

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 27th, 2017, 5:00PM

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

†**Florence Halpin** By Susan Charlebois

†**40th day of death of Arthur Lagman** By Maria Garcia

†**Michael Serrano** By Maria Garcia

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

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

Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings for Arnel Garlando By Cora Garlando

†**Oscar Laxina Sr** By Laxina Family

†**Nicolas Jr Davantes** By the Davantes Family

Tuesday, May 30th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 31st, 2017, 7:00PM

Healing Mass for Mrs Mina Gonzalez Pol Preciado By Maria Salceda

†**48th year death anniversary of Mariano Gutierrez** By grand daughter, Amalia Eldralil

Birthday Thanksgiving & Blessing by Cora Garlando

Thursday, June 1st, 2017, 9:00AM

Healing Mass for Mrs Mina Gonzalez Pol Preciado By Maria Salceda

Friday, June 2nd, 2017, 9:00AM

Healing Mass for Mrs Mina Gonzalez Pol Preciado By Maria Salceda

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Souls in Purgatory** By Adeline Doyle

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 28, 2017

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 earthy ministry.

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

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven 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 from on high on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22, 4:1,18). 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

Why did the Risen Lord ascend into heaven? The Father raised the glorified body of his Son and enthroned him in glory at his right hand in heaven. The Lord Jesus in his glorified body now reigns as Lord over the heavens and the earth - over all that he has created. The Risen Lord reigns from the throne in heaven as our Merciful Redeemer and Gracious King. He intercedes for us and he empowers us through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus gives us new life in his Spirit and he strengthens us in faith, hope and love so we can serve him and carry on his work as citizens of his kingdom here on earth.

You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth

Jesus' last words to his disciples point to the key mission and task he has entrusted to his followers on earth - to be his witnesses and ambassadors to the ends of the earth so that all peoples, tribes, and nations may hear the good news that Jesus Christ has come to set us free from sin, Satan, and death and has won for us a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness that will last forever.

How can we be effective witnesses for Christ? Jesus told his disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you - and you shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform your life? —(c) 2017 Servants of the Word, : www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

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 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
May 20-21, 2017—864.45

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 Fr Joseph Cameron, Fr Raymond Lafontaine, Fr Vittorio Tucci, Fr Michael Leclerc, and Marilou Capse

Thank You

◇Fr Raymond Lafontaine for conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation
◇Fr Binu Sebastian for hearing confession
◇Mike, Cora, Ruth, Merly, Judith, Ann and Lorraine for their work in the rectory and Church
◇The Salinggawi Family and all who contributed toward Father's Birthday/Ordination Celebration.

Question: Why does the current version of the Apostles Creed say "... He descended into Hell..."??

PART ONE THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

ARTICLE 5 "HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN"

631 Jesus "descended into the lower parts of the earth. He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens."⁴⁷⁶ The Apostles' Creed confesses in the same article Christ's descent into hell and his Resurrection from the dead on the third day, because in his Passover it was precisely out of the depths of death that he made life spring forth: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.⁴⁷⁷

Paragraph 1. Christ Descended into Hell

632 The frequent New Testament affirmations that Jesus was "raised from the dead" presuppose that the crucified one sojourned in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection.⁴⁷⁸ This was the first meaning given in the apostolic preaching to Christ's descent into hell: that Jesus, like all men, experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Savior, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there.⁴⁷⁹

633 Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell" - *Sheol* in Hebrew or *Hades* in Greek - because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God.⁴⁸⁰ Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the Redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom".⁴⁸¹ "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell."⁴⁸² Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.⁴⁸³

634 "The gospel was preached even to the dead."⁴⁸⁴ The descent into hell brings the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfilment. This is the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission, a phase which is condensed in time but vast in its real significance: the spread of Christ's redemptive work to all men of all times and all places, for all who are saved have been made sharers in the redemption.

635 Christ went down into the depths of death so that "the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live."⁴⁸⁵ Jesus, "the Author of life", by dying destroyed "him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and [delivered] all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage."⁴⁸⁶ Henceforth the risen Christ holds "the keys of Death and Hades", so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."⁴⁸⁷ Today a great silence reigns on earth, a great silence and a great stillness. A great silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. . . He has gone to search for Adam, our first father, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds and Eve, captive with him - He who is both their God and the son of Eve. . . "I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. . . I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead."⁴⁸⁸

IN BRIEF

636 By the expression "He descended into hell", the Apostles' Creed confesses that Jesus did really die and through his death for us conquered death and the devil "who has the power of death" (*Heb* 2:14).

637 In his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him.

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/pl22a5p1.htm

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Confirmation May 28, 2017 at the 10:30AM Mass

Let us pray for **Lauren Baustista, Noah Chamberlain, Arthur John De Villa, Johanne Alexis De Villa, Jeremie Anne De Villa Bicomong, Anna Giulione, Andrew Henry Espiritu Landry, Corbin Teodoro Espiritu Landry, Ivy Katrina Minier-Cartagena, Christian Payawal, David Pilgrim, Gabrielle Mary Grace Rosal, Joshua Peter Trabajada** as they make this important sacrament.

Holy Spirit, strengthen them with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and they serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant them that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day.

Dates to Remember

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

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

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

Bible Study: Every Saturday, at 4:00pm and 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 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

Annual Pilgrimage to Notre-Dame-De-Bon-Secours Chapel. A group of parishioners from St Willibrord Parish, attended a special Mass at Notre-Dame-De-Bon-Secours, celebrating the Feast of Notre-Dame De Bon Secours. A special thank you to Sr Joyce Roberts and all who worked to prepare such a wonderful Mass.

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.

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.

Donation Reminder

We are always accepting donations of new and gently used items that can be sold at the flea market. Keep us in mind when spring cleaning.

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)

