

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 15, 2015

4th Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

Saturday March 14

Sunday March 15

Tuesday March 17
Pro Populo

Wednesday March 18

Thursday March 19

Friday March 20

Saturday March 21
Pro Populo

Sunday March 22
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By Sylvie Suprenant

Meditation. Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD), an early church father, explains the spiritual meaning of the bronze serpent and how it points to the saving work of Jesus Christ: "This story is a type of the whole mystery of the incarnation. For the serpent signifies bitter and deadly sin, which was devouring the whole race on the earth... biting the Soul of man and infusing it with the venom of wickedness. And there is no way that we could have escaped being conquered by it, except by the relief that comes only from heaven. The Word of God then was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, 'that he might condemn sin in the flesh' [Romans 8:3], as it is written. In this way, he becomes the Giver of unending salvation to those who comprehend the divine doctrines and gaze on him with steadfast faith. But the serpent, being fixed upon a lofty base, signifies that Christ was clearly manifested by his passion on the cross, so that none could fail to see him." (*COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2.1*)

The cross defeats sin and death. The bronze serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe in Jesus Christ. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising from the dead, and his exaltation and ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual power and gifts, especially the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (see Isaiah 11), to enable us to live in his strength as sons and daughters of God. Do you thirst for the *new life* which God offers you through the transforming power of his Holy Spirit?

The proof of God's love for us. How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world.

This passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, *God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.* God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love. - rc.net

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

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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.

Collections

Feb. 21-22, 1,310.05

Feb. 28-Mar 1 1,677.95

Thank You!

Thank you to:

All our volunteers at the Soup Kitchen.

Cora Garlando, Jing Jing Apan, Beng Bolofer, & Fely Quiocho for cleaning the Rectory!

Jonas Bolofer for donating large quantity of table clothes to the Parish.

Pedro Quiocho, Bernard Burcena, for delivering the table clothes

We greatly appreciate the hard work of all our volunteers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Our weekly Bible Study resumes this *Thursday, March 19 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 is available.

FAITH IN THE FAMILY next Sunday, March 22

Calling all families! Join us next *Sunday, March 22nd* for our next "Faith in the Family." We will 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 is Jesus' Passion as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

DIOCESAN MISSION THIS WEEK!

Join us for the diocesan-wide Lenten Mission entitled **The Catholic Faith and You!** led by Bishop Thomas Dowd. It takes place this *Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday* at 7p.m. at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish (11775 Filion, H4J 1T4).

For more info: Corey Jolly [514-931-7311 ext.251](tel:514-931-7311).

LENTEN REFLECTION AFTER THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to attend a Lenten Reflection on *Friday, March 20th and 27th* after the Way of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Cathie McCaulay will lead us in the reflection. The theme will be—Growing Old in a Day : Reflections on the Way of the Cross.

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 are \$20/person, please see Father Gregory or contact the Office to get yours!

EASTER FLOWERS OFFERING

Fresh flowers to decorate St. Willibrord's for our upcoming Easter services are made possible by your generous donations. Flowers may be dropped off at the Rectory during office hours between *March 31st – April 3rd*. If you wish to make a donation toward our Easter flowers, please see Angela Choi after mass or contact the Rectory.

51st International Eucharistic Congress in Cebu!

You are invited to join a Canadian delegation attending the next **International Eucharistic Congress** in Cebu, Philippines from *January 20th to February 4th, 2016!* 4 days will be spent in Hong Kong, and 10 days in Cebu, staying in 4-star hotels. Price: \$4370. For more information and free brochure: [514-288-6077](tel:514-288-6077)

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)