

## 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, Oct 22nd*

**Healing Blessings**

**for Peggy &**

**Eddy Wargachuk**

By the Wargachuk Family

*Sunday, Oct 23rd*

†**Lilianne & Steve**

**Wepruk**

By the Wepruk Family

†**Cristanto Ramos**

By Catherine Ramos

*Tuesday, Oct 25th*

**Pro Populo**

*Wednesday, Oct 26th*

†**Fernando Lopez,**

**Marjorie &**

**Tiffany Lopez**

By John Lopez

& Marcela Ellasos

*Thursday, Oct 27th*

†**Delfin Basilan**

By Rose & Mayet Basilan

*Friday, Oct 28th*

†**Julia Oviedo**

By Mary Oviedo

*Saturday, Oct 29th*

*Sunday, Oct 30th*

†**Gregorio Nunez Sr**

By the Nunez Family

*Monday, Oct 31st*

*Tuesday, Nov 1st*

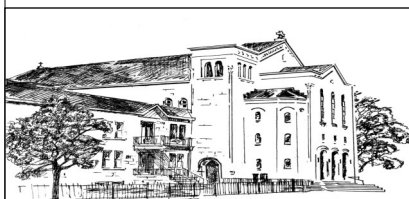
*Wednesday, Nov 2nd*

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**October 23, 2016**  
**Thirtieth Sunday**  
**In Ordinary Time**

"God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

**Meditation:** How can we know if our prayer is pleasing to God or not? The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbor. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

### ***God hears the prayer of the humble***

Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbor closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favor. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"?

Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised; but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

### ***The humble recognize their need for God's mercy and help***

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. *I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit* (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

"Lord Jesus, may your love and truth transform my life - my inner thoughts, intentions, and attitudes, and my outward behavior, speech, and actions. Where I lack charity, kindness, and forbearance, help me to embrace your merciful love and to seek the good of my neighbor, even those who cause me ill-favor or offense. May I always love as you have loved and forgive others as you have forgiven."——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

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Anastasia Wargachuk

*Administration*

Sept 17-18, 2016—\$1,040.30

Sept 24-25, 2016—\$1,077.25

Oct 1-2, 2016—\$1,603.25

Flea Market, Oct 1, 2016—\$2,757.00

Oct 8-9, 2016—\$868.65

Oct 15-16, 2016—\$1,205.50

**BLESSINGS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Tony DiLallo, Peter Doherty, Susan Charlebois, Adeline Doyle, Maria Garcia, Adrienne Combs, Dave Briffet, Betty Luyten, Isabel McKeever, Joe Brisindi, Marise Tanguay, Carole Wepruk, Stasi Wargachuk, Lilly Cavanaugh, Beverly Fender, Maureen O'Brien,

Bernadette Roach, Darlene Wakefield, Beng Bolofer, Jonas Bolofer, Joelle Bolofer, Jackie Bolofer, Marissa Nool, Flo & Richard Davies, Norma Orbita, Marcela & Lola Ellasos, Dan Ormsby, Lilly Vallee, Ruth Laxina, Alex Laxina, Cynthia Kumah, Susan Becker, Altrice Weekes,

Connie Cilinski, Joanna Maharaj, Marion Sanborn, Bob Neale, Mike, Celly Daniel, Paul Lafontaine, Valerie Wakefield, Gary McCready, Mara Nava Bello, Maureen Waterson, Joseph D'Silva, Andres Acevedo, Linda Del Rosario, Sabrina Cerro, Rozanna Ralbovsky, Wendy Walker, Louise Lefebvre, Carol Byer, Susan Becker, Sophie Gornicka  
**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**

**The Communion of Saints are comprised of three groups: the Church Militant**, those who are still fighting the good fight, on earth; **the Church Penitent**, the holy souls in purgatory, **the Church Triumphant**, the perfect saints in heaven

**Triduum for All Souls and All Saints**

A triduum is a period of a three day, liturgical observance, when we remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed. Oct 30, 2016, Oct 31, 2016, Nov 1, 2016, leading up to the Feast Day of All Saints, Nov 2, 2016

This is an opportunity to have a mass intention for a deceased family member or friend. If you wish to have an intention at one or all of these masses please complete the form and submit it to the rectory staff, as soon as possible to ensure that the intentions will be offered.

**Pictures to be placed on the sanctuary** Please bring a picture of the loved ones for whom we are praying. If you wish the picture can be placed on the sanctuary or projected on the screen. Digital photos can be sent to [stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca](mailto:stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca)

**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, 1:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday, October 22nd, 2016, 9:00am to 5:00pm, **Raffle Draw Oct 22, 2016 7:00pm**

**Halloween Party**: Oct 29, 2016, 6:30pm

**Parish Vitality Conference *Unleashing Our Gifts***: Nov 10, 11 & 12, 2016.

Information can be found a [www.parishvitality.com](http://www.parishvitality.com)



 Faith in the Family and preparations for First Communion and Confirmation  
 Next session will be start, October 30, 2016, at 9:00am

**The Sacred Heart School of Montreal**

Meet Sacred Heart's Academic Curriculum Coordinator and Science Teacher, Stephanie Coull ('04) and learn more about "The Benefits of an All Girls Education" at mass on Sunday, November 6th. The Sacred Heart School of Montreal is the pre-eminent all girls English Catholic high school in Montreal, with 156 year of experience graduating young women of action with solid skills and tools for success, its mission is to nurture the mind, body and spirit of each student in a supportive and caring environment. More information at: [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca) or 514-937-2845.

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**Halloween Party** There will be a Halloween party on Oct 29, 2016, tickets,\$15 each are available. There will be prizes for the best costume. For more information, please contact the rectory

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR PVC 2016?**

Our Early Bird deadline for the **Parish Vitality Conference** is fast approaching! Register before October 18 and save on admission to all sessions. To date, members from over 18 parishes have signed up for this diocesan event, open to everyone involved in, or seeking to enrich, parish life. Scheduled for Nov. 10-12, the Parish Vitality Conference "Unleashing Our Gifts" will also feature the Catholic Community Rally organized by the English Speaking Catholic Council.

Brochures are available from your parish. See your parish representative for more information and follow up with online registration at: [parishvitality.com](http://parishvitality.com).

**Thank You! We are blessed with many talented and dedicated volunteers who have been using their talents, time, and treasures for St Willibrord Parish, by working to prepare for the bazaar and working at the bazaar to ensure that the bazaar was successful, enjoyable and a profitable fundraising event. Thank you to the people who cleaned and set up the hall, to those made donations of money to purchase gifts or gifts, to the people who sorted the items and set up the booth, to the people who donated and prepared baked goods, to the people who prepared, food for the restaurant and to those who offered prayers of support and encouragement for the health of the volunteers and success of the Bazaar.**

**Your gifts are appreciated; may God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe..**