

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 26th

**For peace in all parts
of the world and in
every home..**

By Alfred & Fareena
Rodriquez

Sunday, Nov 27th

†**Lilianne Wepruk**

By Maria Salceda

†**Federico Pasal**

†**Elena Baldos**

By Melina Pasal &
Bong Quiocho

Tuesday, Nov 29th

Pro Populo

Wednesday, Nov 30th

†**Salvador Pesca..**

†**Eliza Bunao..**

By Bolofer Family

Thursday, Dec 1st

Thanksgiving

Blessings..

By a parishioner

Friday, Dec 2nd

**For the intentions of
Fareena Rodriquez**

Saturday, Dec 3rd

†**Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

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Nov 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent

Watch and be ready - the day of the Lord's coming draws near

Meditation Why did Jesus compare "the coming of the Son of Man" with the "days of Noah" (Matthew 24:37)? Scripture describes both events as a day of judgment and the separation of the just from the unjust. It is a time when the Lord of heaven and earth gathers to himself those who are his own. Separation is an inevitable consequence of the fundamental choices people have made - whether for God or against God. The fundamental choices we make can either lead us towards God and his will for us or they can lead us in a direction that is opposed to God or contrary to his wisdom and plan for our lives and well-being.

The days of Noah

The Book of Genesis describes why God chose to separate Noah and his family who were faithful to God from those who had utterly rejected God and corrupted the earth with violence and evil:

"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5), "with corruption and violence spreading everywhere" (Genesis 6:11-12).

Why did so many perish when the day of judgment came? They were caught completely unaware and unprepared for the disaster that swept them away. The Lord Jesus warned his disciples and he issues the same warning to us today - be alert and be prepared to meet the Lord today and every day - and when he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

The ark of refuge

Just as God provided a safe haven and place of refuge for Noah and his family in the ark which spared them from destruction (Genesis 7), the Lord provides for us today a place of refuge in the ark of his people - the body of Christ - who listen to his word and obey his voice. God made a covenant of peace with Noah and his descendants (Genesis 9:8-17). Noah's ark was a prophetic sign and beacon of hope which prefigured the new covenant of everlasting peace which the Lord Jesus would accomplish through his atoning death on the cross, resurrection, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

Jesus came to fulfill all the promises of God, including the covenant of peace which God made with Noah. Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission to set us free from sin and condemnation and to give us new life in his Holy Spirit. Jesus died for our sins, rose to everlasting life, and is now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He now reigns over the heavens and the earth as the exalted Lord of creation. The Lord Jesus promised that he would return again in glory to complete the work of redemption which he began at his first coming.

Our merciful Savior is also our Judge and Vindicator

God fulfills all his promises to us in Jesus, our merciful Savior, who will come again as our Judge and Vindicator. Jesus told his disciples that the Father has given him all authority to execute judgments on the earth "because he is the Son of man" (John 5:27). The "Son of man" is a Messianic title for God's anointed one who will overthrow God's enemies and establish an everlasting kingdom of righteousness and peace. The "Son of man" is described in the Book of Daniel as the one who is given supreme authority to judge and execute justice on the earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Jesus came the first time to lay down his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. He promises to return again at the "end of the age" to complete the work of restoration and final judgment. While we do not know the time of his return, we will not mistake it when it happens. It will be apparent to all, both to the followers of the Lord Jesus and to every inhabitant on the earth as well. —————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 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
Nov 19-20, 2016—\$512.30

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, Joey Walsh, Johnny
Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go,
Carmen Al Fudhaili.
Temperence Miriam Browning
God is with you always.



BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Birthday Blessings 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
♦Anne and Judith for helping at the rectory and Church

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.

This Sunday, Nov 27, at 9:00am will be Faith in the Family Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation



Next session will be on Dec 11, 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 and it also sends 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

All Things Christmas Baked Table: Saturday, Dec 17, 2016, from 9am to 1pm Details to follow

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

Upcoming Flea Market: Saturday, January 7, 2016, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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.

