

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 8

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday March 9

† **Alden Vienneau**

By Rita Ayoud

Tuesday March 11

Pro Populo

Wednesday March 12

† **Jane Jubinville**

By Helene & Tony

Thursday March 13

Prayers for healing

By George J Brady

Friday March 14

Saturday March 15

† **Iris & Ken Coombs**

By daughter Adrienne

Sunday March 16

† **Edna Lapello**

By Bob & Marion

Sanctuary Lamp

† **Sheila Carriga**



March 9, 2014

**First
Sunday of Lent**

*Who does not give
God,
gives too little.*

Benedict XVI

After being baptized, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights . . .

Matthew 4: 1-11

Addiction is hard word -- it conjures up horrifying images of life-threatening dependence on some narcotic or drink that robs us of our ability to control our lives.

But the fact is that every one of us has some addiction: the things we cannot imagine living without. It may be eating, shopping, television, gossiping, or complaining. We can be addicted to the latest, the newest, the hottest or the most fashionable. Our addiction may be our obsession with our computer or electronic toys, our gym, or our golf clubs. We are all addicted to habits, substances or surroundings that comfort us and that block out what scares or hurts us.

At some point in our lives, however, we find ourselves alone in a kind of desert or wilderness. We experience an "emptiness" within us that our addiction will not fill. We are suddenly exposed, like someone addicted to painkillers whose prescriptions have just run out. It is hard. It is awful. But to become fully human, it is necessary to encounter the world without our own anesthesia, to find out what life is like with no comfort but God.

That may be the simplest definition of addiction: anything we use to fill the empty place inside us that belongs to God alone.

[Adapted from "Settling for less" by Barbara Brown Taylor, in *The Christian Century*, February 18, 1998.]

The season of Lent calls us to leave behind our addictions, our comforts, and journey to the desert, to be alone with nothing but God. It is a time to take a hard look at what control us and regain control of our time and values so that we may become the man or woman God created us to be. May our "desert time" with God over the next 40 days, help us re-fill our souls and spirits with the wisdom and grace of the God who constantly seeks us out and calls us back to him.

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Collections March 1-2, \$ 2097.00

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
Dan Ormsby
Nicholas Pinto
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling
Administration
Helene Di Lallo
PCL
Terrel Joseph
Youth Ministry

Coordinators

Tess Allonar -
Daytime Soup Kitchen
Mary Anne Levasseur -
Evening Soup Kitchen
Angele LaFleche -
Christmas Baskets
Dan Ormsby
Flea Market

R.I.P.

Margaret Shaw
(May Lee)
Friend of
St. Willibrord's
and patron of the
Soup Kitchen

Called home to
the Father
†
Sheila Carriga
Parishioner,
volunteer &
supporter
of St. Willibrord
Church

R.I.P.

Lenten Services Schedule

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

What almsgiving really means

Almsgiving is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need—not just with our money— but with our time and our talents. Today we might call it stewardship.

Lent gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It puts us in communion with others and helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Think about how you will share your time, your talents and your treasure during Lent.

Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said,
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

Lenten Readings

There is an assortment of literature available at the back of the church for your prayer time during this season of Lent. We often desire to hear the Lord's voice speaking out to us; maybe this quiet activity will help us to recognize Him when He does.

Tuesday, March 18th @ 7:00pm

Bishop Thomas Dowd

will be coming to the parish to present the report of his parish visit of last November. Please come to hear what he has to say as it concerns us all.

Lenten “Secret” Prayer Partners Program (Starting Sunday March 9)

During the six weeks of Lent, you are invited to "spiritually" adopt a young person from our parish and to pray regularly for them. You will also be invited, weekly, to write a short note which will be delivered to the young person and at Easter we will reveal who was praying for whom and have a little party with cake! If you are interested or if a young person you know (aged 0 to 17 years old) would like to be prayed for, please contact Terrel

Tutoring Program - For high school students

- contact Terrel @ 514-578-2134 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) What does “Hallowed be Thy Name” mean ?

A) To hallow or make holy the Name of God is above all a prayer of praise that acknowledges God as holy. In, fact God revealed his holy Name to Moses and wanted *his* people to be consecrated for him as a nation in which he would dwell.

Q) What does the Church ask for when she prays “Thy Kingdom Come” ?

A) The Church prays for the final coming of the Kingdom of God through Christ's return in glory. She prays also that the Kingdom increase through people's sanctification in the Spirit and through commitment to the service of justice and peace in keeping with the Beatitudes. This petition is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: “Come, Lord Jesus.”(Rev.22:20)

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church