

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
9:30am to 11:30am

Announced Masses

Saturday, Nov 19th
Birthday Blessings For
Liam Turbide
By Stasi & David Turbide

Sunday, Nov 20th
†**Vincent Cortez &**
Thanksgiving Blessings
By Flora Lim & Family
†**Lilianne Wepruk**
By Maria Salceda
Thanksgiving Blessings
By a parishioner

Tuesday, Nov 22nd
Pro Populo

Wednesday, Nov 23rd
Healing Mass for
Fareena Rodriguez

Thursday, Nov 24th
†**Lilianne Wepruk..**
By Maria Salceda

Friday, Nov 25th
†**Milon Cecelia Gomes..**
By John Gomes &
Family

Saturday, Nov 26th
For peace in all parts of
the world and in every
home..
By Alfred & Fareena
Rodriquez

St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

351 Willibrord Ave., Verdun, Qc. H4G 2T7

Tel: 514-769-9678 Fax: 514-761-1717

Email: stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca



Nov 20, 2016 **Thirty-Fourth-Sunday** **In Ordinary Time**

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"

Meditation: Do you recognize that the Lord Jesus has been given all authority and power by his Father in heaven to reign over all creation - including the heavens and the earth? Jesus was crucified for his claim to be the Anointed King sent by the Father in heaven (John 18:37 and Luke 23:38) to establish his kingdom not only for his people Israel, but for all nations and peoples as well (Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:30 and Matthew 26:63-64).

God is King and Ruler over all What is the significance and meaning of Jesus' kingship for us? Kingship today seems outdated and useless, especially in democratic societies where everyone is supposed to be treated equal and free. Many rulers in past ages claimed they had sovereign authority to rule by divine edict. But God did not give his people Israel a king at first. Why? Because God alone was their King and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and chose David as King over Israel with the promise that God would raise up through David's royal line a Savior who would establish an everlasting kingdom of righteousness and peace that would endure for all ages (Psalm 89:29).

The Jews understood that the Messiah ("Anointed One") would come as God's anointed King to restore paradise and establish God's reign of peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess.

Jesus came to restore Paradise for us - everlasting life with God As Jesus was crucified on the cross alongside two criminals who were thieves, one mocked him for his claim to divine kingship. But the other thief recognized through the eyes of faith that Jesus was truly God's Anointed King and Savior. He petitioned Jesus to treat his poor soul with mercy and pardon, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). Jesus not only granted him forgiveness, but a place with him in his everlasting kingdom. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus died not only as King of the Jews, but as King of all nations and Lord of the universe. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world was accomplished through his atoning death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. That is why the Father exalted his Son and raised him in glory over the heavens and the earth. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called *King of kings and Lord and lords* (Revelation 19:16). He now sits in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven - and from his throne he rules as Lord over all Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your Sovereign King and Redeemer?

Which ruler and kingdom do you serve? The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another - the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master - the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true "Light of the World" - and the false messiah and deceiver who is called the "anti-Christ" and the "angel of light" who rules over men and women through the power of false promises, lies, and temptation to sin and disobedience. If we follow the Lord Jesus and entrust our lives to him he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us by his Holy Spirit along the path that leads to our true homeland with God. If we follow the course which is set by the ruler of this present world - a world which is opposed to Christ and blinded by Satan - then we will discover that sin, pride, and deception will lead us down a path of destruction, death, and separation, rather than life, freedom, and friendship with God and the people he has redeemed with the precious blood of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. —*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.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Oct 15-16, 2016—\$1,205.50

Oct 22-23, 2016—\$1,302.25

Bazaar, Oct 21-23, 2016
\$18,178.50

Oct 29-30, 2016 —\$671.00

Nov 5-6, 2016—\$1,247.90

Nov 12-13, 2016—\$880.65

The Word is out there and spreading..

PREX is here and is wonderful

Heartfelt thanks to Angela, Patrick, Carole, Terrel, Bernadette & Stasi who worked to present PREX to members of various parishes in the Archdiocese.

The reaction from the people...

Your words and devotion to the Lord to your brothers and sisters, in Christ, inspired, encourage and ignited the desire to renew their faith, bringing them closer to God and each other.



BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Birthday Blessings to Liam Turbide
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings to all Parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.

Thank you to
♦Mike and Joseph for his work in the Church and on clearing the roof of leaves

Advent

The season of Advent, consisting of the four weeks, leading up to Christmas, is a time of great anticipation of the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. We have the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

First Sunday of Advent, The readings relate to the old testament patriarchs who were Christ's ancestors, so some call the first advent candle that of hope.

The second Sunday of Advent, the readings concern Christ's birth in a manger and other prophecies, so the candle may be called of Bethlehem, or the way of the prophets.

The third Sunday of Advent, is the Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday after the first word of the introit (Philippians 4:4), is celebrated with rose-colored vestments. The readings relate to St. John the Baptist, and the rose candle may be called of joy or of the shepherds.

The fourth Sunday of Advent, the readings narrate the annunciation of Christ's birth, the candle may be known as the Angel's candle. The Magnificat or Song of Mary may be featured. The advent wreath includes a fifth candle, it is known as the Christ candle and lit during the Christmas Eve service.



Faith in the Family Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation

Next session will be on Nov 27, 2016, at 9:00 am.

A message of selfless love at Christmas

The Christmas message is that of selfless love and is very important. The idea is to think of someone else's needs before own. There are a great many people in our community that need your help. We are collecting donations of food and money, in order to supply the families in need with food this Christmas. Remember that the donation that you make will enable them to eat but it also sends them a clear and selfless message of love; you are in need and I am here for you..

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the rectory.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by **Symbolon** at 7:30pm

Advent: Nov 27, 2016 is the First Sunday of Advent

The Singing Priests of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines Concert: "On The Spot"

Dec 2, 2016 at St Willibrord Parish, 351 Willibrord, Verdun, H4G 2T7

Flea Market: Saturday, December 3, 2016 has been cancelled,

New dates for upcoming Flea Markets will be announced



The Winners of the St Willibrord Annual Raffle:

1st prize winner, of \$1,000, is Aaron Dabucol

2nd prize winner, of \$500, is Adeline Doyle

3rd prize winner, of \$250, is Carole Wepruk



The Singing Priests of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines On Friday, Dec 2, 2016 @6:00pm, at St Willibrord's Church, the Singing Priests of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines will be performing a fund-raising concert. "On The Spot". Tickets will be 20\$ and can be purchased at the rectory or at the back of the Church after Mass. Proceeds will go toward to rebuild the Churches that were destroyed by earthquake.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – FR. DOWD HOME will be held at the Home, 6565 Hudson Road, Cote des Neiges (behind Kent Park) on Saturday, November 26th from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Bake Table, Knitted Goods, White Elephant Table and other tables, raffles and 50/50, Tea Room with all homemade sandwiches, sandwich loaves and dessert. Hope to see many of you there.

ALL proceeds go to the purchase of Christmas presents for all the residents

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal: Christmas Fair

Get An Early Start to Your Christmas Shopping: We have an exciting line up of exhibitors, artisans & artists, as well as hand-made Christmas cards, and of course, the popular Sacred Heart Café! Tickets for raffle prizes will be sold on site. Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

Info: www.sacredheart.qc.ca or call 514-937-2845 x 113.