

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

--<https://seton-parish.org/news/a-reflection-about-mass-intentions-1>

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

† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino

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

† Mary Molloy-Weston by Lorraine Molloy
† Teresita Guitierrez Edralin † Pablo Gutierrez
and birthday blessings for Amelia Gutierrez Edralin
Thanksgiving Mass by Norma Orbita

Tuesday, March 19th, 2019, 10:30AM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 20th, 2019, 7:00PM

† Edmund Nerida by Jonas Bolofer and family..

Thursday, March 21st, 2019, 9:00AM

† Myra Burchell by Gerry and Lynn Barnes..

Friday, March 22nd, 2019, 9:00AM

† Jose Palma, † Teresita Palma, and † Melchor Palma by Dylan Corpuz..

Saturday, March 23rd, 2019, 5:00PM

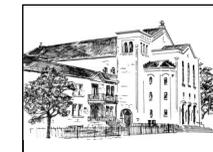
† Magdalena Valenzuela Reginales by Reginales Family

Sunday, March 24th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Death Anniversary of Melinda Bulseco Simpson by Burcena Family
Blessings by Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Quiocho and family

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March 17, 2019 — Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus transfigured in glory

The Lord wants to share his glory with each of us

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom - your name will be written in heaven. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us, if we will follow in his footsteps.

Origen (185-254 AD), an early church bible scholar and writer, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives:

"When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

Stay awake spiritually - Don't miss God's glory and action

Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. 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 to you, to your presence in my life, and to your life-giving word that nourishes me daily. Let me see your glory."

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/mar17.htm>



A CELTIC BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,



Saint Patrick, The Shamrock, and The Trinity

The shamrock is a symbol both for the Holy Trinity and St. Patrick (389-461). The shamrock is a clover plant with a yellow flower and leaflets made up of a stem with three small green leaves. The plant is very common and widely distributed throughout Ireland.

St. Patrick was a zealous missionary to the Irish, a people who upon his arrival in 432 had heard little or nothing of Jesus and his gospel. St. Patrick was an energetic traveler, a determined evangelizer, and a courageous preacher, and as he canvassed the countryside he was assailed by bitter opponents who threatened his life and undermined his message, but undeterred, he made hundreds and thousands of converts.

Whether St. Patrick was speaking to local pagans who knew nothing of the Christian faith, or to neophytes, newly-baptized disciples who were not well-grounded in the truths of the faith, he was faced with the daunting task of explaining profound mysteries such as the Trinity which are so difficult to understand.

There are several popular legends about how St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity. According to one story, St. Patrick went to Connaught where he met two of King Laoghaire's daughters, Ethne and Fedelm. St. Patrick had been unable to persuade the king to convert, but he convinced the king's daughters. During their time of instruction St. Patrick used a shamrock to visualize the mystery of the Trinity, how a single plant with three leaves is analogous to the one Triune God with three separate and distinct Persons (Thurston, H. J., ed., *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, Vol. 1, 615).

According to another legend, St. Patrick used a shamrock to help explain the Trinity in a sermon he preached directly to King Laoghaire.

According to a third legend, St. Patrick was traveling and happened upon a number of Irish chieftains along a meadow. The tribal leaders were curious about the Trinity and asked St. Patrick for an explanation. So he bent down, picked a shamrock, and showed it to them, and explained how the three leaves are part of the one plant, and how similarly the three Persons, Father, Son, and Spirit, are part of one Supreme Being.

<http://catholicdish.com/the-pastors-page/saint-patrick-the-shamrock-and-the-trinity/>

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

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

CONFESSIONS 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.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Feb 23-24, 2019—

\$655.05

March Flea Market —

\$2,835.00

March 2-3, 2019 —

\$1,152.90

March 6, 2019—\$ 122.95

March 9,-10, 2019—

\$1,382.75

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**

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to

◇All who are
celebrating
this week.

Thank you to

◇Fr Stephen Otvos for
presiding at our

5:00PM Mass

◇the visiting choir

◇all the volunteers who
work at the Church,
in the Rectory, and

in the Soup Kitchen

and at the Flea

Market.