

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 5th, 2018, 8:00PM

†Souls in purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Thanksgiving for Holy Cross, our Lady of Sorrows and our Lady of the Covenant
by Merly Nunez and the Nunez family

Sunday, May 6th, 2018, 10:30AM

That all the youth of our Parish and families will remember to be faithful
to their faith and God by Loraine Molloy
For the intentions of Yves Boileau and Linda Goodfellow

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018, 7:00PM

†Claude Laramée by Carole Wepruk

Thursday, May 10th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Huguette Douek by Maria Salceda

Friday, May 11th, 2018, 9:00AM

Saturday, May 12th, 2018, 8:00PM

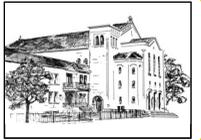
†Rita Riley by Anastasia Wargachuk

†Isabella Briffett on the 38th anniversary of her death by David Briffett

Sunday, May 13th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Mary Audrey Dawson by Maureen Dawson and family

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May 6, 2018—Sixth Sunday of Easter

I have called you friends"

God is the source and origin of love - divine and human

Scripture tells us that *God is love* (1 John 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange - the Father giving up his Son to death on the cross in order to give us abundant everlasting life and adopt us as his beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17).

God's love has been poured into our hearts

It is for this reason that we can take hold of a hope that does not fade and a joy that does not diminish because *God has poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us* (Romans 5:5). God's love is not limited or subject to changing circumstances. It is an enduring love that has power to change and transform us to be like him - merciful, gracious, kind, forgiving, and steadfast in showing love not only for our friends, but for our enemies as well. God's love is boundless because he is the source of abundant life, perfect peace, and immeasurable joy for all who open their hearts to him. That is why Jesus came to give us abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

A new way of loving and serving one another

Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment - a new way of loving and serving one another. Jesus' love was wholly directed toward the good of others. He love them for their sake and for their welfare. That is why he willingly laid down his own life for us to free us from sin, death, fear, and everything that could separate us from the love of God. Our love for God and our willingness to lay down our life for others is a response to the exceeding love God has given us in Christ. 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).

Friendship with God

Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Jesus not only showed his disciples that he personally cared for them and sought their welfare. He personally enjoyed their company and wanted to be with them. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them - even his inmost heart and thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus personally is to know God and the love and friendship he offers to each one of us.

One of the special marks of favor shown in the Scriptures is to be called the *friend of God*. Abraham is called the *friend of God* (Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23). God spoke with Moses as a man speaks with his friend (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, calls the disciples his friends rather than his servants.

What does it mean to be a friend of God? Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. Jesus' discourse on friendship and brotherly love echoes the words of Proverbs: *A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity* (Proverbs 17:17). The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. *He loved his own to the end* (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave the best he had and all that he had. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father.

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ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Sacrament of first Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 27, 2018
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on June 3, 2018



Pillars Trust Fund: The mission of the Pillars Trust Fund is to provide leadership, support and financial assistance to promote pastoral activities deemed essential to the English-speaking Catholic community of Montreal. Pillars supports charitable activities which promote the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year, the Pillars Trust fund has sponsored the Gallup Survey, **Member Engagement Survey**, for St Willibrord Parish which is to be administered next weekend, during the Masses, **May 12/13, 2018**.

Your opinion counts and we want to know what you are thinking The survey features 25 items carefully chosen to measure engagement and spiritual commitment that are essential to spiritual health and will only take approximately five minutes to complete.

We are asking all parish members aged 18 and older to complete the survey. In addition, any person who considers him or herself part of our parish, regardless of whether he or she is a member, is invited to respond to the survey.

The leadership team will receive the compiled results from Gallup and use them to gain additional insight into how the members feel about our parish. We will use the results to identify specific actions we can take to further meet the spiritual needs of our members.

Bible Camp June 26 to 29, 2018

Pre-Registration: If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend Bible Camp this year, please contact the rectory or speak with Christina, Stasi or Carole. Registration forms are available, spaces are limited.

Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People

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

Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members: after the 10:30AM Mass Sunday, May 6, 2018 and the following meeting will be on May 20, 2018

Acolytes: In the rectory Saturday May 12, 2018, at 9:00AM. and the following meeting will be on June 10, 2018

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will be on May 6, 2018 and the following meeting will be on May 20, 2018

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, June 2, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, May 12, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

When Helping You is Hurting Me: Escaping the Messiah Trap: This workshop will explore seven common styles of being a "Messiah" and some of the ways we can become more aware of unhealthy patterns in our helping relationships. We will also look at healthy models of Christian service and leadership. In an interactive way, we will explore the balance in our own lives of service, increase our awareness about how we make decisions and how to find balance in our busy lives. Facilitator: Cathie Macaulay. Saturday, May 26 from 9 am to 3 pm, please bring a lunch. Cost \$60. To register or for more information, please contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064 or at centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca.

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.

PREX X, (Parish Renewal Experience) at St. Willibrord Parish, 325 Willibrord Ave., Verdun. The Filipino Mission will be hosting this session with the support of St. Willibrord. on Friday night June 15, Saturday all day June 16 and Sunday June 17 from 2:00-5:00pm.

Communion by Intinction

Communion from the cup by drinking is the preferred method of receiving the cup because it is a fulfilment of the Lord's command: "Take and eat; take and drink." Jesus often spoke of drinking during his ministry: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day..." (Jn. 6.54); "Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" (Mt. 20.22); etc. *Instruction on the Extension of the Faculty to Distribute Communion Under Both Kinds* states that "among the ways of distribution drinking from the chalice itself has pre-eminence." The practice of intinction as permitted in liturgical law is not the way it is generally practised in parishes. There is no permission for the individual communicant to take the host and then dip it into the blood of Christ.

Intinction is also discouraged because the danger of spillage is greater than it is during drinking. As the individual dips the host into the consecrated wine and then places it on his or her own tongue, there is a chance that the Blood of Christ may drip from the host or bread. If this were to happen with several communicants, a noticeable amount would be spilled. Proper catechesis of the faithful on this question should be carried out and repeated periodically. *COMMUNION from the CUPA Report by the Episcopal Commission for Liturgy and the National Liturgy Office 1996*

After much prayer and research, it was decided that the practice of intinction, dipping of consecrated Host into the Wine, will no longer be practiced at St Willibrord Parish. The reasons are to be liturgically correct, to protect the sacredness of the Body and Blood of Christ, as well as, for hygienic reasons. We invite you to receive both species, body and Blood of Christ as He intended.

²⁶ Now as they were eating, *Jesus* took bread, and when he had said the *blessing* he broke it and gave it to the disciples. 'Take it and eat,' he said, 'this is my body.'²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given *thanks* he handed it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you,'²⁸ for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.²⁹ From now on, I tell you, I shall never again drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father. Matthew 26:26-29'

Congratulations to Fr Joseph Cameron on the 55th Anniversary of his ordination into priesthood.

God has a special place for each of us to serve and you have chosen to follow His path.

You have been the hands, the feet, the voice, and the love of God expressed in many different ways.

You have chosen to honor Him as you have served in His name

Best Wishes On Your 55th Ordination Anniversary .

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

April 21-22, 2018—
\$841.85

April 21-22, 2018—
\$185.00

(Annual Colection)
April 28-29, 2018—
\$953.60

April 28-29, 2018—\$75
(for heating expenses)

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
(Rectory)

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

9:30am to 11:30am
(Rectory)

**Please note the Mass,
on Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday will be
held
in the Rectory**

Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to

◇All celebrating this week

Thank you to

◇Mike, Judith, Ann, and all
who volunteer at the rec-
tory and in the Church.

◇all our benefactors

◇our flea Market volunteers,
vendors and patrons