

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 one's 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 25th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Blanche Pressner** By Susan Charlebois

†**Fred Briffet** By David Briffett

Sunday, March 26th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**Gilles Roch** By Betty Luyten– Friedman

†**John Carley** By Lorraine Molloy

†**40 Days Death Anniversary of Emelia Bulseco** By Burcena family

†**Death Anniversary of Melinda Bulseco Simpson** By Burcena family

Birthday Blessings for Kelly Cortez By Flora Lim and family

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 29th, 2017, 7:00PM

†**Manuel and Pauline Rodriques** By Joseph DSilva

Thursday, March 30th 2017, 9:00AM

†**Jeff Lijeski..** By Betty Luyten-Friedman

Friday, March 31st, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Jovita Nunez Baldesco..** By Merly Nunez

Saturday, April 1st, 2017, 5:00PM

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

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017, 10:30 AM

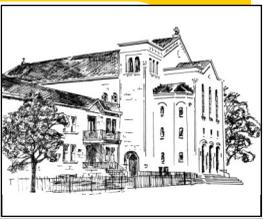
†**John Carley** By Parishioners of St Willibrord Parish

†**Loreto Amaro** By Marilyn Mendoza

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 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus frees us from spiritual blindness and sin

Meditation: Do you recognize the light of God's truth and power in your life? God wants to remove every obstacle that might hinder us from recognizing the light of his truth and wisdom for our lives. Saul, the first king of Israel, failed to recognize God's light and power to save him from his enemies. God replaced Saul with David, the youngest of Jesse's eight sons (1 Samuel 16). God saw something in David which Jesse and his other sons did not recognize - a man after God's own heart who delighted in doing what was pleasing to the Lord (1 Samuel 13:14). David was a man of courage and vision who defeated his enemies and united his people. His strength and success came not from himself but from God who anointed him with the power and wisdom of his own Spirit.

What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth. Only God's light can uncover the darkness of sin and free us to walk in the path of holiness and peace with God.

The light of the world

When the disciples saw a man who had been blind from birth, they asked Jesus what kind of sin had caused this blindness. The Jews had understood that many infirmities were the result of human folly and sin. While sin can lead to physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities, not all sickness is the direct result of sin. Sickness can befall us for a variety of reasons. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose which God wanted to demonstrate as a sign of his presence and power. Jesus then made a claim which only God could rightfully make. Jesus stated unequivocally, *I am the light of the world* (John 9:5). In so many words Jesus was saying that he is the one true source of power and light which sustains life and overcomes the darkness of sin, confusion, and spiritual blindness. Jesus' mighty works - his miraculous signs - confirmed the truth of his message and claim to divine authority and equality with his Father in heaven. One of his greatest signs was the healing of a man who had been blind from birth.

Freedom from spiritual blindness

John Chrysostom, commenting on this passage, remarked: "The Jews (the Pharisees) cast him out of the Temple; the Lord of the Temple found him." If our witness of Jesus and his redeeming work in our lives causes friends or foes to reject us, it nonetheless draws us nearer to the Lord Jesus himself. Paul the Apostles warns us to avoid the darkness of sin that we might walk more clearly in the light of Christ (Ephesians 5:8-12). Do you allow any blindspots to blur your vision of what God is offering you and asking of you?

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the "

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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

Mar 4-5, 2017—\$1,340.30
Mar 11-12, 2017—\$1,004.00
Mar 18-19, 2017—\$1,128.30

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

Birthdays/Anniversary Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.
Birthday blessings to Kelly Cortez, Jonas Bolofer, & Betty Luyten-Friedman
Thank You
◊Mike, Judith, Bong, Jonas, Pepito, Pedro, Nonong, Jorge, Bernard, Merly, Ruth, Sheila, Melina, Ann, Beng and Jackie for their work at the rectory, in the Soup kitchen and the Church.
◊Susan Becker for painting the two statues of the Virgin Mary
◊the generous parishioner who placed an envelope with a significant donation in the collection basket but wishes to remain anonymous.
◊the parishioner who purchased a large coffee maker.
◊the acolytes, your dedication and faithfulness, in serving at Mass, is appreciated

Mass Schedule for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017
10:30AM Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017
7:00PM Thursday of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday, April 14, 2017
3:00PM Friday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00PM Way of the Cross Procession



Easter Vigil, April 15, 2017
8:00PM The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017
10:30AM

“Why can't women become priests?”

The reason women can't be priests goes to the establishment of the sacrament of Holy Orders; because Christ established the sacrament. It has nothing to do with who's more worthy or suitable for Holy Orders in the same way that the ban on non-Catholics receiving Holy Communion has nothing to do with any moral or spiritual judgment on the persons involved. It has to do with Sacred Tradition, which is considered as divinely inspired as Sacred Scripture.

Women can serve their parishes in a variety of other ways: Women have equal rights to be sponsors at Baptism and Confirmation. In Matrimony, they're treated and regarded as full, equal partners with their husbands. Women can serve on the parish council and finance committees. They can be readers at Mass, extraordinary ministers (laypersons who assist the priest at Mass to give out Holy Communion, sometimes call Eucharistic ministers). And many parishes have women pastoral associates, nuns or religious sisters who help the pastor with many spiritual and pastoral duties. The Church has allowed local bishops and pastors the option to permit female altar servers at Mass. Now many parishes have both altar girls and altar boys.

“In theology, we base ourselves not on human expectations, but we base ourselves on the revealed word of God.” “We are not free to invent the priesthood according to our own customs, according to our own expectations”

“The son of God became flesh, but became flesh not as sexless but as a male” and since a priest is supposed to serve as an image of Christ, his maleness is essential to that role?—Fr. Wojciech Giertych

In order to effect any changes to Sacred Tradition the Pope, college of cardinals, theologians, representatives from the main line Protestants who will gather, study, debate and vote for it.

For more information, please pick up a copy of the “Apostolic Letter Ordinatio Sacerdotalis. Letter of Pope John Paul II to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the reserving priestly ordination to men alone.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Resurrection Angel Candidates

Tickets are still available for the resurrection angel, please support and encourage our candidates: **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: will resume after the Lenten Reflections

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, at 7:00PM, leading up to Good Friday

Parish Lenten Recollection will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass, for a period of one hour, started on March 19, 2017, and continues for March 26, 2017, April 2, 2017 and April 9, 2017

Flea Market: Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Meet the Resurrection Angel Candidates: April 2, 2017, following the 10:30 AM Mass, show your support by offering words of encouragement and making donations to their fundraising activities.

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

Resurrection Angel Easter: Sunday, April 16, 2017, at 9:00AM, in the Church

Easter Flowers Donations

Donations can be placed in the collection basket with “Easter Flowers” written on the envelope. Floral donations can be brought during Holy week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. For more information or to make arrangements, please contact the rectory



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 April 2, 2017 at 9:00AM

Lectors: The next meeting will be on April 2, 2017 to participate in the Lenten Reflection

Acolytes: 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 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 blue box has been placed at the back of the Church to collect your questions. Please continue to write down your questions and they will all be answered.

For your convenience, temporary Collection Envelopes

Until the new envelopes arrive from the new printer, we ask that you use the temporary envelopes, placed at the back of the church and in the pews. Thank you for your understanding. Donations made using these envelopes will be issued tax receipts.