

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 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

Tuesday, July 25th, 2017, 7:00PM
Pro Populo

Wednesday, July 26th, 2017, 7:00PM
Healing and Peace for Cora Garlando..

Thursday, July 27th, 2017, 9:00AM
Thanksgiving Mass By Dindo & Rebeca Doblado & Family..

Friday, July 28th, 2017, 9:00AM
For the intentions of Philip Poku by his daughter Margaret Mary Poku

Saturday, July 29th, 2017, 5:00PM
†9th year Death Anniversary of Mr Wenifredo "Totoy" By M Hosana
By Nene Rissa, Julia, Jun and Hosana Family

Sunday, July 30th, 2017, 10:30AM
†9th year Death Anniversary of Mr Wenifredo "Totoy" M Hosana
By Nene Rissa, Julia, Jun and Hosana 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, 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 23, 2017
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father"

Meditation: What can malicious weed-sowing tell us about the kingdom of God (Matthew 13:25)? The image Jesus uses in this parable is a common everyday example of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though, can destroy the good plants in the process.

Letting God's word take deep root in the heart

Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of his word which he has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. In that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart?

Growth and transformation from within

What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within.

The Holy Spirit transforms us

Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated - the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "*we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us*" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

Good and evil are sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. Charles Read said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." In the day of judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good *will shine in the kingdom of their Father*. They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?

"Lord Jesus, let your word take root in my heart and may your all-consuming love transform my life that I may sow what is good, worthy, and pleasing to you."

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First Communion Donation—\$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
July 15-16, 2017—\$867.70

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

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.
Happy Birthday to Garielle (Mary Grace) Rosal, Norma Orbita, and Joe Brisindi

Thank You to
◇Mike, Beverly, Merly, Ruth, Cora, Judith and Ann all the volunteer who worked in the work in the rectory, Church,
◇

FRATERNAL LIFE IN COMMUNITY
"Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor"
INTRODUCTION

Part 2 of 3

Religious life is a vital part of the Church and lives in the world. The values and counter-values which ferment within an epoch or a cultural setting, and the social structures which manifest them, impinge on everyone, including the Church and its religious communities. Religious communities either constitute an evangelical leaven within society, announce the Good News in the midst of the world, the here and now proclamation of the heavenly Jerusalem, or else they succumb by decline quickly or slowly, simply because they have conformed to the world. For this reason, a reflection and new proposals on "fraternal life in common" must take this existential framework into account.

-- Developments within the Church have also marked religious communities deeply. The Second Vatican Council, as an event of grace and the greatest expression of the Church's pastoral guidance in this century, has had a decisive influence on religious life; not only by virtue of the Decree *Perfectae Caritatis*, which is dedicated to it, but also by virtue of the Council's ecclesiology, and each of its documents.

For all these reasons, this document, before addressing its topic directly, begins with an overview of the changes encountered in the settings which have more immediately affected the quality of fraternal life and its ways of being lived in the various religious communities.

Theological development

2. The Second Vatican Council contributed greatly to a re-evaluation of "fraternal life in common" and to a renewed vision of religious community.

More than any other factor, it is *the development of ecclesiology* which has affected the evolution of our understanding of religious community. Vatican II affirmed that religious life belongs "undeniably" (*inconcusse*) to the life and holiness of the Church and placed religious life at the very heart of the Church's mystery of communion and holiness.(3)

Religious community thus participates in the renewed and deepened vision of the Church. From this, several consequences follow:

a) *From Church-Mystery to the mystery dimension of religious community*
Religious community is not simply a collection of Christians in search of personal perfection. Much more deeply, it is a participation in and qualified witness of the Church-Mystery, since it is a living expression and privileged fulfilment of its own particular "communion", of the great Trinitarian "*koinonia*", in which the Father has willed that men and women have part in the Son and in the Holy Spirit.

b) *From Church-Communion to the communal-fraternal dimension of religious community*
Religious community, in its structure, motivations, distinguishing values, makes publicly visible and continually perceptible the gift of fraternity given by Christ to the whole Church. For this very reason, it has as its commitment and mission, which cannot be renounced, both to be and to be seen to be a living organism of intense fraternal communion, a sign and stimulus for all the baptised.(4)Religious community is a living organism of fraternal communion, called to live as animated by the foundational charism. It is part of the organic communion of the whole Church, which is continuously enriched by the Spirit with a variety of ministries and charisms.

Those who enter into such communities must have the particular grace of a vocation. In practice, the members of a religious community are seen to be bound by *a common calling from God* in continuity with the *foundational charism*, by a characteristically common ecclesial consecration, and by a common response in sharing that "experience of the Spirit" lived and handed on by the founder and in his or her mission within the Church.(5)

it can be found at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccsrlife/documents/rc_con_ccsrlife_doc_02021994_fraternal-life-in-community_en.html

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 Rectory, 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 rectory 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 rectory. If you have a vehicle and are able to transport a parishioner, please contact the rectory 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 rectory 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.