

## 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

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October 2, 2016  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

### Announced Masses

*Saturday, Oct 1st*

†**Ruben Paja Sernal**

By Aida, Julian &  
Christian Galan

*Sunday, Oct 2nd*

†**Nicolas Sr Davantes**

By Davantes Family

**Birthday Blessings for  
Cedrick Burcena**

By the family

**Thanksgiving Mass for  
Rebecca Eguia Doblado**

By Dindo Doblado

*Tuesday, Oct 4th*

**Pro Populo**

*Wednesday, Oct 5th*

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Salinggawi

*Thursday, Oct 6th*

†**Wilson Burcena**

By Bernard Burcena

†**Mauro Redrino**

By Maureen Redrino

*Friday, Oct 7th*

†**Irene Boucher**

By Rose Darwent

*Saturday, Oct 8th*

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Aida, Julian &  
Christian Galan

### "Lord, increase our faith!"

**Meditation:** How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, indefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way.

When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us (Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3). Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises (Psalm 145:13, Hebrews 10:23). That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unfailing and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

#### *The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in expectant faith*

What did Jesus mean when he said to his disciples that our *faith can move trees and mountains* as well (see Matthew 17:20; Mark 11:23)? The term "mountain remover" was used for someone who could solve great problems and difficulties. Don't we often encounter challenges and difficulties which seem beyond our power to handle? What appears impossible to human power is possible to those who believe in God's power. Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can simply do by ourselves. That is why Jesus gives us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow strong in faith, persevere in hope, and endure in love.

Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We belong to God and our lives are no longer our own. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord Jesus and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to work in and through us by his Spirit for his glory. For our faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and with obedience - an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever he commands. Do you trust in the grace and strength which God freely gives to help us resist temptation and to overcome obstacles in doing his will?

#### *Parable of the faithful servant who is indebted to God*

Are you ready to give the Lord your best, regardless of what it might cost you? Perhaps we are like the laborer in Jesus' parable who expected special favor and reward for going the extra mile (Luke 17:5-10)? How unfair for the master to compel his servant to give more than what was expected! Don't we love to assert our rights: "I will give only what is required and no more!" But who can satisfy the claims of love and loyalty? Our lives are not our own - they belong to God who has ransomed us from slavery to sin with the precious blood of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18).

Jesus used this parable of the dutiful servant to explain that we can never put God in our debt or make the claim that God owes us something. We must regard ourselves as God's servants, just as Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). Service of God and of our neighbor is both a voluntary or free act and a sacred duty. One can volunteer for service or be compelled to do service for one's country or for one's family when the call and need arises. Likewise, God expects us to serve him willingly and give him the worship, praise, and honor which is his due. —————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.

**MARRIAGE** Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance.

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St Willibrord's Annual Bazaar 325 Willibrord Ave Verdun, QC, H4G2T7**

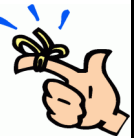
You're invited to attend our **Annual Bazaar**  
**October 21, from 1:00pm to 9:00pm and October 22, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.**  
There will be crafts, baked goods, sports, jewelry, antiques and much more.  
there will be something for everyone!

Please come and invite your friends, family and co-workers!

**Bazaar: A call out to all bakers—>Donations for baked goods are needed.**  
**Please contact the rectory**

**Important dates to mark on your calendar!**

**Every Thursday: Bible Study** at 6:30pm followed by **Symbolon** at 7:30pm  
**Flea Market** : Saturday, November 5, 2016, from 9:00am to 3:00pm  
**Bazaar 2016**: **Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd, 2016.**  
**Parish Vitality Conference *Unleashing Our Gifts***: Nov 10, 11 & 12, 2016.  
Information can be found a [www.parishvitality.com](http://www.parishvitality.com)



**BAZAAR 2016—Raffle Tickets!**

As you know, this year's Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd.** There are still a lot of raffle tickets left to be sold and they have arrived and will be made available after Mass.

We need your support to ensure the success of this fundraiser.

Please help us to sell these tickets.

The more tickets that you buy the greater your chances are of winning one of the prizes.  
All proceeds from this event will be used to feed the people who need help feeding their families.

*If every parishioner would pick up 5 to 10 booklets, we would be able to raise enough funds to feed the families who come requesting food both during the year and at Christmas time*

**WARDENS ELECTIONS:** In the coming weeks Saint Willibrord's Parish will be organizing elections for our Wardens. Wardens are the financial overseers of the Parish. Saint Willibrord's has six Wardens. If you are interested in serving Saint Willibrord's as a Warden, please contact Fr Gregory or the Parish Office.



Faith in the Family and preparations for First Communion and Confirmation will be starting on October 16 2016

**Parish Vitality**  
CONFERENCE 2016



**If you are interested in attending any or all of the workshops at this conference please contact the rectory**



**HOLY CROSS PARISH 1960 JOLICOEUR STREET MONTREAL.**

Bilingual **BINGO** is every Tuesday night in the Church Hall. Games start at 7PM  
Doors open at 6PM. 14 games are played. TOP PRICE IS \$100.00  
Snack bar is available, as well as, a light supper. **ENTRANCE IS \$ 3.00. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**The Holy Doors of Mercy**

Montrealers have the privilege to be able to walk through seven Holy Doors of Mercy located at Marie Queen of World Basilica, Chapelle Notre-Dame-de Lourdes, Sanctuaire Notre-Dame-de-la-Médaille-Miraculeuse, Sanctuaire Marie-Reine-des-Coeurs, Sanctuaire de la Réparation-du-Sacré-Coeur, Santuaire du Saint-Sacrement, Saint-Joseph Oratory, and Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

Flea Market, Sept 3, 2016—  
\$2,256.00

September 10-11 2016—  
\$808.25

September 17-18. 2016—  
\$1,040.30

September 24-25. 2016—\$  
\$1,077.25

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

**THANK YOU TO**

- ◇Mike & Judith for their work at the Church
- ◇Tony, Peter & gang for their continued work at the Flea Market
- ◇Ann, Adrienne, Altrice, Bernadette Eileen, Maureen, Celly, & Carole for selling raffle tickets at the Royal Bank
- ◇Jonas, Jonathan, Alex & Ruth for their work at the rectory