

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 22, 2015

5th Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

Saturday March 21

Pro Populo

Sunday March 22

† **Yolande Fortin Suprenant**

By Sylvie Suprenant

Tuesday March 24

Pro Populo

Wednesday March 25

Thursday March 26

Friday March 27

Saturday March 28

† **James and Fred Brissett**

By David Brissett

Sunday March 29

† **Yolande Fortin Suprenant**

By Diane and Bruno Baron

Meditation. How does God bring us into an inseparable bond of love and unity with himself? God is a covenant-maker who draws men and women to himself in a bond of peace and friendship. God established a covenant with his people when he freed them from slavery in Egypt and brought them to his holy mountain at Sinai. "I will be your God, and you will be my people" (Exodus 6:7; Leviticus 26:12). But his people time and again broke covenant with him and did not follow his ways (Jeremiah 31:32) - "each did what was right in his or her own eyes" (Judges 17:26 and 21:25). God, nonetheless, continued to send his prophets to draw his people back.

A new and everlasting covenant

When the prophet Jeremiah was sent to the exiles to offer them a message of hope and restoration, he spoke of a new covenant that would surpass the previous covenant which God had made. God intended to establish a new and everlasting covenant that would wipe away the sins of his people and open the way to God's throne of mercy and grace (his undeserved favor and blessing). This new covenant would be sealed with the blood of the perfect sacrifice that Jesus would offer to the Father when he died upon the cross to atone for our sins. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry John the Baptist prophetically pointed to Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, was sent from the Father in heaven to become a man for our sake so he could as man offer the one perfect sacrifice that would unite us with God and give us everlasting life.

Jesus' hour of glory

Shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover, Jesus announced to his disciples that the "hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" (John 12:23). The Son of Man is a prophetic title for the Messiah recorded in the prophecy of Daniel (see the Book of Daniel 7:13-14). In Jesus' time the Jewish people were looking for a Messiah who would set them free from the oppressive rule of Rome. Jesus came to set people free from the worst oppression of all - the tyranny of endless slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Jesus came to bring us into a new covenant relationship with God that would not end with death but lead to eternal life.

"Unless the grain of wheat dies..."

How can suffering and death bring life and freedom? Jesus used the illustration of the "grain of wheat" to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is destroyed by burying it in the ground, can it rise to new life and bear fruit. Jesus' obedience and death on the cross obtain for us freedom and new life in the Holy Spirit. His cross frees us from the tyranny of sin and death and shows us the way of perfect love and readiness to lay down our lives in sacrificial service for the good of others.

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Board of Wardens
Joseph Brisindi
Angèle LaFlèche
Paul Moreau
Marcellina Daniel
Emilia Gohing
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff
Bernadette Roach
Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)
Administration
Terrel Joseph
Youth Ministry
Julian Paparella
Youth Ministry

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
Mar 7-8th 1070.25
Mar 14-15th 1127.50

Thank You!

Thank you to:
All our volunteers at the Soup Kitchen.

Thank you Tony Dilallo for the paper towel disperser and Danilo Corpuz for installing it!

Thank you Cora Garlando and Norma for cleaning the Rectory!

Thank you to all our volunteers!

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 continues this *Thursday, March 26 at 6:30* with Dr. Nathan Gibbard. This is an opportunity for all our parishioners to experience Scripture.

NEWMAN LECTURE this Wednesday, March 25

This *Wednesday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m.* the Newman Centre of McGill University is hosting its annual Newman Lecture on the topic of **Mary in the Life and Teaching of John Henry Newman**. The lecture will be given by Msgr. Frank Leo of the Grand Seminaire of Montreal. Open to all, free of charge, reception to follow. 3484 Peel St.

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY NEXT SATURDAY!!!

Next Saturday thousands of Youth and Families from across Montreal will come together for a youth festival at *Mission Santa Cruz at 12:30*, followed by a procession with palms to St. Patrick's basilica and *Marie-Reine-du-Monde* Cathedral for Mass at **5pm**. All are warmly welcomed to join and take part! Contact Terrel or the Office.

TALK AT ST JOHN BREBEUF THIS FRIDAY

"How Can I Share My Faith With Others?" with Michael Dopp will take place this Friday from 1pm to 3:30. No cost but registration necessary. Call 514-931-7311 x 229

LENTEN REFLECTION AFTER THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to attend a Lenten Reflection this *Friday, March 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 NEXT SATURDAY!!!

Next *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.

PARISH VITALITY CONFERENCE UPDATE

Remember the Parish Vitality Conference held last Nov. 13-15? Visit parishvitality.com and check out "Now What?" to find out what some parishes are doing to boost vitality in their community. To view workshops and addresses, the website playlist on YouTube features talks on Pastoral Leadership and Communications. There will be more to come; next update in April.

"Songs for a Russian Spring" concert featuring Johanne Patry

Songs for a Russian Spring, vocal music by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich and others, will be performed on Saturday, March 28th at 7:30pm at Loyola Chapel, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W. by contribution (suggestion of \$20). All profits go to the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal.

Featuring Johanne Patry, Nils Brown, Catherine Pycock and accompanist Irina Krasnyanskaya. Info: [514 843-7713](tel:5148437713) or johannepatry2003@yahoo.ca