

# 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 30th, 2019, 5:00PM

Healing Mass for Maria Salceda by Carole Wepruk..

Thanksgiving for blessing received by the Reginales Family

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

Blessings for Beng and Jonas Bolofer by Lorraine Molloy..

Thanksgiving for blessings received by the Benitez-Oviedo Family

†Victoria Davantes by the Davantes Family

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019, 10:30AM

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Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019, 7:00PM

†Anaceta Corpuz by Dylan Corpuz..

Thursday, April 4th, 2019, 9:00AM

†Teresita Guitarrez Edralin †Pablo Gutierrez

and blessings for Amelia Gutierrez Edralin ..

**\*\*Friday, April 5th, 2019, 6:00 PM\*\***

Thanksgiving Mass for Blessings received by Burcena Family..

Saturday, April 6th, 2019, 5:00PM

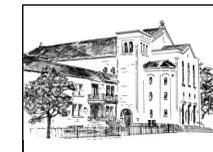
† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino

Sunday, April 7th, 2019, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving Mass by Norma Orbita..

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## **March 31, 2019 — Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### **"I will go home to my father"**

**Meditation:** What's worst than being separated from your home, loved ones, and friends? The pain of separation can only be surpassed by the joy of the homecoming and reunion. When God commanded his people to celebrate the Passover annually, he wanted them to never forget what he did for them when he freed them from oppression and slavery in the land of Egypt and brought them back to their promised homeland which he gave as a sign of his immense love and favor. At the end of their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, Joshua, the successor to Moses, led the people in celebrating the Passover meal after they had safely passed over the River Jordan to their promised homeland (Joshua 5:9-12).

### ***Our true homeland with God***

This crossing over from a land of slavery and oppression to a land of promise and freedom is a sign that foreshadows the true freedom and homecoming which the Lord Jesus has won for us in his kingdom. Through his victory on the cross the Lord Jesus has *delivered us from the dominion of sin and darkness and transferred us to his kingdom of light, truth, and forgiveness* (Colossians 1:13-14). God offers this freedom to all who believe in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God does not desire the death of anyone (Ezekiel 18:23). That is why he sent us his only-begotten Son to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death and to restore us to everlasting peace, joy, and abundant life with our Father in heaven.

### ***The merciful Father who welcome home his lost son***

Jesus illustrates this *passover* from slavery to sin and condemnation to freedom and new life in Christ with the longest parable recorded in the Gospels (Luke 15:11-32). What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant loving father? Is it the contrast between a grudging obedient son and a rebellious son who had wished his father was dead? Or the warm reception given to a spendthrift son and the cold reception given by the eldest son?

Jesus does contrast the eldest son's cold and aloof reception for his errant brother with the father's warm embrace and lavish homecoming party for his repentant son. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him.

"Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your love nor take for granted the mercy you have shown to me. Fill me with your transforming love that I may be merciful as you are merciful." —*cont'd on p. 2*

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to**

◇All who are celebrating this week.

**Happy Birthday to**

Jonas Bolofer, Joshua Reginales, Joelle Bolofer, Betty Luyten-Friedman and Bishop Alain Faubert

**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/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**

**Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:**

will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

**Choir Practice with Johanne**

will be held on Sunday, April 7, 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 April 7, 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

**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.

**Resurrection Angel Candidates for 2019**

Lexie Anne Castro, daughter of Edred Castro and Anabic Garcia

Vanessa Carbonneau, daughter of Cynthia Credito and Michel Carbonneau

Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, daughter of John Paul Cawling and Roche Martiriez

Colin Victor Davantes, son of Marites Davantes and Silver Davantes

Vanexcel Salmon, son of Arnel Salmon and Heidi Saul

Victoria Sanglitan, daughter of Jocelyn Samulde and Victor Sanglitan

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His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father. While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of every person who returns to God.

**Forgiven and restored to new life**

The prodigal could not return to the garden of innocence, but he was welcomed and reinstated as a son who had been missed much and greatly loved by his father. The errant son's dramatic change from grief and guilt to forgiveness and restoration express in picture-language the resurrection from the dead which Jesus makes possible to everyone who believes in him, a rebirth to new life from death.

The parable also contrasts mercy and its opposite - unforgiveness. The father who had been wronged, was forgiving. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving. His unforgiveness turns into spiteful pride and contempt for his brother. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners.

**God's mercy and kindness knows no bounds**

In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than any of us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him. He is always on the lookout for those who have a change of heart and want to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father?—

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/mar31.htm>

**Stations (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-

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration

March 16-17, 2019—  
\$871.35

March 23-24, 2019—  
\$875.35

**ST WILLIBRORD  
PARISH**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's  
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm  
**(Rectory)**

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am  
**(Rectory)**

**Adoration Thursdays**

9:30am to 11:30am  
**(Rectory)**

Friday: 6:00 pm  
**(during Lent)**

**Please note the Mass,  
on Tuesday,  
Thursday and Friday  
will be held in the  
Rectory**

*Sacraments*



Confirmation  
will be celebrated on  
Sunday, May 26, 2019, at  
10:30AM Mass

First Communion will  
be celebrated on Sunday,  
June 2, 2019, at the  
10:30AM Mass