

# 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 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

**Birthdays Blessings for Laura Daniel** By the Daniel family

**Birthdays Blessings for**

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

Tuesday, June 20th, 2017, 7:00PM

**Pro Populo**

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017, 7:00PM

†**Michelle Miller..** By Bong Quiocho & Melina Pasal

Thursday, June 22nd, 2017, 9:00AM

**Healing and Peace for Cora Garlando..**

Friday, June 23rd, 2017, 9:00AM

**Thanksgiving Mass By Dindo & Rebecca Doblado & Family**

Saturday, June 24th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Jolin Moran** By Barnes Family

Sunday, June 25th, 2017, 10:30AM

†**Pablo de Guzman** By donnabl de Guzman

†**40th day death anniversary of Michael Serrano** By Maria Garcia

**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 18, 2017**

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**"He who eats this bread will live forever"**

**SMeditation:** What is the *bread of life* which Jesus offers to all who believe in him? It is first of all the life of God himself - life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that *the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come*. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the promised land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness with manna from heaven. This bread foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

**Jesus is the "bread of life"**

Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the *true bread of heaven* that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise, it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity.

**The food that makes us live forever**

Jesus chose the time of the Jewish Feast of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum - giving his disciples his body and his blood as the true bread of heaven. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection - the new passover - is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself.

**Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?**

Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself - but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the *bread of heaven* is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come.

When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood and partakers of his divine life. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (*Ad Eph. 20,2*). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward.

When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist or Lord's Supper is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

"Lord Jesus, you nourish and sustain us with your very own presence and life-giving word. You are the bread of life - the heavenly food that sustains us now and that produces everlasting life within us. May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone."

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Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

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  
June 10-11, 2017—\$  
First Communion Donation—\$

#### 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

#### Birthdays/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

### 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 **July ,2017**

### Dates to Remember

**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.

