

St. Willibrord Roman Catholic Church

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October 5, 2014

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(inc. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotions) - Wednesday 6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

(Adoration) Friday 9:30-11:30am

Announced Masses

Saturday October 4

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

† **Frank Bisanti**

By Shirley Reith

Sunday October 5

† **Emmett & Gary Cavanagh**

By The Cavanagh Family

† **Daisy Levangie**

By Lorraine Gaudreau

For Success of the Year of the family in St. Paul

Diocese, AB

By Maria Saulnier

By Tuesday October 7

† **Gregorio & Mauro Pedrino**

By Marilyn Pedrino

Wednesday October 8

† **Marie-Paule Vallée**

Thursday October 9

† **Bill Coombs**

By Adrienne Coombs

Friday October 10

Thanksgiving mass

Natividad Moises

Saturday October 11

† **Daisy Levangie**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday October 12

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By Bob & Marion

Meditation: What can a parable about the mis-management of a vineyard tell us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' audience could easily identify with the story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it because they could make a lot of money easily by collecting high rent from their tenants. Their wealthy status allowed them to travel and own houses in other places.

Jesus' story, however, was unsettling to some of his audience. Why did the scribes and Pharisees in particular feel offended? Jesus' parable contained both a prophetic message and a warning to the religious community and its leaders. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Isaiah warned his people that their unfaithfulness would yield bad fruit if they did not repent and change. Jesus' listeners would likely understand this parable as a healthy reminder that God will in due time root out bad fruit and put an end to rebellion.

What does Jesus' parable tell us about God and the way he deals with his people? First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

Jesus foretold both his death and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected by his own people and be killed, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. The Lord continues to bless his people today with the gift of his kingdom. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and remain faithful to him (see John 15:1-11). He entrusts each of us with his gifts and grace and he gives each of us a particular work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ. He promises that our labor, especially what we do for him, will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (see 1 Corinthians 15:58). We can expect trials and difficulties as we labor for the Lord, and even persecution from those who oppose God's kingdom. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you labor for the Lord with joyful hope and with confidence in his victory?

"Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us; for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for you own sake." (prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 13th century) RC.Net

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM INFORMATION 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 prerequisite. Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Faith to be eligible.

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

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Evening Soup Kitchen
- Angele LaFleche -
Christmas Baskets
- Dan Ormsby
Flea Market

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good.” Join us next Monday, October 13th at 10:30 a.m. as we offer the Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day, gathering together as one family to thank the Father for all the blessings we’ve received throughout the year.

Today at 9:00 am we held our first "Faith in the Family" in Cameron Hall! In addition to Faith Formation for children ages 6-14, we also had a talk for parents and adults called "At the Heart of the Gospel: God's Love and the Christian Family." We began the morning in prayer, asking God to bless our families and help us grow in faith and friendship with Christ in the coming year. We also had a blessing of our children and catechists during Mass. Our next “Faith in the Family” will be **October 19th**. All are welcome! Providentially, today also marks the beginning of a special **Synod of Bishops in Rome**, gathering 200 bishops from around the world to spend the next two weeks discussing the needs and challenges of the family today with Pope Francis. Please keep them and our children and families in your prayers as together we journey forward in our Lord!

Ten sessions on the recent exhortation of Pope Francis, THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, will be offered for those living in the vicinity of Holy Cross, St. Willibrord and St. Thomas More parishes. The facilitator of these gathering is Sister Kay Duffin, cnd. They will be held at the cnd residence, 1450 De Seve St. in Ville Emard on ten (10) Mondays, beginning September 22 until December 1 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday, October 13. The afternoon session – 1:30 – 3 pm; the evening session – 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Please contact Sr. Kay at 514.762.1844 or email kayduffin2@gmail.com

Zumba Classes



Join us EVERY Saturday, in the hall, starting October 4, for Zumba classes. *Great exercise and lots of fun!*
Time: 6:30-7:30pm, Fee: \$10 per class

Music to my Ears: Brass Band Concert



Thursday October 23—7:30pm in the Church
Tickets are \$20 each and can be bought at the door

The Fall Fair is 3 weeks away!



600 Books of Raffle tickets need to be sold.
You can help by selling some and gifts are always needed.
Please pick up your books of tickets TODAY!!!
See Joe or Dan.

PARISH VITALITY CONFERENCE

Consider registering for the Parish Vitality Conference, to be held at **Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, Nov. 13**, and **Le Nouvel Hotel, Nov. 14-15**. Headlining the conference are authors **Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran**, who, in their 2013 book *Rebuilt*, describe how their Baltimore parish was thoroughly transformed. In addition to delivering the keynote address, the co-authors will also give four of the 17 “How-To” workshops being offered. The conference schedule, list of workshops and registration information are in a brochure available here in our parish or online at: parishvitality.com.
Joe, Paul & Julian represented our parish at a conference publicity meeting last week and is available to answer questions and distribute brochures.

Please continue to pray for healing for both Dan Boyer and Dale Parsons .

Thank you!

Jorge, Vic, Greg, Alex of the *Nabue-nos of Montreal* and Jonas, Pedro, Isko, Bernard of the *Salinggawi Fathers* in volunteering in repairing the ceiling

Thank you!

Danny Corpus for repairing the lock of the Church Doors and to our Volunteers in the recent Flea Market