#### **MASS TIMES**

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 9:30-11:30

#### **Announced Masses**

Saturday May 28th

†For the repose of the soul of Bill, Iris & Ken Coombs

By Adrienne Coombs

†For the repose of the soul of Marites Bulseco Quibol

Thanksgiving Mass For Fr Gregory Nunez

By The Nunez Family

Sunday May 29

Int of Francisco Meirelles
†The Repose of the Soul of Benita
Meirelles By Francisco Meirelles
†For the repose of the soul of Nicolas
Dayantes Jr.

By Davantes Family

Tuesday,. May 31st PRO POPULO

Wednesday, June 1st Heaing Mass for Lawrence Lesyk By Maria Salceda

Thursday, June 2nd

Friday, June 3rd
Anniversary Death of Mr & Mrs
Wilfred Vienneau by Evelyn & Arthur
Gilchrist and family

Saturday June 4th **†For Souls in Purgatory**By Adeline Doyle

†For the repose of the soul of Antonio
Parayno

By Delia Lopez

†For the repose of the soul of Georgette Ducharme

By Delia Lopez

Sunday June 5th
Int of Francisco Meirelles
†The Repose of the Soul of Benita

Meirelles By Francisco Meirelles

## St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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May 29, 2016

"Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

#### "All ate and were satisfied"

**Meditation:** Do you hunger for God and for the abundant life he offers you through Jesus Christ? Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of *manna* (bread) in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. When the people complained to Moses that they would die of hunger in the barren wilderness, God told Moses that he would "rain bread from heaven" for them to eat (Exodus 16:4,11-12). The miraculous provision of bread foreshadows the true heavenly bread which Jesus offers his followers who believe in him. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the "bread of life" (John 6:35) and the "true bread of heaven" that sustains us now and for all eternity (John 6:58).

#### A sign of God's great generosity and goodness towards us

Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is a sign of God's generous care and provision for his people. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those in need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who lack what they need?

#### Jesus feeds us with the true bread of heaven

Jesus' feeding of the five thousand points to the superabundance of the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Creator who made the earth fruitful to nourish and strengthen all his creatures. Melchizedek is an important Old Testament figure because he was both a priest and a king who offered a sacrifice of bread and wine to God on behalf of Abraham and his future offspring (Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1-4). His offering prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our great high priest and king who gave a new and distinctive meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup of wine when he instituted the "Lord's Supper" or "Eucharist" on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross (Hebrews 7:26; 9:11; 10:12).

On the eve of the exodus of the Jewish people from bondage in Egypt, God commanded his people to celebrate the Passover meal, with the blessing of unleavened bread and wine, and the sacrificial offering of an unblemished lamb (Exodus 12:5-8). The blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the doorposts as a sign of God's protection from the avenging angel of death who passed over the homes sealed with the blood of the passover lamb (Exodus 12:7,13). Every year in commemoration of the Exodus deliverance the Jewish people celebrate a Passover meal with unleavened bread as a pledge of God's faithfulness to his promises (Exodus 12:14; see Paul's description of the Christian Passover in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8). The "cup of blessing" at the end of the Jewish Passover meal points to the messianic expectation when the future Redeemer, the Messiah King will come to rebuild his holy city Jerusalem.

Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a perfect gift that was truly pleasing to the Father in heaven. He "offered himself without blemish to God" (Hebrews 9:14) and "gave himself as a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). Jesus established the Lord's Supper and Eucharist as a memorial of his death and resurrection and he commanded his disciples to celebrate it

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.
<u>BAPTISM</u> 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.

# Pastor Fr. Gregory Nunez Office Staff Anastasia Wargachuk Administration

#### Collections

Apr 23-24, 2016-—\$774.75 Nabua Fiesta—\$1,335.60 Apr 30-May 1, 2016-- \$1,474.05 Flea Mkt May 7, 2016 \$2,728.25 May 7-8, 2016—\$1,132.35 May 14-15, 2016—\$1,090.95 May 21-22, 2016—\$946.40

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, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, and Joey Walsh. God is with you always.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Birthday Blessing to Fr Joseph Cameron and to All Parishioners who are Celebrating a Birthday or anniversary this week.

THANK YOU
To Evelyn &
Arthur Gilchrist and
Mike for cleaning the
Church.

#### ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Staying Alive At 45 Fundraiser! Fr Gregory's Birthday Celebration. Saturday, May 28, 2016

We wish to thank everyone who worked hard, devoted their time and talent, to ensuring the success of this very special fundraising event. We would like to give a special word of thanks to the following people, Ruth, Alex, Bernard, Bong, Marilou, Melina, Pedro, Jessica Fely, Jonas, Nonong, Greg B., Benir, Beng, Imelda, Arturo, Sandy, Jorge, Tony, Daniel, Mike, Susan, Maria, Adeline, Flora, Merly, Joseph, Andres. Please note, that even if your name is not mentioned, your efforts are appreciated.

#### Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study, at 6:30pm followed by Symbolon at 7:30pm First Friday Spirituality Talk: Friday June 3rd, 2016 Flea Market: Saturday, June 4th, 2016, from 9:00am to 3:00pm

<u>Dates for First Communion and Confirmation</u> Congratulations to all First Communicants, who received the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on June 5th, 2016, at the 10:30am Mass Please keep, in your prayers, the children who are preparing to make their First Communion and Confirmation

WARDENS ELECTIONS In the coming weeks Saint Willibrord's Parish will be organizing elections for our Wardens. Wardens are the financial overseers of the Parish. Saint Willibrord's has six Wardens. If you are interested in serving Saint Willibrord's as a Warden, please contact Father Gregory or the Parish Office.

### **BAZAAR 2016—RAFLLE TICKETS!**

This year's Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st** and **Saturday, October 22nd**. We are pleased to announce that the raffle tickets have arrived and will be made available next week, at Mass.

#### Parish Renewal Experience!! PREX!

The dates for the next PREX Retreat is June 17(evening), 18(day) and 19(day), 2016 All parishioners are invited to attend and all PREX graduates are requested to continue their faith and spiritual journey as they accompany the new PREX participants. To register or to pick up an information pamphlet, please stop by the rectory or speak with Angela or Joseph.

#### Dorothy Wakefield (née Clarke)

The Wakefield family has asked that we inform you of the passing of Dorothy Wakefield, on Friday, May 20, 2016, in Calgary, AB. She will be missed by her family, friends and loved ones. Dorothy was a long-time parishioner and volunteer; she worked at the flea market, the bazaar and the soup kitchen. Her funeral mass will be celebrated at St Willibrord Parish, in July; the date is to be determined. We ask that you keep the Wakefield family in your prayers during their time of sadness.