

MASS TIMES

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 9:30-11:30

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March 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY

Announced Masses

Saturday March 19th

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday March 20th

PALM SUNDAY

† **Vicente Cortez**

By the Family

† **Pauline Kennedy** By Suzanne
& Martina Walsh

† **Death Anniversary of**

Marjorie Lopez

By her Parents, John Lopez and
Marcela Ellasos

† **Melinda Simpson**

By Burcena Family

Tuesday March 22nd

PRO POPULO

Wednesday March 23rd

**7:30 CHRISM MASS AT
MARIE-REINE-DU-MONDE
CATHEDRAL**

No Mass at St. Willibrord

Thursday March 24th

**7PM MASS OF THE LORD'S
SUPPER**

Friday March 25th

**3PM PASSION OF OUR
LORD
6PM WAY OF THE CROSS**

Saturday March 26th

8PM EASTER VIGIL

† **Fred Briffett**

By David Briffett

Sunday March 27th

10:30 EASTER SUNDAY

Meditation: Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:

"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (*Tractates* on John 51.3-4)

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory:

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory? - **rc.net**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Julian Paparella
Administration and PCL

Collections
Feb 20-21/16—\$1053.50
Feb 27-28/16—\$1191.80
Mar 5-6/2016—\$1626.65
Flea Market—\$2144.25
Mar 12-13/16—\$1220.80

ART CLASSES: Drawing and Painting starts again on March 30, this Spring Session will be held at 320 Rielle Street, Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30pm. For more info and registration call : 514-845-1602

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mass of Chrism—Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm
(Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral)
Mass of the Lord's Supper—Thursday, March 24th at 7:00pm (Holy Thursday)
Good Friday Service—Friday, March 25th at 3:00pm and at 6:00 pm the Way of the Cross *inside the Church* using the reflections of Pope Francis
Easter Vigil—Saturday, March 26th at 8:00pm
Easter Sunday—Sunday, March 27th at 10:30am



Way of the Cross inside the Church on Good Friday

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the Way of the Cross will not be a procession through Verdun this year but will instead take place inside the Church, starting at 6pm. We will be offering prayers and making prayer indicators for the sick of the Verdun General Hospital.

Easter Flower Donations!

To celebrate this most sacred time of year, all parishioners are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Church. Flowers may be dropped off at the Office from 9am-3pm Tuesday to Thursday, or brought to the Church one hour before each liturgy on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

ALPHA and Faith in the Family continue April 3rd!



This morning we had ALPHA and Faith in the Family! The children looked at the Passion of our Lord. Our next session is Sunday, April 3rd, when we will be exploring the Resurrection! Breakfast at 9am and catechesis at 9:30. Please join us!

No Symbolon or Bible Study this Thursday

There will be no Symbolon or Bible Study this Thursday, March 24th because of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm. Please join us as we enter the Easter Triduum, the most sacred time of the entire year.

COMMUNION & LIBERATION WAY OF THE CROSS

On the morning of **Good Friday**, beginning at **9:30am**, Archbishop Christian Lepine will lead a Way of the Cross through the streets of Montreal, organized by Communion and Liberation. We will start at the **Chapel of Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours** (in the Old Port, 400 Saint Paul Street East), and continue in silent procession with prayer and chanting at **Notre-Dame Basilica, Saint Patrick's Basilica**, and concluding at **Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral**. It is a beautiful opportunity to walk together witnessing to the Cross of Christ.

HAPPY BIRTH-DAY!!!

Bob Neale (9th)
Arthur Gilchrist Jr.
(15th)

*Many blessings
always!*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist and Mike for cleaning the church inside and out, and all Mike's work in the soup kitchen!

Thank you to Jonas, Pedro, Bong and Bernard for plastering the Rectory.