

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018, 5:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, March 4th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Rogel Bonete and Bobby Bonete and thanksgiving blessings by the Bolofer family..

†Salvador Terzenio Sr by Cora Garlando and family

Tuesday, March 6th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018, 7:00PM

†Delia Faezal Evangelista by Cecille Lebrilla..

Thursday, March 8th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle..

Friday, March 9th, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving and blessings for Jory Trabajada by the Trabajada family..

Saturday, March 10th, 2018, 5:00PM

Birthday Blessings for Guy Bougie

†Angie Adelin by her aunts

Sunday, March 11th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Generosa Nunez on the anniversary of her death by the Nunez family

Easter Triduum Masses

Thursday, March 29th Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm

Friday, March 30th Good Friday – 3pm

Friday, March 30th Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross– 6:30pm

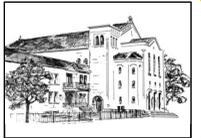
Saturday, March 31st Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil – 8pm

Sunday April 1st Easter Sunday – 10:30am



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March 4, 2018—Third Sunday of Lent

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"

Meditation: What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's work to purify and restore true worship and holiness among his people. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them safely through the Red Sea, and led them to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of living in moral goodness and holiness embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God also gave Moses instruction for how his people were to worship him in holiness and he instructed them to make a Tabernacle, which was also referred to as the "tent of meeting" where the people gathered to offer sacrifice and worship to God. The tent of meeting was later replaced by the construction of the temple at Jerusalem. The New Testament Scripture tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" - God's true Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. Do you thirst and hunger for God's holiness?

Jesus burns with zeal for his Father's house

When Jesus went to Jerusalem at Passover time he shocked the Jewish leaders by forcibly expelling the money-changers and traders from the temple. Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into a "house of trade" (John 2:16) and "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). The prophecy of Malachi foretold the coming of the Lord unexpectedly to his Temple to "purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord" (Malachi 3:1-4). Jesus' disciples recalled the prophetic words of Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." This psalm was understood as a Messianic prophecy. Here the disciples saw Jesus more clearly as the Messiah who burned with zeal for God's house.

The Jewish authorities wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. They demanded a sign from God to prove Jesus right, otherwise, they would treat him as an imposter and a usurper of their authority. Jesus spoke of himself as the true Temple which cleanses and makes us a holy people who can dwell with God. The sign Jesus gave pointed to his sacrificial death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). The Jews did not understand that the temple Jesus referred to was his own body. The "tent of his body" had to first be destroyed (that is, be put to death as the atoning sacrifice for our sins) in order to open the way for us to freely enter into the holy presence of God in his heavenly sanctuary (Hebrews 10:19).

The Lord Jesus makes us temples of the Holy Spirit

Through his death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus has reconciled us with God and made us adopted sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, and he fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes us living temples of our God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16). Do you recognize the indwelling presence of God within you through the gift and working of his Holy Spirit? The Lord Jesus wants to renew our minds and to purify our hearts so that we may offer God fitting worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with a holy desire and burning zeal for his holiness and glory to grow in you and transform the way you think, act, and live as a son or daughter of God.

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/mar4.htm>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
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Feb 17-18, 2018—
\$1,100.00
Feb 17-18, 2018—\$260.00
(Collection for heating expense)
Feb 24-25, 2018—\$643.95
Feb 24-25, 2018—\$520.00
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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 (Rectory)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am (Rectory)

Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rectory (351 Willibrord Ave)

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.
Happy Birthday to Bev Fender, Ed Rodgers and Bob Neale

Thank You to
◊Mike, Ann, Cora, Judith, and all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and Church.
◊those who contributed to the heating expenses

Resurrection Angel

Salubong or Resurrection Angel has been a long tradition in all the Catholic parishes in the Philippines. It is believed that before Jesus appeared to his disciples and Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, Jesus first appeared to his mother.

During one of Pope John-Paul II's audiences in Rome (1997) he stated that it is only logical for Jesus to appear to his mother first. The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. That is why the re-enactment of the meeting between Jesus and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin, will take place on Easter Sunday and it is a great honour for the child to be the angel who will lift the veil of sorrow, enabling Mary to see Jesus clearly for the first time since his crucifixion.

The Pope asked: *"How could the Blessed Virgin, present in the first community of disciples (cf. Acts 1: 14), be excluded from those who met her divine Son after he had risen from the dead?" Indeed, it is legitimate to think that the Mother was probably the first person to whom the risen Jesus appeared. Could not Mary's absence from the group of women who went to the tomb at dawn (cf. Mk 16: 1; Mt 28: 1) indicate that she had already met Jesus? This inference would also be confirmed by the fact that the first witnesses of the Resurrection, by Jesus' will, were the women who had remained faithful at the foot of the Cross and therefore were more steadfast in faith. L'Osservatore Romano, (Weekly Edition in English, 28 May 1997, page 11)*

DID YOU KNOW? Questions and Answers about Mass. In the bulletin, each week, there will be true/false questions.

Questions:

24. The priest may move the sign of peace to another part of the Mass if he feels it is for the best.

25. During the sign of peace, the priest may leave the sanctuary to exchange peace with the congregation.

26. Those non-ordained ministers who assist with distributing Holy Communion are called "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion."

27. People assisting at the altar may receive Holy Communion at the same time as the priest.

28. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must be used at every Mass to ensure proper participation of the lay people.

Answers:

24. False - the sign of peace may not be moved to any other portion of the Mass. (GIRM 112)

25. False - despite wide-spread acceptance, the priest is prohibited from leaving the Sanctuary to exchange peace with the congregation. (GIRM 136)

26. True - the term preferred by Rome is "Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion" - NOT "Eucharistic Minister." (Vatican Encyclical - DOL)

27. False - The priest must always receive Holy Communion prior to those assisting at the altar. (GIRM 116-117)

28. False - Extraordinary Ministers should not be used at Masses when there are not large numbers of the faithful in attendance, unless the priest is physically unable to distribute Communion. (IC)

Resurrection Angel Candidates

This is the Second Annual Resurrection Angel Fundraising Event. The Candidates are Ali Junior Ansagay, Victoria Eden Sanglitan, Tamina Eli Nabor Saturno, Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, Jamea Ival Marie Corpuz, and Lexie Anne Castro. The candidate who raises the most money will be given the honor of being the Resurrection Angel, who on Easter Sunday, will be given the honor of lifting the veil of sorrow from Mary, at the time when Mary sees Jesus for the first time since the Crucifixion.

Thank you to the candidates and their parents. We invite you to encourage them by sponsorship and donations.

Donation for Flowers the Sanctuary

If you would like to make a directed donation to be used to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary during Easter, please use the envelopes marked Easter Flowers and place it in the collection basket. If you would like to purchase flowers that will be used during the Easter Season, they can be brought up during the offertory .

Stations of the Cross

On Friday, March 9, 16, and 23, 2018 you are invited to pray the stations of the Cross. This will take place, in the Church. at 7:00PM,

Outdoor Way of the Cross

Friday, March 30, 2018, weather permitting, we will be gathering at 6:30PM and leaving from the St Willibrord Parish, at 7:00PM; we will be processing up Willibrord Ave, along Verdun Ave to Hickson Street, down Hickson Street to Lasalle BD, along Lasalle BD to De l'Eglise to Wellington and then west on Wellington to Willibrord Aven where we will gather back at the Church for final prayer.

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members: Sunday, March 11, 2018, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Acolytes: Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 9:00AM

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will be on March 4, 2018

Resurrection Angel Sunday, April 1, 2018, 9:00AM

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, March 24, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

ALPHA: Dates to be announced. ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. ALPHA has become a worldwide phenomenon, now in 164 countries, where millions of people have come to explore the meaning of life and discover a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We will meet weekly on Sunday, at noon, following the 10:30AM Mass . In each session we will begin by enjoying a meal, followed by laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

Rita Riley (RIP), Long time parishioner and dear friend of St Willibrord Parish, passed away; visitation will take place on March 17, 2018, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM, followed by a Church service, at 1:00PM. It will be followed by a small gathering in Cameron Hall.

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.