

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, May 12th, 2018, 8:00PM

†Rita Riley by Anastasia Wargachuk

†Isabella Briffett on the 38th anniversary of her death by David Briffett

Sunday, May 13th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Mary Audrey Dawson by Maureen Dawson and family

For the 2nd Death Anniversary of Marites Bulseco Quibol by Burcena Family

†Felomina R Cancio and Cecilia D. Ordon By Oscar, Jocelyn and family

†Generosa Nunez, Romana Manugo, Necitas Nunez and Gregorio Nunez Sr
By the Nunez family

Thanksgiving Mass to MAMA MARY by Cora A. Garlando & Family

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Patrick-John Quiocho by Pedro Quiocho and family

Prayers for healing and comfort for Barbara Young (Evelyn Gilchrist's sister)
by the Gilchrist family

Healing Mass for John Trifilette by Angelita Velez Trifilette

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 16th, 2018, 7:00PM

†Claude Laramée by Andy and Eileen Wepruk

Thursday, May 17th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Huguette Douek by Maria Salceda

Friday, May 18th, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving Blessings for Cora Garlando..

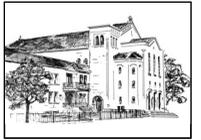
Healing Mass for Mila Bax by Maria Salceda

Saturday, May 19th, 2018, 8:00PM

Thanksgiving Blessings for Rosanna Besner..

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May 13, 2018—Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven

Meditation: Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthly ministry.

The Risen Lord Jesus is with us always to the end of time

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel?

We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

“Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death.”

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Fr. Gregory Nunez

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April 28-29, 2018—
\$953.60
April 28-29, 2018—\$75.00
(for heating expenses)
May 5-6, 2018—\$1,049.90
\$195.00 (Papal collection)
Flea Market May—
\$2,292.85

Mass Schedule
Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's
Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm
(Rector)
Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday
(Rector)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rector)
**Please note the Mass,
on Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday will be
held
in the Rectory**

**Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to**
◇All celebrating this week

Thank you to
◇Jonas, Mike, Judith, Ann,
and all who volunteer at
the rectory and in the
Church.
◇all our benefactors
◇Jorge and Shiela for their
work dismantling the scaf-
folding from the Resurrec-
tion Angle Celebration

A Reflection for Mother's Day!

A mother who watches over her child with tenderness and compassion helps him or her to grow in confidence and to experience that the world is a good and welcoming place.

(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 175)

From the time that we take our first breath, we rely on the care of those around us in order that we may live and grow. More deeply than that, we rely on the love, nurturing, and guidance of our families to blossom and flourish into loving, compassionate, and wise children of God.

Mother's Day is a time for us to pause, to say thank you, and to honor all of those who fill the role of Mother in our lives. They are the gentle guides who, through their love, help us to experience God's love in our lives.

To our loving Mothers and Grandmothers, I offer you the beautiful prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila that gave us our theme for this year, Rooted in Jesus... Hearts to Love, Hands to Serve. It embodies the gift that you are to your children and grandchildren each day! Many blessings!

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Amen*

Superintendent
Joan Carr

https://www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/The-District/district_structure/Superintendents-Office/Superintendents-Message/2017-2018/Pages/Superintendents-Message---A-Reflection-for-Mothers-Day.aspx



ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Sacrament of first Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 27, 2018
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on June 3, 2018



Pillars Trust Fund: The mission of the Pillars Trust Fund is to provide leadership, support and financial assistance to promote pastoral activities deemed essential to the English-speaking Catholic community of Montreal. Pillars supports charitable activities which promote the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year, the Pillars Trust fund has sponsored the Gallup Survey, **Member Engagement Survey**, for St Willibrord Parish which is to be administered this weekend, during the Masses, **May 12/13, 2018.**

Your opinion counts and we want to know what you are thinking The survey features 25 items carefully chosen to measure engagement and spiritual commitment that are essential to spiritual health and will only take approximately five minutes to complete.

We are asking all parish members aged 18 and older to complete the survey. In addition, any person who considers him or herself part of our parish, regardless of whether he or she is a member, is invited to respond to the survey.

The leadership team will receive the compiled results from Gallup and use them to gain additional insight into how the members feel about our parish. We will use the results to identify specific actions we can take to further meet the spiritual needs of our members. **Thank you for your participation**

Month of Mary: May is the month devoted to Mary, who is our true spiritual Mother, always desires what is best for us and as such we will be praying the Rosary every Sunday, during the month of May at 10:00AM, in reverence.

Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,
Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members: after the 10:30AM Mass Sunday, May 20, 2018
Acolytes: In the rectory, the following meeting will be on June 10, 2018
Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will be on May 20, 2018

PREX X, (Parish Renewal Experience) at St. Willibrord Parish, 325 Willibrord Ave., Verdun. The Filipino Mission will be hosting this session with the support of St. Willibrord. on Friday night June 15, Saturday all day June 16 and Sunday, June 17 from 2:00-5:00pm.

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, June 2, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, June 9, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

Supplies Emergency Food Distribution

Request for Non-perishable Food Items... In order to meet the requests of the people in need of the community, we are turning to you for help. The items we need are as follows: canned meat, canned vegetables/fruits, pasta and pasta sauce, crackers, rice, cookies, boost/glucerna (meal supplements), juices, coffee, tea, sugar, etc..

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.