

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

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November 1, 2015

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Announced Masses

Saturday October 31st
Triduum of Masses for the Faithful Departed

† **Death Anniversary of Gregorio Nunez Sr.**
By the Nunez Family

Sunday November 1st
† **Lily and Steve Wepruk**
By the Wepruk Family

Tuesday November 3rd
Pro Populo

Wednesday November 4th
Souls in Purgatory
By Maureen Redrino

Thursday November 5th
† **Santos Baldesco**
By Aida Baldesco & Family

Friday November 6th
† **Gregorio Nunez Sr.**
By the Nunez Family

Saturday November 7th
Souls in Purgatory
By Adeline Doyle

Sunday November 8th
† **Gerard Geseron**
By Rita Riley

Meditation: What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true *happiness*, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word *beatitude* literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".

God gives us everything that leads to true happiness

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us our destiny, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2,1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

Jesus tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart. Teresa of Avila's (1515-1582) prayer book contained a bookmark on which she wrote: *Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass - God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing - God alone suffices. Is God enough for you?* God offers us the greatest good possible - abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever. Do you seek the *highest good*, the total good, which is above all else?

The beatitudes are a sign of contradiction to the world's way of happiness

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression.

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: *"No one can live without joy. That is why a person deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures."* Do you know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone? - rc.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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Board of Wardens

Joseph Brisindi
Angèle LaFlèche
Marcellina Daniel
Jonathan Trabajada

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)
Administration
Terrel Joseph
Adult Faith Formation
Julian Paparella
Administration and PCL

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick, Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Yolanda Ganancial, Rita Riley and Marie-Paul. God is with you always.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AT OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR!!!

Special thanks to our sponsors: Dube Jewelry, Ma Douce Moitie, Kenny Grover, Atelier Floral les 4 Saisons, Aspirateurs Verdun, New Verdun, La Ferme Quinn, Chaussures Dupuis, La Tienda, PSP Corp, Malte-hops, CNRA, and Les Gateaux de Cybele, Stilwells.

Two more Sundays of PREX V!!!

PREX V continues immediately after Mass today for our fifth Parish Renewal Experience! Please pray for all the participants. We will conclude next *Sunday, November 8th!* Together we grow in the love of Christ and become one family in Him.



St. Willibrord's Annual Bazaar—Thank You!!!

Thank you to all those who attended, volunteered, donated, and helped serve at our Annual Bazaar! We are very grateful for your dedication to St. Willibrord's! **Special thanks to the Bazaar Committee, booth coordinators, workers!!!** Together, we continue to reach out to our community as ambassadors of Christ.

Faith Enrichment Conference: Growing in Faith, Forming Disciples

The Archdiocese of Montreal invites all Catholics to its Faith Enrichment Conference this Friday and Saturday, November 6-7, 2015! The **Keynote on Friday at 7pm is FREE!** Please contact the Parish Office. All events at the Nouvel Hotel (1740 Rene Levesque O., Guy-Concordia metro).

Faith in the Family and ALPHA!!!

This morning we had another successful Faith in the Family and ALPHA!!! Our next session is in two weeks: Sunday, November 15th. We begin with breakfast at 9am followed by Catechesis at 9:30. *Thanks to our catechists and leaders!!!*



RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW, We need YOU!!!

Tickets continue to be sold! \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, and 6 for \$10.00. All proceeds go to our soup kitchen and Christmas baskets. Prizes are \$1000.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00. Tickets will be sold after Mass each Saturday and Sunday and are also available at the Parish Office. **GET YOURS NOW!!!**

St. Thomas More Annual Parish Bazaar

St. Thomas More cordially invites you to its annual bazaar on Saturday, November 14th from 9am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Fudge, home baking, Christmas decorations, raffles and games, plus a Tea Room with delicious refreshments, all at reasonable prices. A mini-sale will also take place Sunday, November 15th from 9:30am-12:00pm. All are welcome to attend.