

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 29th

†**Delfin Basilan**

By Rose & Mayet Basilan

Sunday, Oct 30th

†**Gregorio Nunez Sr**

By the Nunez Family

Monday, Oct 31st

Tuesday, Nov 1st

Pro Populo

Wednesday, Nov 2nd

†**Fr Patrick McDonald,**

**Founding Pastor of
St Willibrord Parish**

Thursday, Nov 3rd

†**Fernando Lopez,**

Marjorie &

Tiffany

Lopez

By John Lopez &

Marcela Ellasos

Friday, Nov 4th

†**Mauro Redrino**

By Maureen Redrino

Saturday, Nov 5th

†**Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

†**Tenth death anniversary of**

Santos Baldesco

By Aida & Family

Sunday, Nov 6th

†**Bulatano Family**

†**Kadiana Family**

†**Wheeler Family**

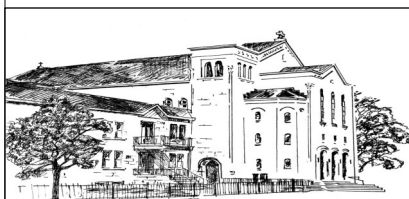
By Letician Bulotano-
Wheeler

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October 30, 2016 **Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully"

Meditation: What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

Faith welcomes Christ in our heart and home

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives:

Zacchaeus climbed away from the crowd and saw Jesus without the crowd getting in his way. The crowd laughs at the lowly, to people walking the way of humility, who leave the wrongs they suffer in God's hands and do not insist on getting back at their enemies. The crowd laughs at the lowly and says, 'You helpless, miserable clod, you cannot even stick up for yourself and get back what is your own.' The crowd gets in the way and prevents Jesus from being seen. The crowd boasts and crows when it is able to get back what it owns. It blocks the sight of the one who said as he hung on the cross, 'Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing... He ignored the crowd that was getting in his way. He instead climbed a sycamore tree, a tree of 'silly fruit.' As the apostle says, 'We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block indeed to the Jews, [now notice the sycamore] but folly to the Gentiles.' Finally, the wise people of this world laugh at us about the cross of Christ and say, "'What sort of minds do you people have, who worship a crucified God?' What sort of minds do we have? They are certainly not your kind of mind. 'The wisdom of this world is folly with God.' No, we do not have your kind of mind. You call our minds foolish. Say what you like, but for our part, let us climb the sycamore tree and see Jesus. The reason you cannot see Jesus is that you are ashamed to climb the sycamore tree.

Let Zacchaeus grasp the sycamore tree, and let the humble person climb the cross. That is little enough, merely to climb it. We must not be ashamed of the cross of Christ, but we must fix it on our foreheads, where the seat of shame is. Above where all our blushes show is the place we must firmly fix that for which we should never blush. As for you, I rather think you make fun of the sycamore, and yet that is what has enabled me to see Jesus. You make fun of the sycamore, because you are just a person, but 'the foolishness of God is wiser than men.' [SERMON 174.3.]

The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

"Lord Jesus, come and stay with me. Fill my life with your peace, my home with your presence, and my heart with your praise. Help me to show kindness, mercy, and goodness to all, even to those who cause me ill-will or harm." ————*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

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
Oct 22-23, 2016—\$1,302.25
Bazaar, Oct 21-23, 2016
\$18,178.50

**BLESSINGS TO OUR
BAZAAR VOLUNTEERS**

Tony DiLallo, Peter Doherty,
Susan Charlebois, Adeline
Doyle, Maria Garcia, Adri-
enne Combs, Dave Briffet,
Betty Luyten, Isabel
McKeevet, 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 Le-
febvre, 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

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


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Presentation from Sacred Heart (High School for Girls): Nov 6, 2016, following the 10:30 am Mass.

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

Information can be found a www.parishvitality.com



 Faith in the Family and preparations for First Communion and Confirmation
Next session will be on Nov 13, 2016, at 9:00 am.

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 or 514-937-2845.

St John Brebeuf Annual Bazaar :All are invited to our annual Bazaar and Craft Sale, to be held Saturday, November 5 from 9am-4pm and Sunday, November 6 from 10am-12:30pm (mini-sale). Featuring handmade crafts, homemade baked goods and preserves, New-to-You, Christmas table, jewellery, toys, plants and raffle! A pancake breakfast and hot-dog lunch will be served on Saturday only. Info 514-366-0131 ext. 221 or office@johnbrebeuf.ca

Montreal Challenge Weekend Retreat for Young Adults

What is a Challenge Weekend? The Challenge Weekend is a retreat that offers participants the chance to learn more about Christ and themselves. **Open to all youth ages 18-30.** Whether you're a practicing believer or seldom go to church, *Challenge* will provide you with an opportunity to learn, to share and to grow in faith. *What do we do?* Worship music, prayer, youth testimonies, sharing, discussions, and games. Join us 7pm, Friday, November 11 to 5pm, Sunday, November 13 at The Sacred Heart School of Montreal (3635 Atwater Ave., Montreal). Cost is \$60 (for those in real financial need, assistance can be arranged by contacting the Registration Coordinator). To register, please visit www.montrealchallenge.ca or contact out-reach@montrealchallenge.ca.