

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 3rd, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Souls in Purgatory** By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, June 4th, 2017, 10:30 AM

Thanksgiving Mass for all the Blessings By Evelyn Maramag
Confirmation Blessing for Victoria Kurucz By her family

Tuesday, June 6th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

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

†**Loreto Amaro..** By Marilyn Mendoza

Thursday, June 8th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Gregorio, Generosa, Romana, Ambrosio, Necitas, Juanita, Macario..** By Nunez Family

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

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

Saturday, June 10th, 2017, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving Mass By Ruth & Alex Laxina

Sunday, June 11th, 2017, 10:30AM

†**Richard Charbonneau**

Confirmation Blessing for Victoria Kurucz By her 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 4, 2017
Pentecost Sunday

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit!"

Meditation: Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, *Receive the Holy Spirit!* (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to *wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high* (Luke 24:49). Why did they need *power from on high*? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who *baptizes with the Holy Spirit*" (John 1:32,33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, *full of the Holy Spirit*, returned from the Jordan, and was *led by the Spirit* for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the *power of the Spirit* into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14).

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

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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.

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

April 22-23 —\$792.00
April 29-30, 2017—\$741.55
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

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 Fr. George Oaks and Fr Gregory Nunez,

Thank You

◇Msgr Rodol Cajot for his talk on scriptures, spirituality and prayer and for celebrating mass with us

◇Fr. Balbino Gumabao for celebrating mass with us

◇Mike, Susan, Adeline, Maria, Cora, Ruth, Merly, Ann and the members of the Bicol, Nabua and Salinggawi communities for their contribution and work in the rectory and Church
◇all who contributed in preparing for the visit of Msgr Rodol Cajot and Fr Balbino Gumabao and making them feel welcome

Pentecost Sunday The Coming of the Holy Spirit

by Scott P. Richert (Updated April 01, 2017)

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

Quick Facts —Date: Fifty days after Easter Sunday;

Type of Feast: Solemnity.

Prayers: Novena to the Holy Ghost; Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit; Come Holy Spirit; Litany of the Holy Spirit

Other Names for the Feast: Whit Sunday, Whitsun, Whit

The History of Pentecost Sunday

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2). Jews "from every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5) were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast of Pentecost. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. [Acts 2:2-4]

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

The Birthday of the Church

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On Pentecost Sunday, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that Saint Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff).

In years past, Pentecost was celebrated with greater solemnity than it is today. In fact, the entire period between Easter and Pentecost Sunday was known as Pentecost (and it still is called Pentecost in the Eastern churches, both Catholic and Orthodox). During those 50 days, both fasting and kneeling were strictly forbidden, because this period was supposed to give us a foretaste of the life of Heaven. In more recent times, parishes celebrated the approach of Pentecost with the public recitation of the Novena to the Holy Ghost.

While most parishes no longer publicly recite this novena, many individual Catholics do.

For more information on Pentecost, associated holy days, and the Holy Spirit see Pentecost 101: Everything You Need To Know About Pentecost in the Catholic Church

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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)



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

First Communion Practice: Saturday, June 10th, 2017, at 9:30am

Lectors Meeting: To be determined.

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

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.

Collection Envelopes have arrived

The envelopes have arrived! If there are any corrections that need to be made or if you would like to receive envelopes, we ask that you contact the rectory. They can be picked up after Mass, at the back of the Church. Thank you for your understanding.

Donation Reminder

We are always accepting donations of new and gently used items that can be sold at the flea market. Keep us in mind when spring cleaning.

Book Recommendation

Life's Greatest Lessons... What I've Learned From the Happiest People I Know By Allen R Hunt. Is available for the suggested donation price of \$5.00.

For more information, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca

FUNDRAISING CONCERT – A fundraising concert will be held on Sunday, **June 11, 2017** at 2:00 pm in Resurrection of Our Lord Parish (34 – 34th Avenue, Lachine, Quebec) The Harmonie de Kirkland will present a concert in the church to help raise funds to put towards their restorations. This will be a freewill offering. All are welcome. (Please use the entrance facing the Dairy queen)

NINETEENTH ANNUAL FATHER JOHN WALSH CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Help us support *Anne's House*, a home for thirty women, and *Nazareth House*, a full house with 22 male residents who otherwise would be homeless. Join us on Monday, June 12 at the Lafleur Golf Course in Kahnawake (St Isadore Rd Rte 207, Kahnawake QC, J0L 1B0). Registration at 11 a.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m.; roast beef supper at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$150 for one; \$600 for a foursome.

We are delighted to welcome Randy Tieman, CTVsports anchor and reporter. Register now by calling Sheila at 514-933-6916 ext.6.