

Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints." —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, March 18th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**All souls in Purgatory** By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, March 19th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**John Carley** By **The Wargachuk Family**

† **Ernestine & Kenneth Park** By Betty Luyten-Friedman

†**All Saints and In Honor of the Holy Cross and our Lady of Sorrows and our Lady of Covenant**
By Merly Nunez

Thanksgiving Mass By Mr & Mrs Pedro Quiocho and family

†**Third Death Anniversary of Marjorie Lopez** By Marcella & John Lopez

Tuesday, March 21st, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017, 7:00PM

†**Mauro Redrino** By Maureen Redrino

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Susana Basilan** By Rose & Mayet Basilan

Friday, March 24th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Jovita Nunez Baldesco** By Merly Nunez

Saturday, March 25th, 2017, 5:00PM

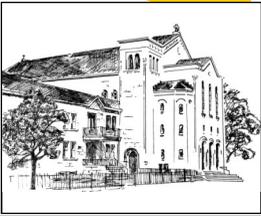
†**Blanche Pressner** By Susan Charlebois

†**Fred Briffet** By David Briffett

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick,

- Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk.

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March 19, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

Meditation: Would you do a favor for someone who snubbed you or treated you like an enemy? Jesus did just that and more! He treated the Samaritans, the sworn enemies of the Jews, with great kindness and respect. The Samaritans who lived in middle region of Israel between Galilee and Judaea and the Jews who lived in the rest of the land of Israel had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade, and inter-marriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out.

When Jesus decided to pass through Samaria he stopped at Jacob's well because it was mid-day and he was both tired from the journey and thirsty. Jacob's well was a good mile and a half from the nearest town, called Sychar. It wasn't easy to draw water from this well since it was over a hundred feet deep. Jesus had neither rope nor bucket to fetch the water.

When a Samaritan woman showed up at the well, both were caught by surprise. Why would a Samaritan woman walk a mile and a half in the mid-day heat to fetch her water at a remote well rather than in her local town? She was an outcast and not welcomed among her own townspeople. Jesus then did something no respectable Jew would think of doing. He reached out to her, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from his fellow Jews. He also did something no strict Rabbi would dare to do in public without loss to his reputation. He treated the woman like he would treat one of his friends - he greeted her and spoke at length with her. Jesus' welcoming approach to her was scandalous to both Jews and Samaritans because this woman was an adulteress and public sinner as well. No decent Jew or Samaritan would even think of being seen with such a woman, let alone exchanging a word with her!

Jesus broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and tradition to bring the good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles alike. He demonstrated the universality of the gospel both in word and deed. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love - our stubborn pride and wilful rebellion.

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman about water? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field.

The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pool or reservoir. When the Israelites complained about lack of water in the wilderness, God instructed Moses to strike the rock and a stream of fresh living water gushed out (Exodus 17:6). Even though the Israelites did not trust God to care for them in the wilderness, God, which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?—copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word,

source: www.daily Scripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

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.

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Ash Wed, Mar 1, 2017 -\$153.30
Flea Market, Mar 4, 2017-
\$2,447.30
Mar 4-5, 2017—\$1,340.30
Mar 11-12, 2017—\$1,004.00

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
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am

 **An Irish 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,
And the rains fall soft upon your
fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of
His hand.

Birthdays/Anniversary
Blessings to
all Parishioners who are
celebrating this week.

◊Mike, Judith, Bong, Jonas,
Pepito, Pedro, Nonong, Jorge,
Bernard, Beng and Jackie for
their work at the rectory Soup
kitchen and the Church

REFLECTION
A famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image – and image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life, is the presence of Jesus.

Depths
You need sometimes to go to the depths of the well...finding God in all things... where they affect us – love, pain, death, decision, joy, – we find God. God is near when we are near to ourselves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companionship – this is the offering of God. The living water is the holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion – the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people – religion, tribes. In the depths of the well we are all equal.

In the well we see everyone and can rediscover our common roots – and a big one is we are children of God. Neither Jew nor Samaritan.

Mercy
And you find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put all sorts of conditions on God's mercy and forgiveness – naming our sins, counting the numbers of them. God doesn't number sins but forgives them and covers them over with love. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy. The face of a bighearted God with a smile and an inviting face...to spread to the world like the woman did.

Of the mercy of God, Pope Francis says – “there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase from the mind or heart of God even one of the children he has created”.

Donal Neary SJ—<https://sacredheartmessenger.com/tag/john-45-42/>

The Importance of Parish Collection Envelopes

The Parish envelopes serve many purposes. Firstly, the envelope list also provides the contact information which is used for our register, indicating the number of families and individuals that make up the community and the need to sustain the Church. Secondly, the envelopes provide documentation that is used to prepare tax receipts, which you can use when preparing your income tax.

The strength and stability of a parish is reflected by the number of registered envelope users. The more envelope users the more stable the Parish.

We are in the process of contacting a new company to print our envelopes and we are taking this opportunity to update our envelope request list. If you wish to receive envelopes, or correct any information, please complete the short form and place it in the collection basket, return it to Stasi, Carole or Angela or contact the rectory.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Resurrection Angel Candidates

The following candidates will be raising money for St Willibrord Parish by canvassing for sponsors which is 2\$ per ticket and the child who raises the most money will have the honor of lifting the veil of sorrows from Mary when Jesus first appears to her, **Jazlyn Rose Cawaling, Joe Anthony Luis Carrillo, Spencer William Fabia Poquiz, Jolina Sheloh Reginales, Jessica Jane Quiocho, Glyness Joy Tecson, Rex Alexander Ansagay, Vincent Fournier, Auraya Altares Low and Fredrick Kay Manansala.**

This re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honor for the child to be the angel who lifts the veil, enabling Mary to see Jesus, clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by **Catholicism** at 7:30pm
Reflection on Seven Deadly Sins: March 19, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, at 7:00PM, leading up to Good Friday
St Patrick's Pub Night at St Willibrord's :Cancelled
Parish Lenten Recollection will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass, for a period of one hour, on March 19, 2017, March 26, 2017, April 2, 2017 and April 9, 2017
Flea Market: Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Mary Queen of the World Cathedral On April 2, 2017, at 1:30PM, the children preparing for their first communion and confirmation are invited to visit the Cathedral

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family (incl Prep for First Communion and Confirmation): This Sunday and the next will be on March 19, 2017 at 9:00AM
Lectors: This Sunday and the next meeting will be on April 2, 2017 after the reflection
Acolytes: This Saturday and the next meeting will be on April 1, 2017, at 9:15AM, at the rectory

Do you have any questions about your faith and are looking for answers?

Ask Father....

Papers have been placed at the back of the place at the back of the Church for you to ask the questions that you have always wanted to ask concerning the Church and your faith. The answers will appear in subsequent bulletins. A box will be placed at the back of the Church to collect your questions

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT (NES)

What? **New Evangelization Summit**
Where? **Live streamed here at St. John Brebeuf** When? **Fri. May 12... 6:00 - 9:30 pm and Sat. May 13...8:30 AM -4:00 pm** Why? **Need to get fired up in our Faith to go out and live it.**
How? **Register on line at www.newevangelizaon.ca or Who? Call Dawn at 514 366 0131 ext. 223, Cory at 514 799 1907, Prem/Bob at 514 366 8553.**

RUSDI GENEST, a local artist and supporter of St Willibrord Parish will be having a showing of some pieces of his art at the Galarie Bernanrd located at 3926, rue Saint-Denis, Montréal (Québec) H2W 2M2, Telephone: (514) 277.0770, galeriemichelbernard@bellnet.ca. If you would like to see his works of art and meet with Rusdi to discuss them, please stop by on March 29, 2017, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. For more information- please contact the gallery.