# 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 ones 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, June 10th, 2017, 5:00PM
Thanksgiving Mass.. By Ruth & Alex Laxina

Sunday, June 11th, 2017, 10:30AM †Richard Charbonneau

Tuesday, June 13th, 2017, 7:00PM Pro Populo

Wednesday, June 14th, 2017, 7:00PM
†Loreto Amaro.. By Marilyn Mendoza
Healing Mass for Felipe Sakay Jr By Rowena I. Bicomong

<u>Thursday, June 15th, 2017, 9:00AM</u> †Gregorio, Generosa, Romana, Ambrosio, Necitas, Juanita, Macario.. By Nunez Family

Friday, June 16th, 2017, 9:00AM

For the intentions of Marilen Redrino By Maureen Redrino

Saturday, June 17th, 2017, 5:00PM †Jacob Friedman By Betty Friedman

Sunday, June 18th, 2017, 10:30AM

†Mauro Redrino By Melissa Redrino

†Felix A. Bicomong By Rowena I Bicomong

†Ireneo DeVilla By Rowena I Bicomong

Birthday Blessings for

Angelo Jared DeVilla and Jeremie Anne DeVilla By Rowena I. Bicomong

# 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,
Charlene Poirier, Gordon Parsons.

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# June 11, 2017 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

### God's incredible gift of love for the world

**Meditation:** What does Scripture tell us about God and how he relates to us? When God met with Moses on Mount Sinai and made a covenant with the people of Israel, he revealed the nature of his character and his personal love for them:

"The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy and faithfulness'" (Exodus 34:6). God is all-loving, faithful, merciful, and forgiving by nature. God's love is supreme because it directs, orders, and shapes everything he does.

#### Believing in the Son of God

Do you believe that Jesus personally died for you - for you alone - simply because he loved you? Scripture tells us that God knew each one of us even before we were knit in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13, Jeremiah 1:5). We were created for a purpose - to be united with God and to share in his love and glory now and forever. Augustine of Hippo wrote: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God's love is complete and perfect because it is wholly directed towards our greatest good - to make us whole and to unite us in a perfect bond of love and peace. That is why God was willing to go to any length necessary to save us from slavery to sin and death.

How does God's love bring healing, pardon, and wholeness to our lives? God's love has power to set each one of us free from every form of bondage to sin - whether it be bondage to fear and guilt, pride and greed, envy and hatred. We can only know the love of God and experience his healing power to the degree that we put our faith in him and surrender our lives to his will. Faith is the key that opens the door to Christ and to his healing power in our lives. But for faith to be effective we must act and do our part. That is why faith requires repentance and obedience - turning away from unbelief and disobedience - and turning to the Lord with a believing heart and listening ear. That is why Jesus said, "whoever believes in me is not condemned" (John 3:18).

To believe that Jesus is the only Son of God who died for our sins is the key that opens the door to his presence and work in our lives. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). The Lord Jesus knocks at the door of your heart - will you listen today and open at once?

#### Triune nature of God

The Lord Jesus has revealed to his disciples the great mystery of our faith - the triune nature of God and the inseparable union of the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission is to reveal the glory of God to us - a Trinity of persons - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and to unite us with God in a community of love. The ultimate end, the purpose for which God created us, is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the blessed Trinity.

The Jews understood God as Creator and Father of all that he made (Deuteronomy 32:6) and they understood the nation of Israel as God's firstborn son (Exodus 4:22). Jesus reveals the Father in an unheard of sense. He is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son, who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father (see Matthew 11:27). The Spirit, likewise, is inseparably one with the Father and the Son.

The mission of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit are the same. That is why Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit will reveal the glory of the Father and the Son and will speak what is true. Before his Passover, Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit as the "Paraclete" and Helper who will be with Jesus' disciples to teach and guide them "into all the truth" (John 14:17,26; 16:13). In baptism we are called to share in the life of the Holy Trinity here on earth in faith and after death in eternal light.

Clement of Alexandria, a third century church father, wrote: "What an astonishing mystery! There is one Father of the universe, one Logos (Word) of the universe, and also one Holy Spirit, everywhere one and the same; there is also one virgin become mother, and I should like to call her 'Church'."

"May the Lord Jesus put his hands on our eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. May he open the eyes that are concerned not with the present but with what is yet to come, may he unseal the heart's vision, that we may gaze on God in the Spirit, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, whose glory and power will endure throughout the unending succession of ages." (prayer of Origin, 185-254 AD)—(c) 2017 Servants of the Word, : www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwa-

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Pastor Fr. Gregory Nunez Office Staff Anastasia Wargachuk

Administration

Flea Market May 6, 2017—\$2,752.20
May 6-7, 2017—\$1,361.30
May 13-14, 2017—\$901.50
May 20-21, 2017—\$864.45
May 27-28, 2017—\$1,244.40
Confirmation Donation—\$300.00
Flea Market June 3, 2017—\$2,055.25
June 3-4, 2017—\$2,282.75

## 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 and to Terrel Joseph, Jeremie Anne Bicomong De Villa, Angelo Jared De Villa, Yvonne Wargachuk and Susana Navarro

## Thank You to

♦ Mike, Judith, Merly, Ann, Ruth and Cora for their work in the rectory and Church
♦ Volunteers, Vendors and patrons for making the Flea Market a success
♦ the people who came to celebrate

with Fr Greg at his party for his

many milestones.

Why does the Catholic Church believe Christ is really present in the Eucharist?

The Catholic doctrine of the Real Presence is the belief that Jesus Christ is literally, not symbolically, present in the Holy Eucharist—body, blood, soul and divinity. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because Jesus tells us this is true in the Bible: "I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:48-56). Furthermore, the early Church Fathers either imply or directly state that the bread and wine offered in the celebration of the Lord's Supper is really the body and blood of Jesus Christ. In other words, the doctrine of the Real Presence that Catholics believe today was believed by the earliest Christians 2,000 years ago!

This miracle of God's physical presence to us at every Mass is the truest testament to Christ's love for us and His desire for each of us to have a personal relationship with Him.

More Scripture about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist:

- (John 6:53-56 RSV) So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; {54} he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. {55} For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. {56} He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.
- In the Aramaic language that Our Lord spoke, to symbolically "eat the flesh" or "drink the blood" of someone meant to persecute or assault them. See the following... (Psa 27:2 KJV) When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Bread and wine are not normal or natural symbols of flesh and blood. To call a man a "fox" is an understandable symbol for cleverness. To call a man "bread" is not an understandable symbol, without some explanation. Either the symbols would have been clearly explained (which is not the case) or Jesus spoke literally (which is the case!).

Taken from Beginning Apologetics, How to Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith, by San Juan Catholic Seminars, P.O. Box 5253, Farmington, NM 87499-52539889

# ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **First Communion**

We would like to extend our blessings and prayers to Anthony Jay Carbray, Angelo DeVilla, Carl-Eithan Gambalan, Anna Giulione, Carl Anjelo Laguting, David Lambert Andrew Henry Espiritu Landry, Corbin Teodoro Espiritu Landry, Roniel Josh Mangat, Ivy Katrina Minier-Cartegena, Jessica Jane Quiocho and Eldric Joseph Ramos. who are receiving their First Communion this Sunday. May they continue to journey in faith in the footsteps of our Lord.

A special word of thanks and appreciation to all of our catechists for their time, talent and treasure, in preparing these children to receive this Holy Sacrament.

### Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

**Faith in the family**: The next session will be on June 18th, 2017 at 9:00AM

Lectors Meeting: To be determined.

Revised Acolytes: The next meeting will be on June 17th, 2017, not June 10, 2017, as previously stated

#### Dates to Remember

Take

Note!

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,

followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

Flea Market: Saturday, July 8, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

First Communion: Sunday, June 11, 2017, 10:30 AM Mass

**Bible Study**: Every Saturday, at 4:00pm and Every Sunday, starting June 4, 2017: 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.

#### PREX and ALPHA

If you are interested in learning more about these two programs, please contact the office at 514-769-9678

# **Collection Envelopes**

If you would like to receive envelopes, we ask that you contact the rectory.

#### Bible Camp

Please be advised that we are working on Bible Camp. It will be the week of June 26 to 30, 2017. In order to have a bible camp this year, we will need volunteers who are able to work with children. If you require more information, please contact the rectory or speak directly with Fr Gregory or Stasi. Registration begins this week and as spaces are limited, we encourage you to register early.

#### To All Parishioners living in the St Willibrord territory (postal code beginning with H4G or H3E)

There will be a brief meeting on July 9, 2017, following the 10:30am, Mass.

**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.