

# 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, September 30th, 2017, 5:00PM

For the Intentions of Nikki Cyr..

Sunday, October 1st, 2017, 10:30 AM

For the Intentions of Maureen O'Brien

For the Intentions of Janelle Dabucol

†Felomina Cancio by Ordon family

†1st Death anniversary of Wenceslao Comodero Sr. By the Comodero family

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017, 7:00PM

Anatole Lesyk by Maria Salceda

Thursday, October 5th, 2017, 9:00AM

†Conrado Lagman By Maria Garcia..

†Domingo Garlando by Cora Garlando and Family

Friday, October 6th, 2017, 9:00AM

†Mauro Redrino by Maureen Redrino

For the Intentions of Jason Ordon By Jocelyn Ordon

Saturday, October 7th, 2017, 5:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle

†Death Anniversary of Edward Briffett by David Briffett

## 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 Parsons, 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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October 1st, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Which son did the father's will?

**Meditation:** What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

### **Repaying a debt of gratitude and showing respect where it is due**

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work.

### **Converting both heart and will to do what is good and pleasing to God**

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear - Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

### **A transformed heart filled with gratitude and respect**

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructable peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the peace, joy, and righteousness of God's kingdom (Romans 14:17).

"Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly."

**Daily Quote from the early church fathers:** *The Father and his two sons*, author unknown, from the 5th century A.D. "Who is this if not the God who created all people and loves them with a fatherly affection, the God who preferred to be loved as a father rather than feared as a lord, even though he was Lord by nature? On this account, at the beginning of the commandments of the law, he did not say, 'You shall fear the Lord with all your heart' but 'you shall love the Lord with all your heart' (Deuteronomy 6:5). To elicit love is not characteristic of a lord but of a father. Of the two sons in this parable, the older one represents the Gentiles, since they come from their father Noah. The younger son represents the Jews, who come from Abraham. 'And approaching the first, he said, "Son, go and work today in my vineyard." 'Today' refers to this present age. How did he speak to his sons? He didn't address them face to face like man, but he spoke to the heart, like God. Man only utters words to the ear, but God supplies understanding to the mind." (excerpt from an incomplete Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, *HOMILY 40*)

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**Raffle Tickets have arrived!**

Tickets can be picked up after Mass or at the Rectory. Tickets 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 the us to maintain our outreach programs, such as, the Soup kitchen, Christmas Baskets and emergency food bags

**PREX IX**

Welcome to the Catholic Filipino Mission and to all the participants, who have come to St Willibrord to experience PREX. And that this retreat will be an enriching and rewarding experience, as we journey together, in our faith and that the bonds of friendship that develop continue long after the retreat has ended.

**Annual Bazaar**

**Please come and invite your family and friends**

**Friday, Oct 27, 2017, 1:00PM to 9:00PM**

**Saturday, Oct 28, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM**

Some of the booths will be...Baked Goods, Frozen Meals, Jams, Jellies and preserves, Knits and Crafts, Wheel of Fortune, Good Cheer, Christmas Table, Sports Booth, Books, Raffles.



**Donations of new items, which can be sold or raffled off, are gratefully accepted. Prizes are still needed.**

If you are a baker and would like to make and donate baked goods, please call the rectory. Volunteers are needed to help with the setup, working at the booths, soliciting donations, etc.... For more information, to make donations or volunteer, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at stwillibrordparish @videotron.ca

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

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

**Lectors Meeting:** Sunday, Sept 24, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass.

**Acolytes:** The next meeting will be on Oct 14, 2017 This meeting will be a fieldtrip, for the acolytes and their family, to St Joseph's Oratory. We will gather at the rectory at 9:00am and leave from here. If you have a car and are able to bring some people with you, please speak with Angela.

**Dates to Remember**

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

**Bible Study:** Every Saturday, at 4:00pm and Every Sunday, Session 1 at 9:30am, Session 2 at 12:00pm (following the 10:30am Mass) RSVP. If you are interested in attending a particular session, please speak with either Carole or Stasi.

**PREX 9:** will be held on Sept 29, 30 and Oct 1, 2017, for more information, or to register, please contact the rectory or speak with Carole or Stasi. \*\*PREX polo t-shirts, for the PREX graduates, there are still some shirts available. \*\* If you are interested, please see either Stasi or Carole. The donation is \$15 per t-shirt.

**Flea Market:** Saturday, Oct 7, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Parish Pilgrimage to St Joseph's Oratory:** Saturday, Oct 21, 2017, we will be gathering at the rectory and leaving at 9:00am, If you are driving and have an extra seat or two and would be willing to drive someone, please contact the rectory.

**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.

**When You Make The Sign Of The Cross, These 21 Things That Happen To You**

The Sign of the Cross is a simple gesture yet a profound expression of faith for both Catholic and Orthodox Christians. As Catholics, it's something we do when we enter a church, after we receive Communion, before meals, and every time we pray. But what exactly are we doing when we make the Sign of the Cross? Here are 21 things:

- Pray.**  
We begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross, perhaps not realizing that the sign is itself a prayer. If prayer, at its core, is "an uprising of the mind to God," as St. John Damascene put it, then the Sign of the Cross assuredly qualifies. "No empty gesture, the sign of the cross is a potent prayer that engages the Holy Spirit as the divine advocate and agent of our successful Christian living," writes Bert Ghezzi.
- Open ourselves to grace.**  
As a sacramental, the Sign of the Cross prepares us for receiving God's blessing and disposes us to cooperate with His grace, according to Ghezzi.
- Sanctify the day.**  
As an act repeated throughout the key moments of each day, the Sign of the Cross sanctifies our day. "At every forward step and movement, at every going in and out, when we put on our clothes and shoes, when we bathe, when we sit at table, when we light the lamps, on couch, on seat, in all the ordinary actions of daily life, we trace upon the forehead the sign," wrote Tertullian.
- Commit the whole self to Christ.**  
In moving our hands from our foreheads to our hearts and then both shoulders, we are asking God's blessing for our mind, our passions and desires, our very bodies. In other words, the Sign of the Cross commits us, body and soul, mind and heart, to Christ. (I'm paraphrasing this Russian Orthodox writer.) "Let it take in your whole being—body, soul, mind, will, thoughts, feelings, your doing and not-doing—and by signing it with the cross strengthen and consecrate the whole in the strength of Christ, in the name of the triune God," said twentieth century theologian Romano Guardini.
- Recall the Incarnation.**  
Our movement is downward, from our foreheads to our chest "because Christ descended from the heavens to the earth," Pope Innocent III wrote in his instructions on making the Sign of the Cross. Holding two fingers together—either the thumb with the ring finger or with index finger—also represents the two natures of Christ.

<https://catholicdigest.com/make-sign-cross-21-things-happen/>

*To be continued next week.....*

**Pastor**  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
**Office Staff**  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*  
Sept 9 –10, 2017—  
\$1,512.15  
Sept 16–17, 2017—  
\$781.70  
Sept 23–24, 2017—  
\$1,198.25

**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

9:30am to 11:30am

**Birthday/Anniversary Blessings to**

all Parishioners who are celebrating this week  
Happy Birthday to  
Evelyn Gilchrist,  
Wilson Tangonan and  
Marcella Ellasos

**Thank You to**

◇Mike, Merly, Cora, Ann, Judith, all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and in the Church.

**FAITH IN THE FAMILY**

Registration forms will be made available at the back of the Church.

Registration will be on October 15, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass. For more information, please contact the rectory.