

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 29, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Announced Masses

Saturday November 28th

† Eileen Magna

By Ann & Eddy Parr

† Augusta Basilan

By Rose & Ayet Basilan

† Alistair Barnes

By Patricia & Allan Kennedy

Sunday November 29th

Molloy & Gibbons Families

By Lorraine Molloy

Intentions of Pedro & Fely

Quiocho & Family

Tuesday December 1st

Pro Populo

Wednesday December 2nd

**In Thanksgiving for the
Recovery of Tim Barrientos**

By Lilia Baguyo

Thursday November 26th

† Augusta Basilan

By Rose & Ayet Basilan

Friday November 27th

† Alistair Barnes

By Patricia & Allan Kennedy

Saturday December 5th

Souls in Purgatory

By Adeline Doyle

† Alistair Barnes

By Patricia & Allan Kennedy

Sunday December 6th

Meditation: How good are you at reading signs, especially signs which God sends our way? The people of Jesus' time expected that the coming of the Messiah would be accompanied by extraordinary signs and wonders. Jesus' first coming was clouded in mystery and surprising wonderment: Even though he was the rightful heir to the throne of King David, he was born in obscurity in a cave at Bethlehem, near the place where David had watched over his father's sheep some 1000 years before. A choir of mighty angels chose to announce the good news to a small band of lowly shepherds keeping their night watch nearby. Learned magi from the East, who recognized a great omen in the heavenly sky, followed the star until it led them to Bethlehem. They alone found the child with his mother and paid him homage as the newborn king of Israel. When Jesus humbly submitted to baptism at the River Jordan, the heavenly Father spoke audibly for those nearby who were willing to listen, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

Jesus told his disciples that his final great sign would be his return in glory at the end of the age. He would come this second time as Judge and Merciful Redeemer to vindicate those who accepted him as Lord and Savior and to punish those who rejected him. Jesus declared that this last sign at the end of the world would be unmistakable. All would recognize and "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). The title which Jesus most often used to describe his Messianic role was the expression "Son of Man". This title comes from the Book of the prophet Daniel, chapter 7. The image of a "Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" was given in a vision where the prophet Daniel saw heaven opened before the throne of God (Daniel 7:13-14). In this vision God showed Daniel a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king was invested with God's authority and was given power to judge and rule over the whole earth. His reign would last for all ages.

The Jews of Jesus' day were looking for a Messiah King who would free them from the oppressive rule of pagan Rome. Many had hoped that Jesus would be their victorious conqueror. They missed, however, the most important sign and reason for the Messiah's first coming – his death on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world and his triumphant victory over death and Satan when he rose on the third day. The Lord Jesus is both the "Son of David", the rightful heir and Messiah King of Israel whose reign will endure for all ages (Psalm 89:3-4,29,36-37) – and the "Son of Man", chosen by God as the anointed ruler who will come at the end of the age to establish a universal kingdom of peace, righteousness, and justice for all the nations and peoples of the earth. ***Who is the Messiah we seek? Who are we awaiting during this season of Advent?***

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)

Administration

Terrel Joseph

Adult Faith Formation

Julian Paparella

Administration and PCL

***WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF ALISTAIR
BARNES AND THE
CONSOLATION OF HIS
FAMILY***

ADVENT

This weekend the Church enters the season of Advent, a time of preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. What coming do we celebrate? Is it His first coming as a tiny baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger 2000 years ago in Bethlehem? Is it His second coming in glory at the end of time, as we've been hearing in the reading of the past several weeks? Or is it His coming to us each and every day, born anew in the midst of our daily lives? In fact, it is all three! ***LET US PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD!***

Faith in the Family and ALPHA!!!

Today we had another successful session of ALPHA for adults and Faith in the Family for children! Special thanks to all our volunteers and catechists! We start with breakfast at 9:00 and catechesis at 9:30. Our last session of the year is Sunday, December 13th.

All are welcome!



Thank you to Stasi Wargachuk for preparing and giving the formation to the Lectors.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AT SPIRITUALITY:

***This Friday, December 4th—Mass at 7pm and Talk on Spirituality at 7:30
by Father Stephen Otvos***

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Angele Lafleche and all her volunteers for their work preparing for the Christmas Baskets!

Thank you to Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist and Carole Wepruk for decorating the Church for Advent!!!

Thank you to Ruth Laxina for preparing the linens and for cleaning the Rectory.

Thank you to Jonas Bolofer & Bernard Burcena, for painting the Rectory!

Christmas coming soon—Christ is on His way!

As enter the season of Advent and begin to prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas, some upcoming events for us to celebrate:

All Things Christmas—Join us for our Christmas bake sale on Saturday, December 12th. Come early to get your pick!

Our Annual Christmas Party—Happening after the 5:00pm Mass, also on Saturday, December 12th. Come one, come all!

Christmas Baskets—Each year St. Willibrord's distributes over a thousand boxes of food to those in need in the Verdun community. We need lots of volunteers for such an enormous effort! Please contact the Parish Office.

Sunday Missals for 2015-2016 and Living with Christ Missalettes

Sunday Missals for 2015-2016 are on sale for \$6.00!

Monthly *Living with Christ* missalettes with the readings for daily Mass are on sale for \$2.00!

Available at the back of the church, together with our religious items table!

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!!!**