

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

*(Devotion to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help every Wed.)*

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

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March 8, 2015

3rd Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

Saturday March 7

† **Souls in Purgatory**
By Adeline Doyle

Sunday March 8

† **George Reith**
By Shirley Reith & Family

For the Intentions of
Pedro and Fely Quiocho

Tuesday March 10
Pro Populo

Wednesday March 11

Thursday March 12

Friday March 13

Saturday March 14

Sunday March 8

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 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 Pass-over 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). 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 sanctuary.

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). 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 holiness.

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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Board of Wardens
Joseph Brisindi
Angèle LaFlèche
Paul Moreau
Marcellina Daniel
Emilia Gohing
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff
Bernadette Roach
Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)
Administration
Terrel Joseph
Youth Ministry
Julian Paparella
Youth Ministry

Mass Intentions
There are many Masses available for intentions, weekday and weekends. For your convenience please fill out a Mass intention envelope found at the back of the church and return to the office or Fr. Gregory.

Let us pray for the immediate recovery of:
Dale Parsons, Dan Boyer, Mary Paul, Joe Brisindi, Sue Mullins, Jennifer, and Bella.

Thank you to:
All our volunteers at the last Flea Market.
Cora Garlando Ruth Laxina, Beng Bolofer, Josie Tobias & Fely Quiocho, *for cleaning the Rectory!*
Jonas Bolofer, Pedro Quiocho, Isko Altares, Bernard Burcena, Edgar Tobias & Nonong Comodoro, *for plastering the Rectory!*

We greatly appreciate the hard work of all our volunteers!

OUR LENTEN ASCENT

This Sunday the Church invites us 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 holiness.

WAY OF THE CROSS: Fridays in Lent at 7pm

To prepare our hearts for the suffering of Christ on Good Friday, St. Willibrord's will hold the **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday at 7pm** throughout the Lenten season.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study this coming Thursday, March 12 and 19. Join us for our next session of Bible Study on **Thursday, March 26th at 6:30** with **Dr. Nathan Gibbard**. This is an opportunity for all our parishioners to engage with the Bible so they can be more active in their faith. Free babysitting available.

PASTORAL HOME CARE

For all those who took part in the Pastoral Home Care formation with Cathie Macaulay, we will meet on the second Sunday of every month after the 10:30 Mass: **March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14.**

Faith in the Family next Sunday, March 8 at 9am

Calling all families! Join us next **Sunday, March 8th** for our next "Faith in the Family." We begin at 9am with breakfast followed by Faith Formation for children and youth and Faith Enrichment for parents and adults. All are welcome! Our next topic for children and youth is "Confession" and for adults "Freedom." Join us!

Our Lenten journey to Easter has begun!

Join us for the diocesan-wide Lenten Mission about ***The Catholic Faith and You!*** led by Bishop Thomas Dowd. It takes place **March 17, 18, 19** at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish (11775 Fillion, H4J 1T4) beginning at 7 p.m. Come for one, two or all three evenings and bring a friend. For more info: Corey Jolly [514-931-7311](tel:514-931-7311)

LENTEN REFLECTION AFTER THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to attend a Lenten Reflection on Friday, March 20 and 21 after the Way of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Cathie McCaulay will lead us in the reflection. The theme will be—Growing Old in a Day : Reflections on the Way of the Cross.

FIESTA AT ST WILLIBRORD.

On **Saturday, March 28th** at 6pm the Salinggawi Philippines Arts Organization will present "Fiesta at St Willibrord" featuring a performances, dance, and a buffet dinner. Tickets are \$20/person, please see Father Gregory or contact the Office to get yours!

EASTER FLOWERS OFFERING

Fresh flowers to decorate St. Willibrord's for our upcoming Easter services are made possible by your generous donations. Flowers may be dropped off at the Rectory during office hours between **March 31st – April 3rd**. If you wish to make a donation toward our Easter flowers, please see Angela Choi after mass or contact the Rectory.

St. Patrick's Society Luncheon:

The Honorable Thomas J. Mulcair will be the Guest Speaker at this year's Luncheon to be held at the **Château Champlain** on **St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th, 2015**. Tickets are \$80.00/pers., \$800 for a table of 8, and \$1250 for a sponsorship table. To order your tickets or for more information please visit our website : www.spsmtl.com or call our Office Manager - Erin Matheson at : [514 481-1346](tel:514-481-1346)