

# 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 ones 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 4th, 2017, 5:00PM  
**Intentions of Aida & Julian Galan Jr**

Sunday, March 5th, 2017, 10:30 AM  
†**John Carley** By St Willibrord Parish  
†**James Austin** By Maria Garcia  
†**Lorreta Boshyan** By Celly Daniel

**Birthday Blessing for Lola Inocecia Ellasos** By her loving daughter

Tuesday, March 7th, 2017, 7:00PM  
**Pro Populo**

Wednesday, March 8th, 2017, 7:00PM  
† **Epifanio Basilan** By Rose & Mayet Basilan  
**Thanksgivings Mass..** By Cora Garlando & Family

Thursday, March 9th, 2017, 9:00AM  
†**All the Souls in Purgatory..** By Adeline Doyle

Friday, March 10th, 2017, 9:00AM  
†**Justin Hansen Amaro..** By Carmen Amaro  
†**Anaceta & Felix Corpuz by the family**

Saturday, March 11th, 2017, 5:00PM  
†**Generosa Nunez, Gregorio Nunez Sr, Necitas Nunez** By Merly Nunez  
†**Death anniversary of Generosa Nunez** By Sally Carrera & Family

**We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick,**

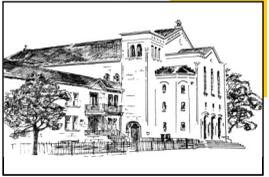
- Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk.

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March 5, 2017  
**First Sunday of Lent**

### Jesus fasted and was tempted by the devil

**Meditation:** Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you? After Jesus' was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water.

Why did Jesus choose such a barren, lonely place for an intense and long period of sustained prayer and fasting? Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). What compelled Jesus to seek solitude, away from his family and friends, for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his mission? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word *tempt* in English usually means to entice someone to do what is wrong or forbidden. The scriptural word used here also means *test* in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if there are ready for the task at hand. We test flight pilots to see if they are fit to fly under all conditions, including times of adverse turbulence, storms, and poor visibility. In like manner God tests his people to see if they are ready to follow and serve him without reservation or compromise.

### Encountering God face to face

On many occasions God tested Abraham to prove his faith and to strengthen his hope in the promises that God made to him. Abraham obeyed willingly even when God asked him to sacrifice his only son Isaac, the son of promise. When the Israelites were sorely tested in Egypt for more than 400 years, they did not forget God. They kept God's word and remembered his promise to save them. When God called Moses to free the Israelites from captivity in Egypt, God led them into the wilderness to his holy mountain at Sinai. There Moses ascended the mountain and met with God face to face for 40 days in prayer and fasting (Exodus 24:18). The prophet Elijah was also led on a 40 day journey to the holy mountain at Sinai to seek the face of God. God sustained Elijah with bread from heaven (1 Kings 19:8).

Jesus was no exception to this pattern of testing and preparation with prayer and fasting. He was led into the wilderness for 40 days without food or shelter to seek the face of his heavenly Father. When God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise, he supplied them with everything they needed for abundant life and happiness with him. But when they listened to the voice of evil and followed the counsel of the serpent, who is the devil, they doubted God's word and disobeyed his command They fell because they trusted in themselves rather than in God (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6). They were cast out of Paradise and driven into the wilderness. Jesus now freely enters the wilderness in order to regain Paradise for the lost children of God. Jesus refuses food to show his dependence on the bread of heaven, the word of God, that would sustain him not only in his physical hunger, but in his hour of temptation as well. When Satan tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, Jesus replies with the words of Scripture, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (quote from Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4).

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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*

Feb 4-5, 2017—\$2,404.55  
Feb Flea Market—\$3,174.50  
Feb 11-12, 2017—\$1,193.80  
Feb 18-19, 2017—\$1,112.45  
Feb 25-26, 2017—\$542.50  
St Valentine's Dinner -\$1,366.80

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

Birthday/Anniversary

Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.  
◇ Birthday Blessing to Lola Inocencia Ellasos, Beverly Fender & Ed Rodgers  
Thank you to  
◇ Mike, Ann, Jonas and Nonong, Pedro, Pepito, Bong, Bernard, Wilson, Beck and Fely for their work at the rectory and the Church  
◇ To all the volunteers, vendors and patrons from the Flea Market, your participation is appreciated  
◇ To the Soup Kitchen Volunteers, your time, talent and kindness is appreciated.  
◇ Arpad for volunteering to pass out flyers

**LENT 2017, give up, take up, lift up....**

The 2017 Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, for Latin-rite Catholics.

In a particular way during Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit." Take inspiration for your Lenten journey from prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection.  
In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.  
The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. ————— <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/>

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**ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH**



Ash Wednesday	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Forty Days
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Jesus
Prayer	Easter	Passover
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Foot Washing
Lent	Purple	Resurrection
		Love



**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Resurrection Angel Candidates

The bond between a mother and son is strong and unbreakable, and the first person a boy would turn to would be his mother. This bond/relationship between mother and son forms the basis of the belief of *Salubong* which is that the first person Jesus did visit upon his resurrection was the Blessed Mother.  
The following candidates will be raising money for St Willibrord Parish by canvassing for sponsors which is 2\$ per ticket and the child who raises the most money will have the honor of lifting the veil of sorrows from Mary when Jesus first appears to her, **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.

Salubong Souvenir Book

To commemorate this event, a Salubong souvenir booklet will be made available. This Souvenir booklet is a way in which we can fundraise and show our delight in the gifts and blessings that we have received, our family, our friends, our work, the committees and organizations for which we work...  
If you would like to announce or advertise your company (work) or your achievements., please complete the advertisement form and present it to the rectory by the March 5, 2017.  
Pictures can, also, be submitted by email or brought in on a USB drive.  
There will be a Special Donors Acknowledgement page for those who contribute \$10 or more  
Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by Catholicism at 7:30pm  
Flea Market: Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM  
Reflection on Seven Deadly Sins: March 5, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass  
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, at 7:00PM, leading up to Good Friday  
St Patrick's Pub Night at St Willibrord's :March 18, 2017, details to follow  
Parish Lenten Recollection will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass, for a period of one hour, on March 19, 2017, March 26, 2017, April 2, 2017 and April 9, 2017

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family (incl Prep for First Communion and Confirmation): March 5, 2017 and the next will be on March 19, 2017 at 9:00AM  
Lectors: March 5, 2017 and the next will be on March 19, 2017 after the reflection  
Acolytes: March 18, 2017, at 9:15AM, at the rectory

Do you want to know Jesus more intimately?

Looking for something new to enrich your Lenten journey towards Easter?

CFC Singles for Christ invites you to its Christian Life Program (CLP): a **FREE** 12-week series of talks, guided discussions, and fellowship intended to lead participants into a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ. The CLP is designed for unmarried persons, 21 to 40 years of age. It begins on March 4th, 2017, at St. Willibrord's Parish (351 rue Willibrord - Verdun metro station), rom 1:30 - 4:30pm. For more info, please visit [fb.me/cfscfcmontreal](https://www.facebook.com/cfscfcmontreal) or contact Brian Vidal at  [\(514\) 690-2565](mailto:(514)690-2565) or [cfscfcmontreal@gmail.com](mailto:cfscfcmontreal@gmail.com)