

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

†**John Moran** By Barnes Family

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

†**Pablo de Guzman** By Donnabel de Guzman

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

Tuesday, June 27th, 2017, 7:00PM

**Pro Populo**

Wednesday, June 28th, 2017, 7:00PM

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

Thursday, June 29th, 2017, 9:00AM

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

Friday, June 30th, 2017, 9:00AM

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

Saturday, July 1st, 2017, 5:00PM

**For the intentions of Chris Altura and Pepito Mendoza..** By Juliet Quioco

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017, 10:30AM

†**Rhoda Bruce** By the Bruce 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, Charlene Poirier, Gordon Parsons.

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**June 25, 2017**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"The hand of the Lord was with him"**

**Meditation:** Birthdays are a special time to remember and give thanks for the blessings that have come our way. Are you grateful for the ways that God has worked in your life, even from your birth? In many churches of the East and West the birth of John the Baptist is remembered on this day. The friends of Zechariah and Elizabeth marveled at the wonderful way in which God blessed them with a child. This child was destined by God for an important mission. The last verses in the last book of the Old Testament, taken from the prophet Malachi, speak of the Lord's messenger, the prophet Elijah who will return to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6).

### **Birth and mission of John the Baptist**

We see the beginning of the fulfillment of this word when the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah the marvelous birth and mission of John the Baptist (Luke 1:17). When this newly born child was about to be named, as customary on the eighth day, his relatives quibbled over what name to give him. (Don't relatives today often do the same when the time comes for naming a newborn?) This child, however has been named from above! And Elizabeth is firm in her faith and determined to see that God be glorified through this child. The name John means "the Lord is gracious". In the birth of John and in the birth of Jesus the Messiah we see the grace of God breaking forth into a world broken by sin and without hope. John's miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of its Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leapt in the womb of Elizabeth as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8).

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came.

### **God's gracious gift to us**

What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor towards you. "Lord Jesus, you bring hope and salvation to a world lost in sin, despair, and suffering. Let your grace refresh and restore your people today in the hope and joy of your great victory over sin and death."

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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—\$2,188.30  
First Communion Donation—  
\$270.00  
June 17-18, 2017—\$957.60

**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, happy birthday to Cora Garlando and Fely Quioco, happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Flo and Richard Davis, Happy Anniversary to Fely & Pedro Quioco

**Thank You to**

◇Mike, Judith, Ann, Ruth and Cora for their work in the rectory and Church

◇Volunteers of the Soup Kitchen, blessing you for your dedication to feeding the men and women who come to us searching for food and friendship.

**St John The Baptist**



John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you."

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians.

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned.

John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife.

This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

John the Baptist's feast day is June 24, and the anniversary of his death is August 29 and is sometimes celebrated with a second feast. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places.

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**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**Faith in the family:** To all the families, who attended faith in the family, have a blessed summer and we look forward to seeing you for faith in the family, this coming fall.

**Lectors Meeting:** To be determined.

**Acolytes:** The next meeting will be on **July 15, 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, 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.**

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

**Parishioners Meeting:** Sunday, July 9, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass



**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.

Holy Cross Parish is having a BBQ to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday, on Sunday July 9th, 2017 at 12:15. They will serve Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, will all the trimmings, as well as salads, desserts, tea & coffee, BYOB. Cost is only \$12.00 per person. Tickets can be reserved by calling 514-769-2717 no tickets sold at the door. Go and help them celebrate this great event and have some fun!!!!!! This is a fundraiser for their on going maintenance projects. They are situated at 1960 Jolicoeur Street, Montreal Que. H4E 1X5

**St Kevin's Parish Pilgrimage**

Join St Kevin's Parish for a pilgrimage to Cap de la Madeleine in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, on Saturday, July 29. Departure from St. Kevin Parish (5600 Côte-des-Neiges Rd., Montreal) at 10 a.m. and return arrival at around midnight. Visit includes the museum of Blessed Frédéric Janssoone, Mass in English and a candle-light procession. Tickets are \$35. Contact Emma at 514-481-6424.

**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.