

Mass Intentions

A Reflection about Mass Intentions

Giving a “Mass Card” to the family of someone who has died is a traditional, practical, and consoling custom among Catholic people. Arranging to have a Mass offered for the repose of someone’s soul respects the mystery of death and pays attention to the truth that we will all be judged by God, mercifully but justly, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do.

When we die, life is changed, not ended. Do you think that everyone is ready for immediate welcome into the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps some are, perhaps very few. Upon his death, who had more prayers and Masses offered for him than Pope John Paul II? We all have need for divine mercy, and we can benefit from the prayers of our friends. When we die, we will be fortunate and blessed if we have a Mass of Christian Burial and if we have people pray for us at other Masses in the months and years to come

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Saturday, March 9th, 2019, 5:00PM

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, March 10th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Generosa Nunez by the Nunez Family

† Anaceta Corpuz by Dylan Corpuz

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, 10:30AM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019, 7:00PM

Blessings to Angelito Quiocho by Melina Pasal and family..

Thursday, March 14th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Rowena Pilarte by Merly Nunez and Family..

Friday, March 15th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Teresita Edralin by Amalia Edralin..

Saturday, March 16th, 2019, 5:00PM

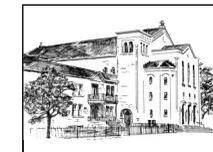
† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino

Sunday, March 17th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Mary Molloy-Weston by Lorraine Molloy

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March 10, 2019 — First Sunday of Lent

Jesus fasted forty days and was tempted by the devil

Jesus tempted by the devil

Luke tells us that at the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness one visitor came out to tempt him. Luke describes this tempter as the *devil* (Luke 4:1), who is also called the *father of lies* (John 8:44), *Satan* (Luke 10:18), and the spiritual *ruler and god of this world* (John 12:31; 2 Corinthians 4:4). He is the same deceiver who tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise (Genesis 3). Why did Satan tempt Jesus at the end of his lengthy period of fasting? Satan knew that Jesus was embarking on an important spiritual mission for the kingdom of God. Perhaps Satan saw an opportunity to strike while Jesus appeared more vulnerable in his physically and emotionally weakened condition due to his prolonged fasting and inner struggle over his particular call and mission. Satan undoubtedly thought he could persuade Jesus to choose his own path rather than the path his Father had chosen – a path that required self-renunciation, humility, and obedience to his Father's will. Jesus had to struggle with temptation, especially the temptation to choose his own way and to push aside the way his Father wanted him to go. This is the fundamental temptation which confronts each one of us as well. My way or God's way, my will or God's will.

Satan's first temptation appealed to Jesus' physical desires and hunger. Jesus was very hungry and physically weak at the same time - he hadn't eaten anything for forty days. Did the Spirit lead him into the wilderness to die? When the people of Israel were led into the wilderness for forty years without any natural source of food, they complained to Moses that he was punishing them with starvation – a very painful way to suffer and die. Moses took the matter to God in prayer. And God intervened by sending them manna – bread from heaven – for their daily provision. Should not Jesus do the same to revive his weakened condition? *Cont'd p2 ...*

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration
Feb 16-17, 2019—
\$515.55
Heating Fundraiser —
\$701.55
Feb 23-24, 2019—
\$655.05
March Flea Market —
\$2,835.00
March 2-3, 2019 —
\$1,152.90

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Satan tried to get Jesus to turn stones into bread, both to prove his supernatural power over nature and to satisfy his own personal hunger. Jesus knew that he had been anointed with extraordinary power for performing great signs and wonders, just as Moses and Elijah had performed great signs and miracles in the name of God. But Jesus had chosen to fast from food and to pray for a lengthy period in order to prepare himself for the mission his Father was entrusting to him. Jesus wanted to do his Father's will, even though it might cost him great sacrifice, suffering, and even the loss of his own life. He hungered for his Father's word and made his life dependent on what the Father wanted him to do, rather than what he might have preferred for himself. Jesus chose to use his power and gifts to serve his Father rather than to serve himself. Jesus defeated Satan's snare with the words of Scripture from the Book of Deuteronomy in which Moses warned the people of Israel to never forget God nor his word: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4)

Jesus' second temptation

Satan tempted Jesus a second time by presenting him with the best the world could offer - great riches, privileges, glory and fame, and the power to rule over all the kingdoms of the world - Jesus could claim title and possession to everything he desired. Jesus quickly saw through the trap of placing the world's glory, wealth, and power above the honor, glory, and service that is due to God alone. Jesus saw how easily one's heart can be swayed and even overpowered by what it most treasures. The heart cannot serve two masters - only one will prevail. Allowing fame, glory, and wealth to master one's heart is a form of idolatry - the worship of false gods. Jesus chose to honor his Father and to serve his Father's kingdom above all else. He chose to make his Father's will alone as his personal treasure and delight. Jesus again defeated Satan with the words of Scripture which Moses wrote in the Book of Deuteronomy: "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve'" (Deuteronomy 6:13).

Jesus' third temptation

Satan's last temptation was to convince Jesus that he should position himself at the pinnacle of the temple in Jerusalem, the holiest place on earth where God dwelt in a special way with his people, and there perform a spectacular sign that would prove beyond a doubt that he was the Messiah, God's anointed Son. Why would this be a real temptation for Jesus? It might be helpful to note that the devil is a Bible expert! He accurately quotes from Psalm 91:11-12, "He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you," and "on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." This psalm is connected with the temple which was regarded as a place of refuge and protection for those who put their trust in God and his dwelling place. The devil wanted Jesus to perform a death-defying sign by throwing himself off the tallest point of the temple to prove that he was who he claimed to be, the divinely appointed Messiah and Son of God. The temple pinnacle which Satan was referring to was very likely the highest structural corner in the construction of Herod's great temple. This high corner of the temple served as the "king's porch" on the edge of a precipice which dropped some 700 feet into the valley below

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/mar10.htm>

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 (Rectory)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am (Rectory)

Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rectory

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to

♦All who are celebrating this week.
Happy Birthday Arthur Gilchrist Jr.

Thank you to

♦all the volunteers who work at the Church, in the Rectory, and in the Soup Kitchen and at the Flea Market.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Way of the Cross Every Friday, during Lent, at 7:00PM, indoor Way of the Cross. If you wish to sponsor an evening, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678.



Lenten/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, 10:30AM

Chrism Mass, Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7:30PM, at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 Rue de la Cathédrale, Montréal, QC H3B 2V3)

Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 19, 2019, 3:00PM (Stations of the Cross), 7:00PM (Outdoor Way of the Cross (weather permitting))

Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019, 8:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, 10:30AM

Triduum



DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE

Thursday Bible Study:

Will be held on Thursday, at 6:30PM, in Rectory

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:

will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Choir Practice with Johanne

will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

PREX Graduates Meeting

Sunday March 10, 2019, there will be a short meeting (5-10 mins) following the 10:30AM Mass

Acolytes:

Meeting will be held in the rectory, on April 13, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:

The next faith in the family will be on March 24, 2019, at 9:00AM, in Cameron Hall



DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

St Patrick's Day Social Saturday, March 16, 2019, 6:30PM, Cameron Hall.

Flea Market: Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall Saturday, April 13, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

Outdoor Way of the Cross (Weather permitting)

We will be processing along the streets of Verdun; please join us and invite your friends and family member, we will be gathering at St Willibrord and preparing to begin our procession at 7:00PM



will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and 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.