

## 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 17, 2015

**Ascension of our Lord**

### Announced Masses

Saturday May 16

† **Julie Gahan**

By Rita Riley

Sunday May 17

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By Carole Wepruk

**Jennifer Parsons  
and David Parker**

By Christina Parsons and  
Sylvain Lambert

Tuesday May 19

Wednesday May 20

*BON SECOURS PILGRIMAGE*

**The Parishioners of St.  
Willibrord, Past and Present**

By Tom Battcock

Thursday May 21

Friday May 22

Saturday May 23

† **Josephine Doyle**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday May 24

**In Thanksgiving**

By Cora Garlando & Family

**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.

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.

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 salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - to the people of Israel and to all the nations. 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?

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." - **rc.net**

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS BENEFACTORS!** *Elena Borsellino* and *Agnes Simoneau* have graciously donated many goods to our Church and Rectory. Saint Willibrord's is deeply grateful for their generosity and the generosity of all those who donate to our community! God bless you.

**Pastor**  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

**Board of Wardens**

Joseph Brisindi  
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**Let us pray for the  
Immediate recovery of:**  
Joe Brisindi, Dale  
Parsons, Dan Boyer, and  
Marie Paul.

**Thank you to:**

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Thank you to **Tim  
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years of service to our  
Soup Kitchen!

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Anointing of the Sick and BBQ on Pentecost Sunday**

Next weekend on the Solemnity of Pentecost, our 10:30 Mass will be a **Healing Mass** celebrated in the Parish Hall with the Anointing of the Sick, and followed by a BBQ! All are welcome!

**Music Lessons Offered**

Saint Willibrord's is pleased to offer Flute, Guitar, Piano, and Voice lessons from professional musicians. Please contact the Office if interested.

**Marian Pilgrimage to Bon-Secours Chapel in Old Montreal**

On *Wednesday, May 20th* St. Willibrord's is holding its annual 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, with Tom Battcock leading us in song. No Mass will be celebrated at St. Willibrord's on that day. Come and join us in prayer!

**Bible Study Resumes this Thursday with Father Gregory**

This Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 in the Rectory, Father Gregory will continue the Bible Study begun by Nathan Gibbard. Join us!

**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 gifts, Fr. Gregory requests **donations for your choice of the Bible Camp, PREX, or Rectory repair.** Donations of over \$20 will be issued tax receipts. Dinner, dancing, singing, and plenty of fun! Please join us to celebrate Fr. Gregory!

**Diocesan Patronal Feast of Mary on Friday, May 29th**

To celebrate the Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese, Archbishop Lepine will preside over a **Special Diocesan Mass** on *Friday, May 29 at 7:30* at Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral. He will also present the *Ignace Bourget Diocesan Merit Award* for 2015. All the faithful of Montreal are warmly invited to attend and celebrate!

**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!**