

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 3, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

Announced Masses

Saturday May 2

† Souls in Purgatory

By Adeline Doyle

**Thanksgiving to
the Blessed Trinity**

By Maureen Redrino

Sunday May 3

CONFIRMATION

† Deceased Members of the
Molloy & Gibbons Families

By Lorraine

Tuesday May 5 Pro Populo

Wednesday May 6

Thursday May 7

Friday May 8

Thanksgiving Mass

By Cora Garlando

Saturday May 9

† Isabella Briffett

By David Briffet

Sunday May 10

MOTHER'S DAY

† Lilianne Wepruk

By the Wepruk Family

† Benigno Alfaio, Sr.

By Lilia Baguyo

Meditation: Why does Jesus speak of himself as the *true vine*? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "*the vineyard of the Lord*" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "*as his choice vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "*yielded wild grapes*" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "*degenerate and wild vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the *true vine* he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "*vineyard of the Lord*".

Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "*righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?

"Lord Jesus, may I be one with you in all that I say and do. Draw me close that I may glorify you and bear fruit for your kingdom. Inflame my heart with your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All." - rc.net

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM INFORMATION 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 Faith to be eligible.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Administration
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Adult Faith Formation

Mass Intentions

There are many Masses available for intentions, weekday and weekends. For your convenience please fill out a Mass intention envelope found at the back of the church and return to the office or Fr. Gregory.

Let us pray for the Immediate recovery of:

Joe Brisindi, Dale Parsons, Dan Boyer, and Marie Paul.

Thank you to:

Thank you to **Cora Garlando** and **Norma** for cooking and cleaning the Rectory!

Thank you to **the Salinggawi Mothers** who planted the Easter flowers in our Rectory garden!

Thank you to **Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist** for cleaning the church and to **Michel** for cleaning the hall!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates!

This Sunday St. Willibrord Parish celebrated the Confirmation of seven of our young brothers and sisters in Christ. We welcome these young people into the fullness of the Body of Christ and rejoice with them as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for them on their journey of faith! Welcome to the family!



Tizsa Jerique Aninipot
Jamie Ezra Cello
Dylan Corpuz
Jonathan Duplessis
Tobechukwu Okwuobi
Dominic Francis Rosal
Nathan Andrei Serrano

Faith in the Family next Sunday: Mary on Mother's Day

To celebrate our mothers and the Mother of God, our Faith in the Family next Sunday will focus on **Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother.** We'll begin at 9:00 with light breakfast and start our sessions both for adults and children at 9:30. All are warmly welcomed to join us as we learn more about Mary during this month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin! Contact the Parish Office for any further information. Mary, Mother of Christ and of his Church, pray for us!

Bible Study with Nathan Gibbard

Only two weeks remain in our **Bible Study** with Dr. Nathan Gibbard! Join us this *Thursday, May 7 at 6:30* in the Rectory for our second-last session! Together, let us listen to God's Word for our lives! All are welcome.

Our Gratitude to Bernadette Roach

For the past two months, Bernadette Roach has been serving as our Parish Secretary during the maternity leave of Yvonne Pelling. St. Willibrord's is deeply grateful to Bernadette for all of her commitment and dedication to our community and for the warmth and kindness she brings to everything she does. Thank you, Bernadette! God bless you always!

BIBLE CAMP: June 24th to July 3rd, 2015

As we enter the beautiful springtime, St. Willibrord's is already looking forward to summer! Our annual Bible Camp for children will run every weekday from Wednesday, June 24th to Friday, July 3rd. Registration forms are now available. Please the Parish Office for more information!