

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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May 10, 2015

6th Sunday of Easter

Announced Masses

Saturday May 9

† **Isabella Briffett**

By David Briffett

Sunday May 10

MOTHER'S DAY

† **Lilianne Wepruk**

By the Wepruk Family

† **Benigno Alfaio, Sr.**

By Lilia Baguyo

Thanksgiving Mass

By Cora Garlando

Tuesday May 12

† **Jenny Terrio-Baturin &
Family**

By Maria Saulnier

Wednesday May 13

Thursday May 14

Friday May 15

Saturday May 16

† **Julie Gahan**

By Rita Riley

Sunday May 17

† **Julie Gahan**

By Carole Wepruk

Meditation: What is the greatest act of love which one can give for the sake of another? Jesus defines friendship - the mutual bond of trust and affection which people choose to have for one another - as the willingness to give totally of oneself - even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying.

God is love

Scripture tells us that **God is love** (1 John 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange the Father gives up his Son to death on the cross to give us abundant everlasting life as his beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17).

It is for this reason that we can take hold of a hope that does not fade and a joy that does not diminish because *God has poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us* (Romans 5:5). God's love is not limited or subject to changing circumstances. It is an enduring love that has power to change and transform us to be like him - merciful, gracious, kind, forgiving, and steadfast in showing love not only for our friends, but for our enemies as well. God's love is boundless because he is the source of abundant life, perfect peace, and immeasurable joy for all who open their hearts to him. That is why Jesus came to give us abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit...

Jesus' love was wholly directed toward the good of others. He love them for their sake and for their welfare. He willingly laid down his own life to free us from sin, death, fear, and everything that could separate us from the love of God. Our love for God and our willingness to lay down our life for others is a response to the exceeding love God has given us in Christ...

Friendship with God

To know Jesus personally is to know God and the love and friendship he offers to each one of us. **Friendship with God entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience.** Jesus' discourse on friendship and brotherly love echoes the words of Proverbs: *A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity* (Proverbs 17:17). The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. *He loved his own to the end* (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave the best he had and all that he had. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father.

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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

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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:
Joe Brisindi, Dale Parsons, Dan Boyer, and Marie Paul.

Thank you to:

Thank you to **Cora Garlando, Norma, Susan, Helen, and Ruth** for cooking and cleaning our Rectory!

Thank you to **Carol Wepruk, Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist** for cleaning the Church!

Thank you to **Tim Kerwin** for his 20 years of service to our Soup Kitchen!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anointing of the Sick and BBQ on Pentecost Sunday

To celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Mary and the Apostles giving birth to the Church, our 10:30 Mass on *Sunday, May 24th* will be a **Healing Mass** with the Anointing of the Sick celebrated in our Parish Hall and followed by a BBQ. ***Come Holy Spirit!***

**** Special Collection for Earthquake Victims in Nepal ****

Today across Canada, Catholics are collecting funds for the victims of the recent devastating earthquake in Nepal. Thank you for your generosity. Let us pray for our suffering brothers and sisters in Nepal.

Birthday Fundraiser for the Rectory Repair

On *Saturday, June 6th at 6:30*, St. Willibrord's will celebrate the birthday of our pastor with a special **Birthday Party Fundraiser!** In lieu of any gifts, Father Gregory kindly requests **donations for the repair of the Rectory.** We will have dinner, dancing, singing, and plenty of fun! Please join us as we celebrate Father Gregory and raise money for our rectory!

Marian Pilgrimage to Bon-Secours Chapel in Old Montreal

On *Wednesday, May 20th* St. Willibrord's is hosting a pilgrimage to **Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel** in the Old Port of Montreal (400 St Paul W). We will pray the **Rosary at 7pm** followed by **Mass at 7:30** celebrated by Father Gregory. No Mass celebrated at St. Willibrord's on that day. We encourage you all to join us to celebrate our Lady during this month of May, devoted to our Blessed Mother. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Thank You to Nathan Gibbard

Since January, Nathan Gibbard has been leading our parishioners in a weekly Bible Study that has been a source of spiritual growth and enrichment for all those who took part. Thank you Nathan for taking our parishioners deeper into God's Word. Many blessings for your future endeavours!

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession with Archbishop Lepine

On *Thursday, June 4th at 7pm*, to celebrate the ***Feast of the Body of Christ***, all the faithful of the archdiocese of Montreal are cordially invited to a special Mass presided by our Archbishop Christian Lepine at **Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral**, followed by a Eucharistic procession through the streets of downtown. The theme is ***"Shine Forth the Light of Christ!"*** Let us walk with our Lord and share his light!

BIBLE CAMP: June 24th to July 3rd, 2015

As the weather warms and the flowers bloom, St. Willibrord's is looking forward to summer and our annual **Bible Camp!** It will be held every weekday from *Wednesday, June 24th to Friday, July 3rd*. Registration forms are available after Mass and at the Parish Office. ***Please the Parish Office for more information!***