

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 10th, 2018, 5:00PM**

Birthday Blessings for Guy Bougie  
†Angie Adelin by her aunts

**Sunday, March 11th, 2018, 10:30AM**

†Generosa Nunez on the anniversary of her death by the Nunez family  
Healing Blessings and Speedy Recovery for Cho Chi Luen by Angela Choi

**Tuesday, March 13th, 2018, 7:00PM**

Pro Populo

**Wednesday, March 14th, 2018, 7:00PM**

†Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle..

**Thursday, March 15th, 2018, 9:00AM**

Blessings for Marilyn Mendoza..

**Friday, March 16th, 2018, 9:00AM**

Blessings for Angela Choi..

**Saturday, March 17th, 2018, 5:00PM**

Thanksgiving by Cora Garlando and Family..

**Sunday, March 18th, 2018, 10:30AM**

Thanksgiving and Blessings for Jessica Sandra Reginales by the Reginales Family..

Spiritual Reflection, directed by Fr Jay

Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, in Cameron Hall. Details to follow.

**Easter Triduum Masses**

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – 3pm

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross– 6:30pm

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil – 8pm

Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday – 10:30am



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## March 11, 2018—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel again offers us the words that Jesus addressed to Nicodemus: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (Jn 3:16). In hearing these words, we turn our heart's gaze to Jesus Crucified and we feel within us that God loves us, truly loves us, and He loves us so much! This is the simplest expression that epitomizes all of the Gospel, all of the faith, all of theology: *God loves us with a free and boundless love.*

This is how God loves us and God shows this love first through *creation*, as the Liturgy announces, in the fourth Eucharistic Prayer: “You have created all things, to fill your creatures with every blessing and lead all men to the joyful vision of your light.” At the beginning of the world there is only the freely given love of the Father. Saint Irenaeus, a saint of the first centuries, writes: “In the beginning, therefore, did God form Adam, not as if He stood in need of man, but that He might have one upon whom to confer His benefits” (*Adversus Haereses*, IV, 14, 1). It is like this, God's love is like this.

Thus the fourth Eucharistic Prayer continues: “Even when he disobeyed you and lost your friendship you did not abandon him to the power of death,” but with your mercy “helped all men to seek and find you.” He came with his mercy. As in creation, and also in the subsequent stages of salvation history, the freely given love of God returns: the Lord *chooses his people* not because they are deserving but because *they are the smallest among all peoples*, as He says. And when “the fullness of time” arrived, despite the fact that man had repeatedly broken the covenant, God, rather than abandoning him, formed a new bond with him, in the blood of Jesus—the bond of a new and everlasting covenant—a bond that nothing will ever break.

Saint Paul reminds us: “God, who is rich in mercy,”—never forget that He is rich in mercy—“out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ” (Eph 2:4). The *Cross of Christ* is the supreme proof of the mercy and love that God has for us: Jesus loved us “*to the end*” (Jn 13:1), meaning not only to the last instant of his earthly life, but to the farthest limit of love. While in creation the Father gave us proof of his immense love by giving us life, in the passion and death of his Son He gave us the proof of proofs: He came to suffer and die for us. So great is God's mercy: He loves us, He forgives us; God forgives all and God forgives always.

May Mary, who is the Mother of Mercy, place in our hearts the certitude that we are *loved by God*. May she be close to us in moments of difficulty and give us the sentiments of her Son, so our Lenten journey may be an experience of forgiveness, of welcome, and of charity.

POPE FRANCIS Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 15 March 2015

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ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Donation for Flowers the Sanctuary**

Thank you for those who have already made a donation.

There is still time, if you would like to make a directed donation to be used to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary during Easter, please use the envelopes marked Easter Flowers and place it in the collection basket. If you would like to purchase flowers that will be used during the Easter Season, they can be brought up during the offertory during Holy Week.

**Stations of the Cross**

On Friday, March 9, 16, and 23, 2018, you are invited to pray the stations of the Cross. Please extend this invitation to your friends and family. This will take place, in the Church, at 7:00PM,

**Outdoor Way of the Cross**

Friday, March 30, 2018, we will be gathering at here, the St Willibrord Parish, at 6:30PM and leaving from here at 7:00PM; we will be processing up Willibrord Ave, east along Verdun Ave to Hickson Street, down Hickson Street to Lasalle BD, along Lasalle Bd to de l'Eglise to Wellington and then west on Wellington to Willibrord Avenue, where we will gather back at the Church for final prayer.

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

**Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism** Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

**Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members:** Sunday, March 11, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

**Acolytes:** Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 9:00AM

**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family will be on March 18, 2018

**Resurrection Angel** Sunday, April 1, 2018, 9:00AM

**Date(s) to Remember**

**Flea Market:** Saturday, April 7 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Mass in Cameron Hall:** Saturday, March 24, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

**ALPHA: Dates to be announced.** ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. ALPHA has become a worldwide phenomenon, now in 164 countries, where millions of people have come to explore the meaning of life and discover a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We will meet weekly on Sunday, at noon, following the 10:30AM Mass. In each session we will begin by enjoying a meal, followed by laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile.

If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

**Rita Riley (RIP),** Long time parishioner and dear friend of St Willibrord Parish, passed away; visitation will take place on March 17, 2018, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM, followed by a Church Funeral service, at 1:00PM. It will be followed by a small gathering in Cameron Hall.

**St Thomas More Parish—Annual St Patrick's Concert**

The 63rd annual St. Patrick's Concert will take place on Friday Evening, March 16th, in the Parish Hall. This is also the 63 year that Wally Gregory has produced this Concert. Let us support Wally as well as the Parish in this delightful event. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

**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.

**Resurrection Angel**

Salubong or Resurrection Angel has been a long tradition in all the Catholic parishes in the Philippines. It is believed that before Jesus appeared to his disciples and Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, Jesus first appeared to his mother.

During one of Pope John-Paul II's audiences in Rome (1997) he stated that it is only logical for Jesus to appear to his mother first. The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. That is why the re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honour for the child to be the angel who will lift the veil of sorrow, enabling Mary to see Jesus clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

The Pope asked: *“How could the Blessed Virgin, present in the first community of disciples (cf. Acts 1: 14), be excluded from those who met her divine Son after he had risen from the dead?” Indeed, it is legitimate to think that the Mother was probably the first person to whom the risen Jesus appeared. Could not Mary's absence from the group of women who went to the tomb at dawn (cf. Mk 16: 1; Mt 28: 1) indicate that she had already met Jesus? This inference would also be confirmed by the fact that the first witnesses of the Resurrection, by Jesus' will, were the women who had remained faithful at the foot of the Cross and therefore were more steadfast in faith. L'Osservatore Romano (Weekly Edition in English, 28 May 1997, page 11)*

**Resurrection Angel Candidates**

This is the Second Annual Resurrection Angel Fundraising Event. The Candidates are *Ali Junior Ansagay, Victoria Eden Sanglitan, Tamina Eli Nabor Saturno, Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, Jamea Ival Marie Corpuz, Michael Amuro and Lexie Anne Castro.* The candidate who raises the most money will be given the honor of being the Resurrection Angel, who on Easter Sunday, will be given the honor of lifting the veil of sorrow from Mary, at the time when Mary sees Jesus for the first time since the Crucifixion.

*Thank you to the candidates and their parents. We invite you to encourage them by sponsorship and donations.*

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

Feb 17-18, 2018—

\$1,100.00

Feb 17-18, 2018—\$260.00

(Collection for heating expense)

Feb 24-25, 2018—\$643.95

Feb 24-25, 2018—\$520.00

(Collection for heating expense)

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 (351 Willibrord Ave)

Congratulations to

Fr Gregory Nunez, as he celebrates his 19th Anniversary as an ordained priest. For all that you have done for our Parish, May God continue to bless you for your Faithful ministry.