

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 6th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**All Souls in Purgatory** By Adeline Doyle
†**Isabella Briffett on her 34th Death Anniversary** By David Briffett

Sunday, May 7th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†**John Carley**
Thanksgiving Mass for Patrick-John Quiocho's Birthday By Quiocho Family
†**Edgar Equia** By Dindo & Rebecca Doblado

Tuesday, May 9th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, 7:00PM

†**Phoebe Roach** By Bernadette Roach and family

Thursday, May 11th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Howard Poole** By Georgia Poole

Friday, May 12th, 2017, 9:00AM

†**Vincete Cortez, Kianta Lim, Mr & Mrs Jose Cortez** By Flora Lim & Family

Saturday, May 13th, 2017, 5:00PM

†**Fred Briffet** By David Briffett

Sunday, May 14th, 2017, 10:30 AM

For the intentions of all Mothers

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 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter —Good Shepherd Sunday

"I came that they may have life abundantly"

Meditation: Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. In the winter the sheep were usually brought to a communal village shelter which was locked and kept secure by a guardian. In the summer months the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night. He was literally the *door* through which the sheep had to pass.

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore* (Psalm 120:8). Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: *they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd* (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

Jesus willingly laid down his life for us - the sheep he ransomed with his own blood

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) writes: "He has accomplished what he taught us: He has shown us what He commanded us to do. He laid down his own life for his sheep, that within our mystery he might change his body and blood into food, and nourish the sheep he had redeemed with the food of his own flesh. He has shown us the way we must follow, despite fear of death. He has laid down the pattern to which we must conform ourselves. The first duty laid on us is to use our material goods in mercy for the needs of his sheep, and then, if necessary, give even our lives for them. He that will not give of his substance for his sheep, how shall he lay down his life for them?" (Tr. 46 in John). Do you look to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to receive the strength and courage you need to live and serve as his disciple?

"Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence."—copyright (c) 2017 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](http://www.dailyscripture.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 1-2, 2017 —\$1,575.40
April 8-9, 2017 —\$922.05
April 13, 2017—\$471.25
April 14, 2017—\$675.35
April 15, 2017—\$415.40
April 16, 2017—\$3,161.25
April 22-23 —\$792.00
April 29-30, 2017—\$741.55

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

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week and to Marion Fanning

Thank You

◇Mike, Judith, Merly Ruth and Cora, for their work in the rectory and church
◇all volunteers for their continued work and dedication to St Willibrord Parish and the people we serve

Question: Why is the lectionary divided by cycles?



The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2008 was Year A. 2009 was Year B, 2010 is Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read.

The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2009, 2011, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2010, 2012, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (i.e., some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started.

The year of the cycle does not change on January 1, but on the First Sunday of Advent (usually late November) which is the beginning of the liturgical year.

In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints, for common celebrations such as Marian feasts, for ritual Masses (weddings, funerals, etc.), for votive Masses, and for various needs. These readings have been selected to reflect the themes of these celebrations. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/lectionary/>



Do you have any questions about your faith and are looking for answers? Ask Father....

Papers have been placed at the back of the Church for you to ask the questions that you have always wanted to ask, concerning the Church and your faith. The answers will appear in subsequent bulletins. A blue box has been placed at the back of the Church to collect your questions. Please continue to write down your questions and they will all be answered. **Keep your questions coming.**

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

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 4, 2017, 10:30 AM Mass

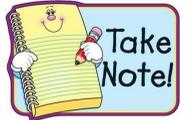
Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Faith in the family (incl Prep for First Communion and Confirmation):

The next session will be on May 14th, 2017 at 9:00AM

Lectors Meeting: May 13th, 2017, following the 5:00PM Mass

Acolytes: The next meeting will be on May 13th, 2017, at 9:15AM, at the rectory



For your convenience, temporary Collection Envelopes

The envelopes, for the remainder of the year should be arriving shortly, from the new printer, we have mailed out personalized envelopes to the parishioners already receiving envelopes. 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. If you have not received them, we ask that you use the temporary envelopes, placed at the back of the church. Thank you for your understanding. Donations made using these envelopes will be issued tax receipts.

Please print your name, contact information and envelope number on the envelope. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 will be available shortly. 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.

Find Us on Facebook:

Join our new Facebook group for parents called: Parents of St. Willibrord Parish, Verdun for updates related to catechesis and children's activities