

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019, 5:00PM  
† all souls in purgatory by Maureen Redrino

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019, 10:30AM  
† Virginia Feledick by Betty Luyten-Friendman..  
† Gregorio Nuñez Sr. by Nuñez amily  
† Theodoro O. Sales by Cora Garlando and family  
Thanksgiving Mass in honor of the Most Holy Trinity  
and our Lady of the Holy Cross by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019, 7:00PM  
Pro Populo

Wednesday, November 7th, 2019, 7:00PM  
† Escolastica Gonzales By Gonzales & Austria family..

Thursday, October 7th, 2019, 9:00AM  
Blessings for Maver Austria by Austria family..

Friday, November 8th, 2019, 9:00 AM  
Thanksgiving and blessings for Rosita Miranda and Kimberly Quiocho..  
by Mr & Mrs. Pedro Quiocho

Saturday, November 9th., 2019, 5:00PM  
† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, November 10th, 2019, 10:30AM  
Healing Mass for Lourdes Estrada Salceda by Maria Salceda..

### A Reflection about Mass Intentions

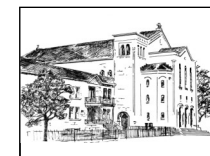
Giving a “Mass Card” to the family of someone who has died is a traditional, practical, and consoling custom among Catholic people. Arranging to have a Mass offered for the repose of someone’s soul respects the mystery of death and pays attention to the truth that we will all be judged by God, mercifully but justly, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do.

When we die, life is changed, not ended. Do you think that everyone is ready for immediate welcome into the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps some are, perhaps very few. Upon his death, who had more prayers and Masses offered for him than Pope John Paul II? We all have need for divine mercy, and we can benefit from the prayers of our friends. When we die, we will be fortunate and blessed if we have a Mass of Christian Burial and if we have people pray for us at other Masses in the months and years to come.

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## November 3, 2019 —Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

What is really going on here in the charming encounter between Jesus and the wealthy head tax collector, Zacchaeus? Is Jesus defending a rich guy who has been wrongly maligned by his neighbors? Or is Jesus inviting himself to dinner to create the occasion for a sinner to be converted from his wicked ways? Some commentators understand Jesus’ action to be a defense of a misunderstood tax collector because they take Zacchaeus’s words to be a defense of his way of life; since the Greek text of his words is actually in the present tense, they take it as a description of his way of life. To paraphrase what he says in the Greek, “I (regularly) give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I happen to extort somebody, I make it up fourfold.” Taken that way, the words imply behavior that is impossible. One cannot routinely give half of one’s possessions (e.g. 320 acres today, 260 tomorrow, 130 the next . . . which would lead to total divestment within a week!). As for regularly repaying fourfold for extortions, that implies the behavior of regularly *extorting* and then making it up with abundant restoration—an unlikely lifestyle indeed! No, the New American Bible translators have interpreted the present-tense verbs more sensibly--that is, in the way people use the present-tense to express a *resolve*—as in, “I’m giving up smoking.” This interpretation is confirmed in Jesus’ words, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and save what was lost.” Yes! Zacchaeus had been using his position as chief tax collector to exploit people; and his encounter with Jesus in this moment of hosting him in his home, has led to a profound change of heart, conversion. And how was he so easily led to this conversion? The tipoff was his surprising readiness to climb a tree to “see Jesus, who he is” (to translate literally). This is strikingly childlike behavior for a figure of some power in his town.

But Luke has provided a context for us to understand this properly. In his Gospel, we have just read in the prior chapter that “whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it (18:17). Then we read about a rich official who is blinded by his wealth, and finds himself unready to follow Jesus. Then Jesus heals a blind beggar who knows that he needs healing. Finally, in the story about Zacchaeus we meet another kind of rich man, one who is sufficiently childlike to scamper up a tree to *see* who Jesus is. His openness to the truth makes him ready to be healed of his blindness regarding his greed and his readiness to exploit others. This Gospel account calls us all to seek the truth with childlike openness, so that we are ready to encounter the Lord Jesus and respond to his surprising initiatives in our lives. He might invite himself to dinner.

This reflection was written by Dennis Hamm, S.J., on this Sunday in 2016  
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/110319.html>

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

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Flea Market  
September—  
\$2,979.95  
Sept. 14-15—\$500.45  
Sept. 21-22—\$587.90  
Sep. 28-29—\$709.40  
Flea Market  
October—\$2,798.10  
Oct. 5-6, 2019—  
\$1,435.25  
Oct 12-13—\$835.15  
Oct 19-20—\$597.85  
Oct 26-27—\$631.25

**ST WILLIBRORD  
PARISH**

Mass Schedule  
Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:30 am  
(incl. Children's  
Liturgy)  
Tuesday: 7:00 pm  
**(Rector)**

Wednesday:  
7:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am  
**(Rector)**

Friday: 9:00am  
**(Rector)**

Adoration  
9:30am to 11:30am  
**(Rector)**

**Please note the  
Mass, on Tuesday,  
Thursday and Fri-  
day will be held in  
the Rector**

**The Raffle Tickets have arrived** and we have eight weeks to sell 8,500 tickets. The date of the draw is December 28, 2019. We need you. I know that it is an ambitious goal but with your help, we can do it. Please take a few booklets and invite your friends, coworkers and family members to do the same. Spread the word and help us sell these tickets.

**Annual Bazaar.**  
**We need your help to ensure the success of this Bazaar.**  
If you have time to donate, we need volunteers to set up the booths, work at the booth and clean up after the bazaar and to solicit donations. We need donations either new items or a donations of money to purchase items for the various booths.  
Items Needed...Alcohol for Good Cheer, small household appliances for Wheel of Fortune, Christmas themed items

Save the date: Saturday, May 30, 2020

**Marian Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré.**  
We are in the planning stages of a day long pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré with a tour of various attractions in Quebec City and Ste Anne Canyon. Box lunch will be provided, please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.

If you are interested please rsvp by contacting the rectory as places are limited.

Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser Donation : \$20

November 17, 2019 at 1:00PM  
Location: Laurentian Bowling Lane  
222 Montée de Liesse,  
Saint-Laurent, QC H4T 1N8



Project Best Christmas Ever!

Eight Weeks until Christmas: If you are interested in helping to make this the best Christmas ever, here are some ideas of food items that are needed..

Non-perishable items: Cereal, cookies, snack bars, pasta, pasta sauce, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, Kraft diner, pudding, jams, peanut butter and pancake mix, syrup, etc... We also need monetary donations to purchase perishable items: bread, butter, milk, eggs, cheese, meat, etc...

If you want to share the spirit of Christmas with your family and friends, you are invited to work together preparing Christmas Baskets for people in need.

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Anniversary and Birthday Blessings** to all who are celebrating this week.  
**Happy Birthday to** Rozanna R.  
**Happy Anniversary to** Juliet Quioco and Pepito Mendoza  
**Thank you to** Mike, Maria G., Daniel, Ann, Merly, Ruth, Cora, John and all of our dedicated volunteers

**All Saints/All Souls Triduum with the Feast of all Saints:**  
**Oct 30, 31, Nov 1 and Nov 2, 2019**  
**If you would like to sponsor one of the evenings, please speak with Stasi or Carole.**  
**Mass Intentions offered for the deceased friends and family members for these evenings can be offered by completing the attached form and submitting it to Stasi or Carole.**

**DATE(S) TO REMEMBER**  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Sunday November 10, 2019, at 9:00AM in the the Church (enter side door)  
**Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:**  
Schedules will be distributed.  
**Flea Market:** Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM  
**Mass in Cameron Hall** will take place on, Saturday, November 9, 2019.  
**PREX Retreat:** November 8, 9 & 10, 2019  
(retreat begin Friday evening, all day Saturday and all day Sunday)  
**Annual Bazaar:** Nov. 15, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM & Nov.16, 2019, from 9:00 am to 3:00PM  
**Parishioners Party & Concert:** December 14, 2019

**“Do you want to know more about your strengths?” ... Live Your Strengths Questionnaire**

“Be who God wants you to be and set the world on fire.” St. Catherine of Siena

We have been talking to some of you and have met with some of you and briefly discussed the Live Your Strengths questionnaire. Live Your Strengths is a program to help you discern what God is calling you to do by discovering the unique talents He has given you. You will be asked to go online and fill out a questionnaire, very easy to fill out, they give you three answers and you chose the one that most describes you. You have about 20 seconds to answer the question.

Once this is done, a representative from Living Your Strengths will convey us to a meeting, whereby, he will explain the results to us. You get your own personal analysis of your strengths. Afterwards, there will be workshops and discussions at a later date, that will help us develop more our respective areas of strengths so that we may better accomplish the different ministries that Father has asked us to share with him.

Not only is the questionnaire a tool to better know ourselves, but we can also apply it to our daily challenges in our life and at our workplace especially in our Parish.

There is a small fee of approximately \$45 or so when registering for this questionnaire and your own personal copy of its analysis. It is a wise investment in your personal growth and development Please see Stasi or Carole for more information.

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and 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.