

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 2nd, 2019, 5:00PM

† Elisabeth Olivier by Louis Olivier..

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Rosanna Besner
by Mr & Mrs Pedro Quioco and family..

Blessings on the Anniversary of Beng and Jonas Bolofer by Lorraine Molloy

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019, 10:30AM

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Wednesday, March 6th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Margaret and Alphonse Luyten
by Virginia Luyten-Feledick and Betty Luyten-Friedman..

Wednesday, March 6th, 2019, 7:00PM

† Ricky Walsh by Suzanne Walsh

Thursday, March 7th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Pablo Gutierrez by Amalia Edralin..

Friday, March 8th, 2019, 9:00AM

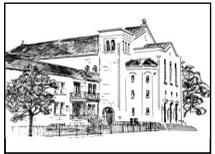
Birthday Blessings for Escolastica Gonzales and † Santos Gonzales
by Gonzales and Austria Family..

Saturday, March 9th, 2019, 5:00PM

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

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March 3, 2019 — Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do you not see the log in your own eye?"

Overcoming blind spots in our own lives

The Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician. Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good physician and shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came to free us from the worst oppression possible - slavery to sin, fear, and condemnation. Like a gentle and skillful doctor, the Lord Jesus exposes the cancer of sin, evil, and oppression in our lives so we can be set free and restored to wholeness. A key step to healing and restoration requires that we first submit to the physician who can heal us. The Lord Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom.

Thinking the best of others

The Lord Jesus wants to heal and restore us to wholeness, not only for our own sake alone. He also wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well. What can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician? The Rabbis taught: "He who judges his neighbor favorably will be judged favorably by God." How easy it is to misjudge others and how difficult it is to be impartial in giving good judgment. Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the other person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself. A critical and judgmental spirit crushes rather than heals, oppresses rather than restores, repels rather than attracts. "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty.

What you give to others will return to you

Jesus states a heavenly principle we can stake our lives on: *what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you* (Mark 4:24). The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skillful doctor he patiently draws us to his *seat of mercy* and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. Do you trust in God's mercy and grace? Ask the Lord to flood your heart with his loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for charity, forbearance, and kindness towards your neighbor.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tax Receipts 2018. The tax receipts have been mailed out, to the addresses that we have on file.

Lenten/Easter Schedule



Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 9:00AM and 7:00PM



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 10, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Choir Practice with Johanne

will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass
 Please note that it will be held on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month

Acolytes:

Meeting will be held in the rectory, on March 9, 2019, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:

The next faith in the family will be on March 10, 2019, at 9:00AM, in Cameron Hall

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

St Patrick's Day Social Saturday, March 16, 2019, 6:30PM, Cameron Hall.
Mass in Cameron Hall Saturday, March 9, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal
Flea Market: Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM



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.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
 Anastasia Wargachuk
 Administration

Feb 2-3, 2018—
 \$1,066.50
 Feb 9-10, 2019—\$920.65
 Feb 16-17, 2019—
 \$515.55
 Heating Fundraiser —
 \$701.55
 Feb 23-24, 2019—
 \$655.05

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 and Friday will be held in the Rectory

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to

◇All who are celebrating this week.

Happy Birthday to Bev Fender, Ed Rodgers and Bob Neale
Happy Anniversary of Ordination to Fr. Greg
Thank you to

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

The ibreviary

An instrument for prayer that can be accessed on your computer at <http://www.ibreviary.org/en/> or as an app on your smart phone.

The Liturgy of the Hours The iBreviary is your portable breviary. You can use it to pray with the full texts of the Liturgy of the Hours in just five languages. Simply launch the application and all the texts of the day will appear before you.

The Daily Missal for the celebration of Mass The iBreviary offers you the complete daily missal to follow the Mass or, if you're a priest, even to celebrate it. It is similar to the missal and worship aids found in your church. The Missal of the iBreviary contains the Ordinary of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayers, Masses for the the Saints, daily Mass readings, Prefaces, Prayers of the Faithful, Solemn Blessings, rites for various celebrations and other liturgical texts.

The Liturgy of the Hours

Also known as the Divine Office, the Hours are comprised of a four-week cycle of the psalms, biblical readings and songs, prayers of intercession, blessings, and other readings from spiritual writings, separated into morning, evening, daytime, and night prayer, and an office (collection) of readings. It is the required daily prayer of clergy and many in consecrated religious life, but it is also a rich source of prayer for all the members of the church.

The Acts of the Apostles talks about how the early Christian community was faithful to the Jewish tradition of gathering for prayer at appointed times.

There is also the exhortation in Saint Paul's letters to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) as well as Jesus' telling his disciples an entire parable about the "necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Christians took these commands seriously. By the 200s they were gathering for morning and evening prayer. Daily prayer at regular intervals was something available to all Christians.

As the early church moved into the Middle Ages, however, the practice fragmented into two forms: The "monastic office," the preserve of monasteries, and a simpler version, the "cathedral office," celebrated in parish churches. Even the more accessible cathedral office, though, came to be viewed as something belonging to the clergy and therefore remote from laypeople.

Centuries went by before the Second Vatican Council, in its *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* (1963), sought to put the Hours back into the hands of the whole church. Vatican II recognized that the Liturgy of the Hours "is devised so that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God. . . . The purpose of the office is to sanctify the day."

The Hours are a way to grow in several aspects of prayer. They are a ritual that opens those praying to a deeper recognition of the sacredness not only of the entire day but also of all creation. They punctuate the day with prayer and thus make the times in between more prayerful.

<https://www.uscatholic.org/church/2012/06/glad-you-asked-what-liturgy-hours>