

St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(inc. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotions) - Wednesday 6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

(Adoration) Friday 9:30-11:30am

Announced Masses

Saturday March 29

† **Shelia Carrega**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday March 23

† **James Whitton**

By Bob & Marion

† **George Reith**

By Beverly Fender

Tuesday April 1

Pro Populo

Wednesday April 2

† **George Reith**

By St. Willibrord Parish

Thursday April 3

Friday April 4

Saturday April 5

† **All Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday April 6

† **George Reith**

By Shirley Reith



March 30, 2014

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
"Laetare Sunday"**

"...was blind but now I see."

In today's gospel, the man born blind is one of us: **he is us**. His physical blindness represents another type of blindness as well: sin. When sin enters your life, it blinds you to Truth. As children of Adam and Eve, we are conceived into a human family in which sin is a congenital defect in our fallen human nature: there's nothing we can do humanly to remove sin itself.

When Jesus approaches the blind man, Jesus does not ask the blind person if he wants to be cured, and the blind man does not request that Jesus cure him. Jesus simply walks right up to the blind person, and heals him with a gift that the blind man has neither earned nor requested.

This gift, though, is not really the point of today's gospel. The point is what happens as the man born blind confronts others. John is trying to get us to think about whether our faith relates to the lives of others. Or is being a Christian just about "me and Jesus"?

Look at how the people in the Gospel respond to this miracle.

People are curious: they want to know more about this man who could cure blindness. Some of these curious people begin to place their faith in Jesus because of the miracle. Some of these curious people, though, are Pharisees. They, like the Samaritan woman, have hearts darkened and hardened by sin, but unlike the Samaritan woman, the Pharisees refuse to open their hearts and see what God's grace can accomplish.

When God works a miracle in their midst, their response (Pharisees) is to condemn the miracle-worker. Through the course of the gospel passage, we see the man born blind become more courageous: he even begins to confront the blindness of the Pharisees.

God works miracles in our lives, but we have to recognize (*see*) that we are blessed by Him. We also have to be willing to give witness to God's grace in our lives. This doesn't mean proclaiming it from the rooftops, but it does mean not hiding our faith inside of us where no one can see it, and not believing that our Faith has no place in public.

The point of today's Gospel? Are you and I also Pharisees?

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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.

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During this season of Lent let us make a special effort to pray for our sick, our housebound, those in elder care and those recuperating from surgery.

We pray for:

Francisca Agustin
Alice Barnes
Dr. John Callaghan
Stewart Carson
Emmett Cavanagh
Adrienne Coombs
Rosemary Fox
Carmen Lapello
Joan LaFleche
Daisy Levangie
Norman McKinnon
Sr. Clare O'Neill
Marie Paul
Blanche Pressner
Fran Roach
Altrice Weekes
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Services Schedule

Stations of the Cross **Friday's at 6:00 pm**
Spiritual Talks (Nathan Gibbard)....Fri. March 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11 at 7:00pm
Lenten Retreat: Michael J. Cumbie, (renowned Catholic Lay Evangelist)
Know Your Faith, Love Your Faith, Share Your Faith
Sun. Mar.30, Mon. 31 & Tue Apr 1 (7:00 — 8:30 pm)

Free will offerings welcomed !

@ **St. John Brebeuf Church**, 7777 George Street, La Salle - 514-366-0131 : ext.1
(we are in the process of organizing car-pools from St. Willibrord's to St. John Brebeuf Church, please call the office if you are interested in offering your service

A four-week Lenten Retreat by Nathan Gibbard, Director of the Newman Centre of McGill University, that offers an opportunity to walk with Christ in the wilderness of the season. Please join us for the **next 2 Friday's at 7pm, after the Stations of the Cross**

CatholadoVerdun Events

On **Sunday, April 6** from **1:00-5:00 pm.**, Catholado Verdun, will present a film in preparation for Holy Week. There will also be games, fellowship, and popcorn. The event is bilingual. The activity will take place in the basement of Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde church (on Brault, between Verdun and Bannantyne) – enter by the side door under the bell tower. All are welcome! For more information:

CatholadoVerdun@gmail.com, or see our group on Facebook.

On **Saturday April 12**, Archbishop Christian Lépine is inviting all the teens and young adults of Montreal to join him in **celebrating the 29th World Youth Day**. The celebration will **begin at 12:30pm at Santa Cruz Catholic Mission** (60 rue Rachel W metro Mont-Royal) for a Teen festival and a young adult festival happening simultaneously. At 3pm we will all process through the streets of Montreal from Santa Cruz to St Patrick's basilica with our palm branches (it is also Palm Sunday weekend!). The procession will end at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral for Palm Sunday Mass at 5pm with Archbishop Lépine (1085 rue de la Cathédrale metro Bonaventure). The annual diocesan celebration of World Youth Day was started in 1985 by Pope John Paul II. In Montreal, this event usually draws approximately 400-500 young people! For more info, please contact Terrel Joseph @ 514-578-2134 or stwillibrordyouth@gmail.com

The *Our Father* is the “summary of the whole Gospel”(Tertullian), the “perfect prayer”(Saint Thomas Aquinas) it presents in the form of prayer the essential content of the Gospel.

F.A.Q.

Q) Why do we conclude by asking “But deliver us from evil”?

A) “Evil” indicates the person of Satan who opposes God and is “the deceiver of the whole world” (Revelation 12:9). Victory over the devil has already been won by Christ. We pray, however, that the human family be freed from Satan and his works. We also ask for the precious gift of peace and the grace of perseverance as we wait for the coming of Christ who will free us definitively from the Evil One.

Q) What is the meaning of the final Amen?

A) “At the end of the prayer, you say ‘Amen’ and thus you ratify by this word that means ‘so be it’ all that is contained in this prayer that God has taught us.” (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem)

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church