00AM

Blessings for Joshua Reginales By the Reginales family..

Saturday, July 28th, 2018, 5:00PM

Birthday Blessings for Isabel Rosal

Sunday, July 29th, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday Blessings for Alvin Apan Garlando by Cora Garlando

Birthday Blessings for Judith Ritchie

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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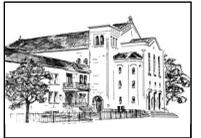
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July 22, 2018—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come away and rest a while"

Meditation: What does the image of a shepherd tell us about God's care for us? Shepherding was one of the oldest of callings in Israel, even before farming, since the Chosen People had traveled from place to place, living in tents, and driving their flocks from one pasture to another. Looking after sheep was no easy calling. It required great skill and courage. Herds were often quite large, thousands or even ten thousands of sheep. The flocks spent a good part of the year in the open country. Watching over them required a great deal of attention and care.

Stray sheep must be brought back lest they die

Sheep who strayed from the flock had to be sought out and brought back by the shepherd. Since hyenas, jackals, wolves, and even bear were common and fed on sheep, the shepherds often had to do battle with these wild and dangerous beasts. A shepherd literally had to put his life on the line in defending his sheep. Shepherds took turns watching the sheep at night to ward off any attackers. The sheep and their shepherds continually lived together. Their life was so intimately bound together that individual sheep, even when mixed with other flocks, could recognize the voice of their own shepherd and would come immediately when called by name.

God himself leads us like a good shepherd

The Old Testament often spoke of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11).

Jesus told his disciples that he was the Good Shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4, John 10). When he saw the multitude of people in need of protection and care, he was moved to respond with compassionate concern. His love was a personal love for each and every person who came to him in need.

Jesus is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Peter the apostle called Jesus the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life freely submitted to Jesus, the Good Shepherd? In the person of the Lord Jesus we see the unceasing vigilance and patience of God's love. In our battle against sin and evil, Jesus is ever ready to give us help, strength, and refuge. Do you trust in his grace and help at all times?

"Lord Jesus, you guard and protect us from all evil. Help me to stand firm in your word and to trust in your help in all circumstances. May I always find rest and refuge in the shelter of your presence."

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/jul22.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
July 14-15, 2018—\$1,325.80

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm
(Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday
(Rector)

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

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

**Please note the Mass, on
Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday will be held
in the Rector**

Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to

◇All celebrating this week
Happy Birthday to Lorraine
Molloy, Gabrielle Mary
Grace Rosal, Norma Orbita
and Joe Brisindi

Thank you to

◇Mike, Ann, Cora, Judith,
Merly, Ruth and all who
volunteer at the Church, the
Rector,

History of St Willibrord's Parish... part 2....

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.

In Verdun, as in the rest of the world, the onset of the depression warned of even darker days to come. The sudden death of father McDonald in October of 1931 brought a new Pastor; the articulate and witty Martin P. Reid. Father Reid, arriving as the depression deepened, shepherded the people of St. Willibrord's as they reached out to help each other in times of deprivation unimaginable to those who didn't live through them.

Families, without homes, and without any income at all, lived in Sodality Hall until the parish found them living quarters. The people of St. Willibrord's kept the spirit strong by those who had, rallying to assist those who did not, thus raising the hopes of everyone. There was great suffering but there was great love, and despite hardship, the St. Willibrord family continued to grow.

As the thirties came to a close and the depression lifted, war clouds brought a new and terrifying prospect to the world. In 1939, St. Willibrord's welcomed its third Pastor, Father Frederick Elliott, a priest who had served the English speaking Catholics of the area even before the founding of St. Willibrord's. As a curate at neighbouring Notre-Dames-Sept-Douleurs, assisting the Fabled Monsignor J. A. Richard, he ministered to the English-speaking Catholics of Verdun before the founding of St. Willibrord's. Father Elliott, with a sharp mind and a gentle heart was a man of projects. He engineered the installation of the new altar early in his mandate.... *To be continued...*

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

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARRIAGE BANNS ROBERTO LUIS GARABATOS son of HIPOLITO GARABATOS and WANDA JURAK GARABATOS and KERRY CARTY daughter of JAMES CARTY and ETHNA MCGEOWN, both of VERDUN, QC, intent to have their marriage ceremony celebrated, here, at St Willibrord Parish, on Aug 18, 2018, at 2:00PM

July 22, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass Special Guest Speaker

We have some new parishioners that have just arrived from China. James has had to live his catholic faith in the underground Catholic Church, in China. Because he refuses to become a communist, he has had a very difficult life back in China because of this and has been persecuted. His faith and his love for the Lord has helped him to resist the communist leaders.

After the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, July 22, 2018, he will be speaking to us, in Cameron Hall, and giving us a brief description of his life and struggles as a catholic in China.

Please try and attend, he has led a very interesting and an inspiration to all who struggle with their faith in these communist countries. Thank you and I hope to see you there.

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 rector 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 Rector,

Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members: On September 9, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday,

Acolytes: In the rector, the following meeting will be on September 8, 2018, at 9:00AM.

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, September 8, 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.