

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 20th, 2017, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving Blessings for Susan and Lila

Sunday, May 21st, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**Ann John** By Bernadette Roach and family

Birthday Blessings for Melina Pasal and Jessie James Quiocho By the Quiocho family

Thanksgiving for all the Blessings By Evelyn Maramag

Thanksgiving Blessings By Maria Amaro

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, May 24th, 2017, 7:00PM

No Mass at St Willibrord.

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017, 7:30PM

Mass will be held at Annual Pilgrimage to Notre-Dame DeBon Secours Chapel

Thursday, May 25th, 2017, 9:00AM

For the Intentions of Aleena Pavico By Maureen Redrino

Friday, May 26th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Death anniversary of Melinda Bulseco Simpson..** By Burcena family

Saturday, May 27th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Death anniversary of Josephine Doyle** By Adeline Doyle

†**Florence Halpin** By Susan Charlebois

Sunday, May 28th, 2017, 10:30 AM

For the Intentions of Kelly Cortez.. By Flora Lim and family

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, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk, Carmen Lapello, Eddie Rodgers, Terry & Liz McHugh, Dale Flood, Charlene Poirier, Gordon Parsons.

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May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter—The Counselor will be with you for ever

Meditation: What makes us both fully human and truly like God? Is it not unconditional love which is unselfish, undying, and wholly directed to the good of others? The love of God unites us in an unbreakable bond of fidelity, friendship, and community with others. Jesus loved his own until the very end of his passion and death on the cross (John 13:1).

The nature of love

From the very beginning of creation God said: *it is not good that man should be alone* (Genesis 2:18). We were created in love for love - to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are inseparably united in a community of unbreakable love.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890) said: *We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God the Holy Spirit has made it our nature.* Jesus speaks to his disciples of the inseparable bond of love between himself and the Father, and of their love for humankind. In Jesus we see the fulness of God's love and how God's love is directed to our well-being. *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him* (1 John 4:9).

Knowing God's love

How do we know that God truly loves each one of us? In the cross we see the proof of God's love for each of us and the incredible price God was willing to pay to redeem us from slavery to sin, death, and Satan. Jesus gave up his life that we might have life - abundant, everlasting life with God - a life of love and unity with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever.

Through the cross Jesus opened a new way of relationship for us as the adopted sons and daughters of God - his beloved children (Romans 8:14-17). Jesus calls his disciples to walk in his way of love through obedience to the will of the Father. True love is more than sentiment, emotion, or good intention. As important as these may be they are not the proof of sincere love. True love for God is expressed in obedience and obedience is expressed in love.

Jesus' best gift for us

Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit as their Counselor and Helper. How does the Holy Spirit help us as the counselor? *Counselor* is a legal term for one who defends someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who guides and strengthens us and brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life.

The Holy Spirit is also the Giver of life - the abundant life which comes from God and which sustains us forever. The Holy Spirit also guides us in the way of truth, wisdom, and goodness. We can never stop learning because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness. Jesus also promised his followers the gift of peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict or trouble. Peace includes everything which makes for our highest good. Trust in God, faith in his promises, and obedience to his word lead us to peace and security in God's presence.

That is why a Christian need not fear or be troubled by anything. The love of Christ brings immeasurable joy and consolation even in the midst of our trials and suffering. Paul the Apostle states,

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35,38-39). —(c) 2017 *Servants of the Word*, : www.daily Scripture.net, author [Don Schwager](http://www.daily Scripture.net)

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.

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

April 15, 2017—\$415.40
April 16, 2017—\$3,161.25
April 22-23 —\$792.00
April 29-30, 2017—\$741.55
Flea Market May 6, 2017—
\$2,752.20
May 6-7, 2017—\$1,361.30
May 13-14, 2017—\$901.50

Mass Schedule

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
9:30am to 11:30am

Birthdays/Anniversary Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week and to Beng Bolofer, Melina Pasal and Jessie James Quiocho

Thank You

◇Mike, Judith, Jonas, Ann, Cora and Merly for their work in the rectory and church
◇Beng and Jonas for the plants

Requesting volunteer with knowledge of bike repair.

We have a few bikes that need to be repaired before selling. Do you know how to repair a bike? If so, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678.

Holy Smokes: Why Catholics Use Incense in Worship

October 1, 2014 By Gretchen Filz

At Mass and other liturgical services we see the altar servers and priests swinging censers, sending clouds of **incense** wafting through the air. In Catholic liturgy, everything symbolizes a theological truth.

So, what does incense symbolize?

Incense has been used in Christian liturgy from its earliest centuries. In fact, it was a part of the Jewish tradition that came before it, a use that was commanded by God himself and recorded in Sacred Scripture.

INCENSE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

God commanded Moses to make an Altar of Incense for worship in the Tabernacle:

You shall make an altar to burn incense upon; of acacia wood shall you make it . . . And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps in the evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations. (Exodus 30:1-10)

God also commanded how the incense should be made:

And the Lord said to Moses, "Take sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense (of each shall there be an equal part), and make an incense blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy; and you shall beat some of it very small, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I shall meet with you; it shall be for you most holy. And the incense which you shall make according to its composition, you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be for you holy to the Lord. Whoever makes any like it to use as perfume shall be cut off from his people." (Exodus 30:34-38)

From these passages and others we infer that incense was part of a ritual cleansing and purification of the sacred space of the Tabernacle, making it a worthy place for the worship of God – according to His terms. In fact, frankincense, mentioned in the Bible, is now known to have antiseptic and disinfectant properties.

God gave these specific instructions to Moses because worship of God by Israel in His earthly Tabernacle was a pattern of the worship of God by the angels in His heavenly throne; that is, worship on earth was to be unified with the worship in heaven.

It is important to note that the incense is what is used to carry our prayers to Heaven. While it could be used at all High Masses, but because the incense can have allergenic properties, it has been limited to funerals and special Masses.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Annual Pilgrimage to Notre dame de Bon Secours Chapel Wednesday May 24, 2017. The rosary will be prayed at 7:00PM, followed by Mass at 7:30PM. **There will be no 7:00pm Mass at St Willibrord.**

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

Flea Market: Saturday, June 3, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Blessing Celebration for Fr Gregory's Birthday, Ordination and Resurrection Angels:

Saturday, May 27, 2017, 6:30PM, in Cameron Hall

Confirmation Celebration: Sunday, May 28, 2017, 10:30AM Mass

First Communion: Sunday, June 11, 2017, 10:30 AM Mass

Bible Study: Every Sunday, starting June 4, 2017: Session 1 at 9:30am, Session 2 at 12:00pm (following the 10:30am Mass)

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family: The next session will be on June 18th, 2017 at 9:00AM

Confirmation meeting and practice: Saturday, May 20th and 27th, at 9:30am

First Communion Practice: Saturday, June 10th, 2017, at 9:30am

Lectors Meeting: To be determined.

Acolytes: The next meeting will be on June 10th, 2017



Collection Envelopes have arrived

The envelopes have arrived! If there are any corrections that need to be made or if you would like to receive envelopes, we ask that you contact the rectory. They can be picked up after Mass, at the back of the Church. Thank you for your understanding.

Blessing Celebration for Fr Gregory's Birthday, Ordination and Resurrection Angels Fundraiser

There are so many reasons to celebrate... Fr Gregory's birthday day (46 years young), Fr Gregory's Ordination into the priesthood (18 years old) and the Resurrection Angel candidates, their friends, family and all who supported the Salubong.

The date has been set. Saturday, May 27, 2017, 6:30PM, in Cameron Hall There will be dinner, dancing, entertainment and surprises ... Tickets are available, for a donation of 15\$, please pick them up at the back of the Church or at the rectory. In order to reserve a table, please notify the office before the event. A good time will be had by all. The proceeds from this FUNdraiser will go towards the maintenance of the church.

Annual Pilgrimage to Notre-Dame De Bon Secours Chapel will take place on May 24, 2017. The rosary will be prayed at 7:00PM, followed by Mass at 7:30PM. A group of us will be leaving from St Willibrord Parish, at 6:00PM and taking public transit. If you would like to join us at the Chapel, the address is 400 rue Saint-Paul E, Montréal, QC H2Y 1H4.

St Willibrord Parish Mission Statement

That we be a people who desire to grow: in our understanding of the Church, in our love for Christ, in our love of & service to our sisters and brothers. That we nurture diversities, give people the opportunity to discover Gospel values in everyday life. That we be a Church where all feel welcome to participate at their own will.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT – A fundraising concert will be held on Sunday, **June 11, 2017** at 2:00 pm in Resurrection of Our Lord Parish (34 – 34th Avenue, Lachine, Quebec) The Harmonie de Kirkland will present a concert in the church to help raise funds to put towards our restorations. This will be a freewill offering. All are welcome. (Please use the entrance facing the Dairy queen)