

Mass Intentions

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..

†Isidro Florendo Sr. by Melina Pasal and Bong Quiocho

†Ruben Nartea

Tuesday, March 19th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018, 7:00PM

Positive exam results for the Students of Joseph D'Silva

Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, 9:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Ed Rodgers

Friday, March 23rd, 2018, 9:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Bob Neale

Saturday, March 24th, 2018, 5:00PM

†Fred Briffett By David Briffett

Sunday, March 25th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Cecilia Fougere By Yvonne Gerald

Birthday Blessings for Timothy Joseph Ordoná by Jocelyne & Oscar Ordoná

†Felomina Rebujo Cancio by Jocelyne & Oscar Ordoná

Spiritual Reflection, directed by Fr Jay

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

A Priest will be made available to hear confession from 4:30PM to 5:00PM

Easter Triduum Masses

Thursday, March 29th Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm

Friday, March 30th Good Friday – 3pm

Friday, March 30th Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross– 6:30pm

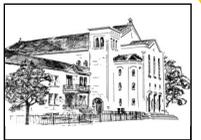
Saturday, March 31st Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil – 8pm

Sunday April 1st Easter Sunday – 10:30am



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March 18, 2018—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reflection

In his humanity, Jesus was not literally a priest; that is, as a member of the tribe of Judah, he was not of the line of Levi and did not serve in the Jerusalem temple as one of its priests. Yet the author of the Letter to the Hebrews famously calls him “high priest,” and “of the order of Melchizedech.” What does this mean? The author is using a powerful metaphor, borrowed from Psalm 110:4, to capture the reality that, like the high priest performing the ritual of the Day of Atonement, Jesus functioned as a mediator between God and the people of God, facilitating reconciliation through a sacrifice, in Jesus’ case through *self*-sacrifice.

Notice how the incarnation plays an integrating role here; as both divine and human, Jesus is uniquely qualified to function as a mediator, since he participates in both the divine and human reality. He can be said to “learn” obedience because, as human, he did indeed *learn* what human obedience of God is by undergoing the human *experience* of obeying the will of the Father. Similarly, the author can also say that Jesus is “made perfect,” for through his experience of human suffering he becomes more perfect *in his role as mediator*. By suffering, he grows in solidarity with human beings. In that way he also enables human persons to be saved by their obedience to Jesus.

And what does it mean to be “of the order of Melchizedech”? As the author states later about Melchizedech, in chapter seven, “Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever” (7:3). That is the author’s way of saying that Melchizedech is an anticipation of Jesus who has those qualities in a transcendent way, now that he is risen Lord.

This exotic (to us) use of metaphor is a very Jewish way of reminding us Christian readers that Jesus really did become one of us, to help us connect with the divinity that he also embodies as incarnate Son, now risen. We participate in that growing union every time we celebrate the Eucharist, when we participate in Jesus’ self-offering to the Father in union with the Holy Spirit.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Archive/2015/032215.html>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration
March 3-4, 2018—
\$1,626.30
March Flea Market—
\$2,054.65
March 10-11, 2018—
\$585.90
March 10-11, 2018—
\$248.00
(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)

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to
◇All celebrating this week
◇Birthday Blessings to Arthur Gilchrist Jr. and Kelly Cortez.
Thank you to
◇Mike, Roger, Ann, Marilyn, Janet, Cora, and all who volunteer at the rectory and Church.
◇Jorge, Bong, Pedro and company, as they work to prepare for the Resurrection Angel Celebration

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.*

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 25, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Acolytes: Saturday, April 14, 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.

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.