

## MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

**Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30**

### Announced Masses

*Sunday May 8th*

† Ursula Lafontaine

By the Choir

**Healing Mass for Federick**

Mousseau By Marilyn &  
Ruben Mendoza

**Int. of Francisco Meriales**

**For the Blessing of my family**  
by Mrs Gloria Mamangun and  
family

**for Continual good health of  
Jane Roach and †for Birth-**

**day Blessings of Phoebe  
Roach, RIP** By Bernadette  
Roach & family

† **Death Anniversary Edgar  
Eguia**

By Mr. & Mrs. R. Doblado

† **Souls of Generosa/  
Gregorio/Romana/Necitas/  
Oscar Sr.**

By Nunez Family

**Blessings for All Mothers**

By Cora Garlando

*Tuesday May 10th*

**PRO POPULO**

*Wednesday May 11th*

**For Bill, Iris and Ken**

By Adrienne Coombs

† **Death Anniversary Ernesto  
Fortuno**

By Ruth & Rocel Fortuno

*Thursday May 12th*

*Friday May 13th*

*Saturday May 14th*

† **Julka Merhar** by Theresa  
Miles Rabzel

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May 8, 2016

**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.

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**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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration

Collections

Parish in Jamaica \$330.70  
Apr 16-17, 2016—\$1,285.00  
Apr 23-24, 2016—\$774.75  
Nabua Fiesta—\$1,335.60  
Apr 30-May 1, 2016-- \$1,474.05  
Flea Mkt May 7, 2016  
\$2728.25

**Happy Mother's Day**

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children. Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

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.

To mothers You have been given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

**BAZAAR 2016—Looking Prizes for Wheel of Fortune!**

We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st** and **Saturday, October 22nd**. We are looking for donations for our **Wheel of Fortune Booth** during this month of May! They can be brought on Sunday or to the Office.

**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.



**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

To Marion Fanning and  
All Parishioners Celebrating a Birthday or anniversary this week.

**THANK YOU**  
To Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist and Mike for cleaning the Church.  
To Jonas, for refinishing the floors in the Church  
To Tony, Peter, Susan, her team and all our dedicated volunteers for all their hard work to ensure that our Flea Market is successful.

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

May 18, 2016. St Willibrord's Annual Pilgrimage to Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours, 400 Saint Paul Street East, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1H4  
We will gather and leave from the Parish at 6:00pm, taking public transportation.  
The Rosary will be prayed at 7:00pm and The Eucharist will start at 7:30pm  
First Friday Spirituality Talk: Friday June 3, 2016  
Flea Market : Saturday, June 4th, 2016, from 9:00am to 3:00pm

**Loyola School**

Feasibility Survey for the possibility of opening a Loyola Elementary School for both boys and girls. Parents are encouraged to respond to the on-line survey; let your voices be heard.  
Link to survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Elementary\\_School](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Elementary_School)  
Presentation by Mr Paul Donovan from Loyal School will be on May 29, 2016, following the 10:30am Mass. This is an information session about the benefits of having your child attend a private Catholic elementary school. It promises to be very informative and enlightening.

**News from St John Brebeuf Parish**

**PUB NIGHT : Fundraiser evening** will be, Friday, May 27, 7:00 pm—10:00 pm. ,in the parish hall. Stop in for a pint, a glass of wine or a soft drink, a light meal or snack . There are games, such as darts, table soccer, cards, cribbage, Wii., or just relax and chat with old and new friends!

**Be a Computer Scientist Camp**

McGill is doing a Free summer camp workshop in computer science for High School Students during June 27 - 30 called "Be a computer scientist for a week". Applications can be done online. The deadline for applications is May 16th. More details available on the website. <http://summercamp.cs.mcgill.ca/>