

St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(inc. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotions) - Wednesday 6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

(Adoration) Friday 9:30-11:30am

Announced Masses

Saturday June 22

† **All Souls in Purgatory**

By Aida Balbesco

Thanksgiving Mass

By Alex & Ruth Lexina

Sunday June 23

† **Emmett Cavanagh**

By Daisy Levangie

By Tuesday June 24

Pro Populo

Wednesday June 25

† **Mary Whittemore**

By Dorothy Ormsby

Thursday June 26

Friday June 27

Saturday June 28

† **Bill Coombs**

By Adrienne Coombs

Sunday June 29

† **All Souls in Purgatory**

By Aida Balbesco



June 22, 2014

The Most Holy Blood & Body of Christ

Why did Jesus offer himself as "food and drink"? The Jews were scandalized and the disciples were divided when Jesus said "*unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you.*" What a hard saying, unless you understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the *bread of life*. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves (John 6:3-13), when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, is a sign that prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John has no account of the Last Supper meal (just the foot washing ceremony and Jesus' farewell discourse). Instead, John quotes extensively from Jesus' teaching on the bread of life.

In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in a thanksgiving sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator as the giver and sustainer of life. Melchizedek, who was both a priest and king (Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1-4), offered a sacrifice of bread and wine. His offering prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king (Hebrews 7:26; 9:11; 10:12). The remembrance of the manna in the wilderness recalled to the people of Israel that they live - not by earthly bread alone - but by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3).

At the last supper when Jesus blessed the cup of wine, he gave it to his disciples saying, "*Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins*" (Matthew 26:28). Jesus was pointing to the sacrifice he was about to make on the cross, when he would shed his blood for us - thus pouring himself out and giving himself to us - as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal (passover) lamb whose blood spared the Israelites from death in Egypt.

Paul the Apostle tells us that "Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). Paul echoes the words of John the Baptist who called Jesus the "*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*" (John 1:29). Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He "*offered himself without blemish to God*" (Hebrews 9:14) and "*gave himself as a sacrifice to God*" (Ephesians 5:2).

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*? ~<http://www.rc.net/wcc/readings>

Collections June 14 & June 15 - \$1013.00

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass

~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM INFORMATION

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 Faith to be eligible.

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Board of Wardens

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Tess Allonar -
Daytime Soup Kitchen
Mary Anne Levasseur -
Evening Soup Kitchen
Angele LaFleche -
Christmas Baskets
Dan Ormsby
Flea Market

**SUMMER FIRST,
THEN PARISH
CONFERENCE**

Summer is the ideal time to relax, catch one's breath and think about "what could be" come the fall. Whenever post-Labour Day activities cross your mind this summer, consider reserving time to attend the Parish Vitality Conference, scheduled for November 13-15, 2014. Open to everyone involved or interested in parish life, a sneak preview is now available at: parishvitality.com. Happy summer!

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Support our Bible Camp

Bible Camp will take place June 23 - July 4. It is a faith immersion experience that combines growing in faith and building up our youth community with fun outings and activities. Help us plant the seeds of faith in our young people.

Please indicate that your donation is for Bible Camp. Tax receipts will be issued.

Urgent Roof Repair Funds Needed!!!

As many of you already know, the roof of our rectory collapsed a few weeks ago. We need to make urgent repairs that will cost over \$20,000

Please donate today!

Thank you!

We Need VOLUNTEERS!

We have just received a generous donation from **O'Neil clothing**. Many of the items donated need just a bit of repair. We are hoping to find people who are **able to sew and put on snaps**.

Shirley Reith is generously willing to donate many yards of wool to anyone **who would want to knit**. We are **looking for volunteers** who can help us!
Please contact the office.

We would like to give a **BIG Thank You** to all the volunteers who helped with our hospitality center this past year. Thank you to our cooks, our servers, our dish washers, our fundraisers and our renovators. This year was truly a great success because of your hard work and dedication to the project and our parish.

Have a great summer!

Bernadette	Michael	Sue
Joe	Richard	Sarah
Gary	Denise	Esther
Mary Anne	Tim	Donna & Percy
Mary Jane	Dorothy	Jim
Celly	Rene	Angele
Julie	Sterling	John
Sunny	Agathe	Tony
Vera	Peter	Peter
Helene L.	Tess	Boardwalk Team
Stephen	Kelsey	Salinggwai Families
Gertrude	Laurianne	Bell Team
Maria	Claude	
Adeline	Altrice	
Dave	Elizabeth	
Lynn	Inacio	

Please note that the office will be closed
Tuesday June 24th for St. Jean Baptist and Tuesday July 1st for Canada Day.