

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

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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

†Ofracina Pineda by Lydia Pineda

Blessings by Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Quioco and family

Thanksgiving Blessings to Jason John Quioco from Melina Pasal and Angelito Quioco

Thanksgiving Mass for Susan Petalio

Thanksgiving and b-day blessings to Mila Taccabban and family

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019, 10:30AM

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Wednesday, March 27th, 2019, 7:00PM

Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings for Kim & Kelly Cortez by Flora Lim

Thursday, March 28th, 2019, 9:00AM

Felix and Romana Manugo by Merly Nunez and family..

Friday, March 29th, 2019, 9:00AM

Death Anniversary of †Jesus Bulseco & †Emilia Bulseco by Burcena Family..

Saturday, March 30th, 2019, 5:00PM

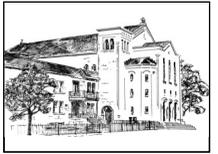
Healing Mass for Maria Salceda by Carole Wepruk..

Sunday, March 31st, 2019, 10:30AM

Blessings for Beng and Jonas Bolofer by Lorraine Molloy..

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March 24, 2019 — Third Sunday of Lent

"Unless you repent you will perish"

The fire of God's purifying love and deliverance

When Moses came near the mountain of God at Horeb (which is also named Sinai), God made his presence and will known to Moses through an extraordinary sign - a bush inflamed with a fierce fire that did not harm or destroy the bush. This burning bush was a sign of God's presence and power to save his people from destruction. The fire of God's presence always demonstrates his purifying love and mercy that burns away sin and refashions us in his holiness and righteousness (moral goodness). Just as gold is tested through fire, God tests and purifies his people and fills them with the fire of his love and holiness. When Jesus preached the coming of God's kingdom of peace and righteousness to his people, he called them to repent and believe in the gospel - the good news of pardon, peace, and new life in the Holy Spirit. His numerous signs and miracles demonstrated the power of God's kingdom breaking into the lives of all who turned to Jesus with faith and obedience. Many recognized that Jesus was the Messiah whom God had promised would come and do even greater signs and wonders than Moses has done.

Jesus addresses the issue of suffering and sin

Jesus on a number of occasions warned the people turn away from sin before it was too late to repent and receive God's mercy and pardon. Luke recounts two current disasters which Jesus addressed with the people. The first incident occurred in the temple at Jerusalem. Pilate, who was the Roman governor of Jerusalem at the time, ordered his troops to slaughter a group of Galileans who had come up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the Temple. We do not know what these Galileans did to incite Pilate's wrath, nor why Pilate chose to attack them in the holiest of places for the Jews, in their temple at Jerusalem. For the Jews, this was political barbarity and sacrilege at its worst!

The second incident which Jesus addressed was a natural disaster, a tower in Jerusalem which unexpectedly collapsed, killing 18 people. The Jews often associated such calamities and disasters as a consequence of sin. Scripture does warn that sin can result in calamity! *Though the righteous fall seven times, and rise again; the wicked are overthrown by calamity* (Proverbs 24:16).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is right now!

The real danger and calamity which Jesus points out is that an unexpected disaster or a sudden death does not give us time to repent of our sins and to prepare ourselves to meet the Judge of heaven and earth. The Book of Job reminds us that misfortune and calamity can befall both the righteous and the unrighteous alike. Jesus gives a clear warning - take responsibility for your actions and moral choices and put sin to death today before it can destroy your heart, mind, soul, and body as well. Unrepentant sin is like a cancer which corrupts us from within. If it is not eliminated through repentance - asking God for forgiveness and for his healing grace - it leads to a spiritual death which is far worse than physical destruction. ———<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/mar24.htm>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
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Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

March 2-3, 2019 —
\$1,152.90
March 6, 2019—\$ 122.95
March 9,-10, 2019—
\$1,382.75
St Patrick Fundraiser—
\$3,070.75
March 16-17, 2019—
\$871.35

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm
(Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday
(Rector)

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

9:30am to 11:30am
(Rector)

**Please note the Mass,
on Tuesday, Thursday**

Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to

◇All who are
celebrating
this week.

Happy Birthday to

Jonas Bolofer, Kim
Cortez, Kelly Cortez,
Mila Taccabban,
Betty Luyten and
Marc Charlebois

Thank you to

◇◇all the volunteers who
work at the Church,
in the Rectory, and
in the Soup Kitchen
and at the Flea
Market.

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right
and to be eager in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new life through penance.
Keep me from sin, and help me live
by Your commandment of love.
God of love, bring me back to You.
Send Your Spirit to make me strong
in faith and active in good works.

May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness,
open my heart to Your love,
and prepare me for the coming feast
of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word of life
and make me one
with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.
Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.

Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen.

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

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.