

# Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. " —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, November 4th, 2017, 5:00PM

†All Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle

Birthday Blessings for Angelito Quiocho Sr. By Angelito Quiocho & Melina Pasal

Sunday, November 5th, 2017, 10:30 AM

Anniversary Blessings for Juliet Quiocho and Pepito Mendoza

Tuesday, November 7th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, November 8th, 2017, 7:00PM

†Anatole Lesyk by Maria Salceda

Thursday, November 9th, 2017, 9:00AM

For the intentions of Merly and Janelle Dabucol By Aaron and Amir Dabucol..

Friday, November 10th., 2017, 9:00AM

For the intentions of Noura Oroc by Lilia Baguyo..

Saturday, November 11th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Edward Briffett by David Briffett..

Sunday, November 12th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†Danilo Cornelio By Shiela Cornelio..

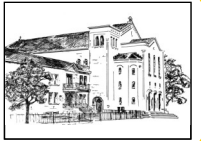
## We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick

Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Gordon Parson, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk, Carmen Lapello, Eddie Rodgers, Terry & Liz McHugh, Dale Flood, Isabel McKeever, Virginia Feledick, Charlene Poirier, Maureen O'Brien, Polly Storey, Justin Occhionero, Hugo Diaz, Teresita Rosales, Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist Sr.

**God is with you always.**

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## November 5th, 2017 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### REFLECTION

A little Latin lesson will help for this Reflection; *Teneo* means "I hold". Many English words contain "hold" the meaning of "holding" within them. Add such prefixes as "ex" meaning "out" and you get the word "extend". So too when one adds "in" one gets the word meaning to "hold in". Add "at" and you find "attend" meaning to "hold close". Enough? One more then, more appropriate for this Reflection and the readings. "Pre" comes from the Latin word *pro* meaning "in front". When you add that to our root, you get "pre-tend" or that which you hold in front of you so that you are not seen, but only the image. Halloween is a pretenderous celebration. Children love this gathering-time of sweets and are rewarded with much to sort and save. My small nephew once separated the candies he had begged for during his Halloween tour. He piled up the candy he really liked and the rest he told his mother, he would wish to send to his Jesuit uncle as a nice gift.

The readings for this weekend are most apt for our times. Malachi has strong words for the religious leaders for his time. We hear words of anger and denouncing. What we do not hear is how the priests have been pretending. They were taking blind animals, blemished animals, lame animals to be sacrificed at the altar of the Lord. They were bringing pretend offerings while "re-taining" or "holding back" what was real and holy to the Lord.

Our First Reading begins with a proclamation of the kingship of God. We hear a threat to the priests of the liturgical rites. They all are children of the "one God" Who has created them all. If they continue the misuse of their god-given powers, then terrible things will happen to them By their misuse of their gifts, others have fallen by the way. They have tended to themselves and not extended the keeping of the Law justly to all of God's people.

Jesus speaks to his disciples and to the Jewish crowd in today's Gospel. Jesus is inviting them to adhere to the demands of the Law of Moses, but as for those who interpret the Law for their own benefit, do not follow what they do. Those "pretenders" hold in front of themselves religious symbols. Phylacteries are containers affixed to arms and or foreheads possessing important verses of the Law. These will impress the people who see these and judge that those who wear them are as holy as the verses themselves. Jesus is reminding His listeners that it is not what one wears outside that makes a person a follower of God's ways. It is not the name "teacher" or "father" or "master" which make a person a reflection of God's holiness.

Jesus has said it elsewhere, that becoming a servant, a child, a humble person, are ways of revealing true godliness. Jesus lives what He is preaching and invites His followers to be un-pretentious.

We are inside-out people as human beings. We are in contradiction when we go outside-out. The question is not about "do I wear a cross", but rather "Do I bear the cross?" It is not whether or not I go to mass or celebrate the liturgy, but do I get sent out to live what I have received. As a Catholic priest and celebrant of the Eucharist, I cover up my self with religious garbs of various colors, but what I literally do is "pre-tend" Christ. I "hold in front of me" Christ as I offer Jesus first to the Father and then to the community. I "Christend", ex-tending Him to "sus-tain" His Body, the Church. I desire deeply not to hide behind Him or use Him as a substitute for my being present.

The day after Halloween is All Saints Day. It is the day we celebrate all those who put aside their natural pretenses and lived the Christ within them, inside-out. Costumes are for fun; being uncovered from our falseness is a joy. Holiness is letting the Holy One out who also re-tains a holy place inside us. We give what we have received. We do not pretend that we haven't received; we do not pretend we are nothing but a costume. We humble ourselves by being ourselves. God exalts us by God's love for us just as we are.

Holiness just might be the result of the long process of taking off anything that hides God's goodness within us.

"Lord, you will show me the path for life and fill me with joy in your presence." Ps. 16, 11

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Archive/2011/103011.html>

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Oct 7-8, 2017—\$877.30  
Flea Market—\$3,082.40  
Oct 14-15, 2017—  
\$1,000.05  
Second Collection for  
Mexican Community—  
\$502.10  
Oct 21-22, 2017 —  
\$809.15  
Oct 28-29, 2017 —  
\$709.85

Mass Schedule  
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

Birthday/Anniversary  
Blessings to  
all Parishioners who are  
celebrating this week

Thank You to  
◇Mike, Bev, Ann, Cora,  
Merly, and all the vol-  
unteers who worked in  
the rectory and in the  
Church.  
◇our dedicated flea  
market volunteers  
◇our benefactors, for  
their generosity of  
their time, talent and  
treasure.

**Holy Deck of Cards**

The story about a soldier using a deck of cards as a mnemonic device to remind himself of the Bible, set in the video above in the Vietnam War, goes back to 1778. Versions of the story have been set in the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Here is the Afghanistan version:

A young soldier was in his bunkhouse all alone one Sunday morning. It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't made a noise.

The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an Army Sergeant came in and asked, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?"

The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant said, "Looks like you're going to play cards."

The soldier said, "No sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards."

The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the Ace, Sergeant, it reminds that there is only one God. The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments. The Three represents the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Four stands for the Four Apostles: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Five is for the five virgins, there were ten, but only five of them were glorified. The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth. The Seven is for the day God rested after working the six days. The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, in which God saved the eight people from the flood that destroyed the earth for the first time. The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten but nine never thanked Him. The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone. The Jack is a reminder of Satan. One of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the Joker of eternal hell. The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary. The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings. When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck, each is a week, 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represents the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards, there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter. So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for."

The sergeant just stood there and after a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are being sent away, putting their lives on the line fighting for us.

<https://the-american-catholic.com/2011/11/06/holy-deck-of-cards/>

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Bowl-A-Thon...** The proceeds raised will be going to the repairs and maintenance of the parish  
**November 5, 2017, at 1:00pm, at the Laurentian Bowling Lanes, 222, Montée de Liesse, St-Laurent, QC H4T 1N8.** Come, invite your friends... have a good time while fundraising  
If you can not attend, you can still make a donation or encourage a participant. With your help, this will be a successful event.

**Raffle Tickets have arrived!** Tickets can be picked up after Mass or at the Rectory. But quantities are limited so please pickup your tickets early. For more information, please call the rectory or speak with Carole or Stasi. This fundraiser makes it possible for us to maintain our outreach programs, such as, the Soup kitchen, Christmas Baskets and emergency food bags.

**Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people**

**Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism** Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, Nov 5, 2017, at 9:00AM

**Lectors Meeting:** Sunday, Nov 26, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass.

**Lay Ministers Meeting:** Sunday, Nov 12, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass.



**Dates to Remember**

**Remembrance Day Mass:** Sunday, Nov 5, 2017 at the 10:30AM Mass  
**Feast of St Willibrord Mass:** Sunday, Nov 12, 2017 at the 10:30AM Mass  
**Healing Mass:** Sunday, Nov 19, 2017, 10:30AM Mass, in Cameron Hall  
**Flea Market:** Saturday, Dec 2, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Dancing procession of Echternach** a tradition that honors St Willibrord. In the past we have reenacted this dance here and some of our parishioners have expressed the desire to see this dance performed. The Feast of St Willibrord will be celebrated here on Sunday, Nov 12, 2017, we would like to know if you would be interested in performing the hopping dance this year. If so, do you know how to perform this dance and are you willing to participate and teach this dance to others who may be interested in learning this day. It is only with your participation that we will be able to honor our Patron Saint by performing the hopping dance.

**Holy Cross Parish,** at 1960 Jolicoeur St., Montreal, QC, Is holding a concert on Sunday November 26, 2017 from 7pm to 9pm in the church. The well known Montreal tenor Perry Canestrari will perform a variety of favorite songs and show tunes, followed by a wine and cheese in our Sheila Roach Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 ea. to be purchased by November 23, 2017 by calling 514-769-2717. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**St Thomas More Annual Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 9:00AM to 3:00 PM, in the parish hall, 978 Moffat Ave, Verdun (corner of Bannantyne & Moffat) there will be a variety of booths, selling fudge, home baking, Christmas decorations, raffles, games and a Tea Room with delicious refreshments. A mini-sale will take place on Sunday Nov 12, 2017, from 9:30AM to 12:00PM

**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, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.