

MASS TIMES

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 9:30-11:30

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May 1, 2016

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Announced Masses

Saturday April 30rd

In Thanksgiving and

† **for the souls of Santos Daza**

Baldesco and

Jovita Nunex Baldesco

21st Wedding Anniversary

Blessings for Aida and Julian

Galan

In Thanksgiving from Merly

Nunez & Family

In Thanksgiving from Ruth and

Alex Laxina

Sunday May 1st

† **Ursula Lafontaine**

† **P. Owen Dowd**

Int of Francisco Meriales

Tuesday May 3rd

PRO POPULO

Wednesday May 4th

For Bill, Iris and Ken

By Adrienne Coombs

Thursday May 5th

Friday May 6th

Saturday May 7th

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

† **for Isabella Briffet**

By David Briffet

Sunday May 8th

† **Ursula Lafontaine**

By the Choir

Meditation: Do you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself (Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

God unites us to himself in a bond of love and peace

Saint Augustine says *the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love*. God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us in love for love - to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and to love him in return.

How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

The true nature of peace

Do you know the peace which surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants *peace* as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The *peace of Christ* is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the peace which conquers our fears and anxieties. Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less.

How can we attain the peace which the Lord Jesus offers his followers? Through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, the Lord Jesus shows us how to yield our passions of anger, fear, and pride to him so we can receive his gift of peace. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and strengthens us with his gifts and supernatural virtues which enable us to live as wise and holy disciples of Christ.

Caesarius of Arles (470-542 AD), an early church bishop in Gaul who was noted for his godly wisdom and preaching of Scripture, linked peace with the character of Christ and the Christlike virtues which help us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Caesarius describes some of the key character traits (virtues) which form us into true people of peace:

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.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
 Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Collections

Apr 2-3/2016—\$1341.00
 Flea Market—\$2328.00
 Apr 9-10/2016—\$703.95
 Donation for Father Nonito's
 Parish in Jamaica \$330.70
 Apr 16-17, 2016—\$1285.00
 Apr 23-24, 2016—\$774.75

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, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, and Joey Walsh. God is with you always.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To All Parishioners Celebrating a Birthday this week.

**For Aida & Julian Galan Jr.
 For Ruth Nunez & Alex Laxina**

**THANK YOU
 To Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist and Mike for cleaning the Church.
 To Jonas, Bernard, Bong, for painting the rectory**

Why do we have Intentions at Mass?

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's 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. For the communion of saints is simply... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified.

WARDENS ELECTIONS

In the coming weeks Saint Willibrord's Parish will be organizing elections for our Wardens. Wardens are the financial overseers of the Parish. Saint Willibrord's has six Wardens. If you are interested in serving Saint Willibrord's as a Warden, please contact Father Gregory or the Parish Office.

BAZAAR 2016—Looking for Good Cheer Donations!

We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st** and **Saturday, October 22nd**. We are looking for donations for our **Wheel of Fortune Booth** during this month of May! They can be brought on Sunday or to the Office.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Come and learn more about your faith at
Bible Study and Symbolon: Every Thursday, at the Rectory, at 6:30pm
First Friday Spirituality : Friday, May 6th, 2016, following the 7:00pm Mass
Tell your friends and come to support us at
Flea Market : Saturday, May 7th, 2016, from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Be a Computer Scientist Camp

McGill is doing a Free summer camp workshop in computer science for High School Students during June 27 - 30 called "Be a computer scientist for a week". Applications can be done online. The deadline for applications is May 16th. More details available on the website. <http://summercamp.cs.mcgill.ca/>