

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 5th, 2019, 5:00PM

† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino

Death Anniversary of †Domingo B. Garlando by Cora Garlando and family

Death Anniversary of †Kianga Lim by the Lim family

Blessings for Pedro and Fely Quiocho ..

Sunday, October 6th, 2019, 10:30AM

†Mauro Redrino by Maureen Redrino

Death Anniversary of Rodolfo Deleon by Victoria Deleon and children

† Albert Chapleau by Carole Wepruk

†Severo Nicolas by Nicolas and Bulan Families

†Stephen Maislin by Nicolas Family

Death Anniversary of †Domingo B. Garlando by Cora Garlando and family

Tuesday, October 8th, 2019, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, October 9th, 2019, 7:00PM

Blessings for Fely Quiocho by the Quiocho family..

Thursday, October 10th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Albert Chapleau by Andy and Eileen Wepruk

Friday, October 11th, 2019, 7:00 PM

† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino..

Saturday, October 12th, 2019, 5:00PM

†David Briffett by Adeline Doyle

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

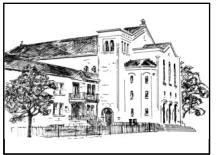
Sunday, October 13th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Rusdi Genest by the Bilodeau-Genest Family..

†Necitas by Merly Nunez and family

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### October 6, 2019 —Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Lord, increase our faith!"**

#### ***The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in expectant faith***

What did Jesus mean when he said to his disciples that our *faith can move trees and mountains* as well (see Matthew 17:20; Mark 11:23)? The term "mountain remover" was used for someone who could solve great problems and difficulties. Don't we often encounter challenges and difficulties which seem beyond our power to handle? What appears impossible to human power is possible to those who believe in God's power. Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can simply do by ourselves. That is why Jesus gives us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow strong in faith, persevere in hope, and endure in love.

Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We belong to God and our lives are no longer our own. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord Jesus and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to work in and through us by his Spirit for his glory. For our faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and with obedience - an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever he commands. Do you trust in the grace and strength which God freely gives to help us resist temptation and to overcome obstacles in doing his will?

#### ***Parable of the faithful servant who is indebted to God***

Are you ready to give the Lord your best, regardless of what it might cost you? Perhaps we are like the laborer in Jesus' parable who expected special favor and reward for going the extra mile (Luke 17:5-10)? How unfair for the master to compel his servant to give more than what was expected! Don't we love to assert our rights: "I will give only what is required and no more!" But who can satisfy the claims of love and loyalty? Our lives are not our own - they belong to God who has ransomed us from slavery to sin with the precious blood of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18). Jesus used this parable of the dutiful servant to explain that we can never put God in our debt or make the claim that God owes us something. We must regard ourselves as God's servants, just as Jesus came "*not to be served, but to serve*" (Matthew 20:28). Service of God and of our neighbor is both a voluntary or free act and a sacred duty. One can volunteer for service or be compelled to do service for one's country or for one's family when the call and need arises. Likewise, God expects us to serve him willingly and give him the worship, praise, and honor which is his due. And he gladly accepts the free-will offering of our lives to him as our Lord and Master. What makes our offering pleasing to God is the love we express in the act of self-giving. True love is always sacrificial, generous, and selfless - it is wholly directed to the one we love and serve.

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration

Sept. 7-8—\$1,175.15  
Wedding (Quiocho-  
Hechanova) —  
\$225.70

Funeral (†Cynthia  
Damato McCarthy)—  
\$532.30

Flea Market—  
\$2,979.95  
Sept. 14-15—\$500.45  
Sept. 21-22—\$587.90  
Sept. 28-29—\$709.40

**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

**Douglas Nierras Powerdance,  
the Philippines' premier con-  
temporary dance troupe will  
be performing at St Willibrord  
Parish, on October 12, 2019.**

**You can purchase your ticket(s)  
to this event online at  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)**

Tickets will also be available at the back of the Church, after Mass,  
beginning Sept 29, 2019

**The Philippines' premier contemporary dance troupe, Douglas  
Nierras Powerdance, will be back in Montreal for an encore  
performance on October 12, 2019, at the Saint Willibrord  
Church in Verdun. It's a can't miss event that will surely touch  
the audience with their unique blend of masterful choreography  
and visual artistry, as only the quintessential dance and crea-  
tive genius of Douglas Nierras can deliver.**



**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Anniversary and Birthday Blessings** to all who are celebrating this week.

**Happy Birthday to** Carole Wepruk

**Thank you to** Mike, Maria G., Susan B., Anthony G., Daniel, Ann, Merly, Ruth, Cora,  
Bonnie and all of our dedicated volunteers

**Thank you to** our Flea Market volunteers, vendors, benefactors and visitors

**DATE(S) TO REMEMBER**

**Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:**

Schedules will be distributed.

**Flea Market:** Saturday, November 2 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Mass in Cameron Hall** will take place on, Saturday, October 12, 2019.

Please note that there will be an anointing of the sick

**PREX Retreat:** November 8, 9 & 10, 2019

(retreat begin Friday evening, all day Saturday and all day Sunday)

**Annual Bazaar:** November 15 & 16, 2019

**Parishioners Party & Concert:** December 14, 2019

**HEARING GOD IN OTHERS: A LISTENING SKILLS COURSE:** A 6-session course designed to develop a spirituality of listening. Ideal for those involved in the pastoral care of the elderly, the sick and young adults. Basic skills for fostering communication in family relationships. The course uses a highly interactive, hands-on approach, with theoretical concepts applied through role play, prayerful reflection and other exercises. Beginning Sept 17 at 7 pm. Cost: \$120. Please contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064 or [centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca](mailto:centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca).

**Faith Enrichment Conference:** Don't miss out on this year's Faith Enrichment Conference, **Oct. 18-19, 2019** at Loyola High School (2477 West Broadway, Montreal, H4B 2A4).

A theatrical production by *GRUPPO JOBEL* will open the conference on Friday evening, on how to be a living witness of love, service, mercy and courage. Keynote speaker Fr. Larry Léger will launch parish **DREAM TEAMS** toward a renewed vision of parish catechetical formation for all ages, and all other participants toward an awareness of our roles as missionary disciples. A blessing and sending forth by Archbishop Christian Lépine, will close the conference.

A dynamic and interactive group of workshops will be offered to families, catechists, parishioners, parish catechetical leaders and parish teams. Spaces are limited so please register early to ensure your place.

**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.