

## MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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**October 25, 2015**

**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Announced Masses

*Saturday October 24th*

*Sunday October 25th*

† Vicente Cortez

By his Family

† Gerard Geseron

By Rita Riley

† Death Anniversary of  
Jaime A. Hernandez

† Lobella Hernandez

By Norma Orbita

*Tuesday October 27th*

*Pro Populo*

*Wednesday October 28th*

† Gerard Geseron

By Rita Riley

*Thursday October 29th*

† Death Anniversary of

Jaime A. Hernandez

By Norma Orbita

*Friday October 30th*

† Lobella Hernandez

By Norma Orbita

*Saturday October 31st*

† Death Anniversary of

Gregorio Nunez Sr.

By the Nunez Family

*Sunday November 1st*

† Lily and Steve Wepruk

By the Wepruk Family

**Meditation:** Have you ever encountered a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could not pass up? Such a moment came for a blind and destitute man, named Bartimaeus. He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. He knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no means of making contact with the *Son of David*, a clear reference and title for the Messiah. It took a lot of "guts" and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town.

### ***Make every effort to seek God's merciful grace and help***

Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts to get the Lord's attention? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus. His persistence and earnest plea for help and healing paid off. Jesus heard his cry, opened his eyes, and welcomed him into the company of his fellow travelers and companions.

This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the *eyes of faith* and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize your need for God's healing grace and do you seek Jesus out, like Bartimaeus, with persistent faith and trust in his goodness and mercy?

"Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize my need for your mercy and grace. Help me to take advantage of the opportunities you give me to seek your presence each day and to listen attentively to your word."  
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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

**The Triduum of Masses will begin Oct. 29,30,31/15 concluding Nov. 1/15. Please fill out the forms that are at the back of the Church and return them to the Rector**

**Deepest sympathy to the Family of IMELDA ESTIGOY on the passing of her mother. May she rest forever in peace.**

**We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick, Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, and Yolanda Ganancial. God is with you always.**

**THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to **Jonas Bolofer** for donating tablecloths and finishing the Terrasse!

Thank you to all those working to prepare for the Bazaar, you know who you are!!!  
**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all those who cook and clean at the Rector and the Church!

**PREX V continues TODAY!!!**

PREX V continues immediately after Mass in the Rector for our fifth Parish Renewal Experience! Please pray for all the participants. We will continue the next two Sunday afternoons, November 1st and 8th! Together we grow in faith and as a parish family.



**Faith in the Family and ALPHA!!!**

Join us **next Sunday** for ALPHA and Faith Formation! All parishioners are welcome to join us, we begin with potluck breakfast at 9am every other Sunday!  
*Come grow in faith with us!*



**St. Willibrord's Annual Bazaar—THIS WEEK!**

The annual St. Willibrord's Bazaar is less than a week away! Friday, October 30th from 1pm-9pm and Saturday, October 31st from 9am-5pm. Invite your friends! We are also looking for gift donations for our tables and for volunteers! Please contact the Parish Office!

**CHALLENGE WITH US THIS WEEKEND!!!**

St. Willibrord's is pleased to welcome the Montreal Challenge Movement for their 33rd Weekend! Sixty young people have been on retreat in our parish since Friday and conclude Sunday afternoon. Please pray for them!

**THANK YOU FROM CHALLENGE**

Challenge would like to extend very sincere thanks to the entire parish of St. Willibrord's for their generous hospitality. What a gift it is to have a home to encounter Christ and grow as a community. **THANK YOU!!!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS BAZAAR SPONSORS:**

Dube Jewelry, Ma Douce Moitie, Kenny Grover, Atelier Floral les 4 Saisons, Aspirateurs Verdun, New Verdun, Granby Zoo, and La Ferme Quinn.

**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!!!**