

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

*(Devotion to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help every Wed.)*

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

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March 1, 2015

2nd Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

Saturday February 28
**For the Success of the Challenge
Weekend**

Sunday March 1

† **Paul Brown**

By Peter Brown & Family

† **Yolande Fortier Suprenant**

By Sylvie Suprenant

Tuesday March 3

Pro Populo

Wednesday March 4

Thursday March 5

Friday March 6

Saturday March 7

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday March 8

† **George Reith**

By Shirley Reith & Family

† **Yolande Fortier Suprenant**

By

Diane & Bruno Paradis

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Meditation: What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12) as he is (1 John 3:2).

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (see Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles.

How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

"Lord Jesus, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action, and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory."

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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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Board of Wardens

Joseph Brisindi
Angèle LaFlèche
Paul Moreau
Marcellina Daniel
Emilia Gohing
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff

Bernadette Roach
Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)
Administration
Terrel Joseph
Youth Ministry
Julian Paparella
Youth Ministry

Mass Intentions

There are many Masses available for intentions, weekday and weekends. For your convenience please fill out a Mass intention envelope found at the back of the church and return to the office or Fr. Gregory.

Let us pray for the immediate recovery of:

Dale Parsons, Dan Boyer, Mary Paul, Joe Brisindi, Sue Mullins, Jennifer, and Bella.

Thank you!

Thank you to Cora Garlando Ruth Laxina, Monique Altares, Fely Quiocho, Flora Lim for cleaning the Rectory!

Thank you to Jonas Bolofer, Pedro Quiocho, Isko Altares, Bernard Burbena & Nonong Comodero for plastering the Rectory!

We greatly appreciate the hard work of all our volunteers!

OUR LENTEN ASCENT

This Sunday the Church invites us to the mountaintop with Jesus and his disciples. Let us take time throughout this coming week to ascend the mountain with Christ and discover Him in the moments of silence, beauty, and awe in our own lives.

WAY OF THE CROSS: Fridays in Lent at 7pm

To prepare our hearts for the suffering of Christ on Good Friday, St. Willibrord's will hold the **Stations of the Cross** every *Friday at 7pm* throughout the Lenten season.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our next session of Bible Study this *Thursday, March 5th at 6:30* with **Dr. Nathan Gibbard**. This is an opportunity for all our parishioners to engage with the Bible so they can be more active in their faith. Free babysitting available.

PASTORAL HOME CARE

For all those who took part in the Pastoral Home Care formation with Cathie Macaulay, we will meet on the second Sunday of every month after the 10:30 Mass:
March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14.

Faith in the Family next Sunday, March 8 at 9am

Calling all families! Join us next *Sunday, March 8th* for our next "Faith in the Family." We begin at 9am with breakfast followed by Faith Formation for children and youth and Faith Enrichment for parents and adults. All are welcome! Our next topic for children and youth is "Confession" and for adults "Freedom." Join us!

FIESTA AT ST WILLIBRORD

On *Saturday, March 28th* at 6pm the Salinggawi Philippines Arts Organization will present "Fiesta at St Willibrord" featuring a performances, dance, and a buffet dinner. Tickets \$20/person. Please see Father Gregory or contact the Office to get yours now!

CHALLENGE RETREAT

This weekend St. Willibrord's welcomes the young adults of the Challenge Movement for three-days of witness talks, prayer, fellowship, and fun. Challenge is deeply grateful to St. Willibrord's for its continued generosity and hospitality! *Thank you!*

Spiritual Concert: "Les sept paroles du Christ" by Joseph Haydn

The Marian Shrine of **Marie-Reine-des-Coeurs** in Chertsey is holding a Lenten concert next *Saturday, March 7th at 3pm*, "Les sept paroles du Christ." 1060 ave du Lac Beaulne, Chertsey. \$15.00/person. For information, please call: (450)882-3065.

Our Lenten journey to Easter has begun!

Join us for the diocesan-wide Lenten Mission about *The Catholic Faith and You!* led by Bishop Thomas Dowd. It takes place *March 17, 18, 19* at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish (11775 Filion, H4J 1T4) beginning at 7 p.m. Come for one, two or all three evenings and bring a friend. For more info: Corey Jolly [514-931-7311 ext.251](tel:514-931-7311).

St. Patrick's Society Luncheon:

The Honorable Thomas J. Mulcair will be the Guest Speaker at this year's Luncheon to be held at the **Château Champlain** on **St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th, 2015**. Tickets are \$80.00/pers., \$800 for a table of 8, and \$1250 for a sponsorship table. To order your tickets or for more information please visit our website : www.spsmtl.com or call our Office Manager - Erin Matheson at : [514 481-1346](tel:514-481-1346)