

## 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 8th*

†**Marcelito Basilan**

By Rose & Mayet Basilan

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Aida, Julian &  
Christian Galan

**Birthday Blessing**  
**for Marcela Ellasos**

*Sunday, Oct 9th*

†**Hernando Parmenio Benites Jr**

By Mary Oviedo

†**Fernando Lopez,**  
**Marjorie &**  
**Tiffany**  
**Lopez**

By John Lopez &  
Marcela Ellasos

†**Delfin Basilan**

By Rose & Mayet Basilan

†**Demetrio Mendoza**

By Juliet & Pepito Mendoza

†**85th Death Anniversary of Fr**  
**Patrick McDonald, Founding**  
**Pastor of**

**St Willibrord Parish**

**Thanksgiving Mass**

By Juliet Quiucho

*Tuesday, Oct 11th*

**Pro Populo**

*Wednesday, Oct 12th*

**Thanksgiving Mass**

**for Rebecca Eguia Doblado**

By Dindo Doblado

*Thursday, Oct 13th*

†**Wilson Burcena**

By Bernard Burcena

†**Necitas Nunez**

**By the Nunez Family**

*Friday, Oct 14th*

†**Marcelito Basilan**

By Rose & Mayet Basilan

†**Julian Galan Sr**

By Julian Galan Jr & family

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October 9, 2016  
**Twenty-Eighth Sunday**  
**In Ordinary Time**

### "He fell at Jesus' feet giving thanks"

**Meditation:** What can adversity teach us about the blessing of thanksgiving and the healing power of love and mercy? The Book of Proverbs states: *A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity* (Proverbs 17:17). When adversity strikes you find out who truly is your brother, sister, and friend. The Gospel records an unusual encounter between two peoples who had been divided for centuries. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with one another even though Samaria was located in the central part of Judea. Both peoples were openly hostile whenever their paths crossed. In this Gospel narrative we see one rare exception - a Samaritan leper in company with nine Jewish lepers. Sometimes adversity forces people to drop their barriers or to forget their prejudices. When this band of Jewish and Samaritan lepers saw Jesus they made a bold request. They didn't ask for healing, but instead asked for mercy.

#### ***Mercy is heartfelt sorrow at another's misfortune***

The word *mercy* literally means "*sorrowful at heart*". But mercy is something more than compassion, or heartfelt sorrow at another's misfortune. Compassion empathizes with the sufferer. But mercy goes further - it removes suffering. A merciful person shares in another's misfortune and suffering as if it were his or her own. And such a person will do everything in his or her power to dispel that misery. Mercy is also connected with justice. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), a great teacher and scripture scholar, said that mercy "*does not destroy justice, but is a certain kind of fulfillment of justice. ...Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; (and) justice without mercy is cruelty.*" Pardon without repentance negates justice.

#### ***God's mercy brings healing of mind, heart, and body***

So what is the significance of these ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition.

Why did only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? Gratefulness, another word which expresses gratitude of heart and a thankful disposition, is related to *grace* - which means *the release of loveliness*. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God.

#### ***Ingratitude leads to lack of love and kindness, and intolerance towards others***

If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy and help shown to us we will be ungrateful and unkind towards others. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other vices, such as complaining, grumbling, discontentment, pride, and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, pastors, teachers, and neighbors? Do you express gratitude to God for his abundant help and mercy towards you and are you gracious, kind, and merciful towards your neighbor in their time of need and support?

"Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize your loving kindness and mercy towards me. Fill my heart with compassion and thanksgiving, and free me from ingratitude and discontentment. Help me to count my blessings with a grateful heart and to give thanks in all circumstances."———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

Sept 10-11 2016—\$808.25  
Sept 17-18. 2016—\$1,040.30  
Sept 24-25. 2016—\$  
1,077.25  
Oct 1-2, 2016—\$1,603.25  
Flea Market, Oct 1, 2016—  
\$2,757.00

## We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick,

Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle,  
Adrienne Coombs,  
Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan  
Boyer, Rita Riley, Marie-Paul,  
Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin,  
Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc,  
Myrna Bolofer Go,  
Carmen Al Fudhaili.  
Temperence Miriam Browning  
**God is with you always.**



## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

**Birthday Blessings to Marcela Ellasos, Carole Wepruk & David Briffett and Birthday and Anniversary Blessings to all Parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.**

## THANK YOU TO

◆Mike for his work at the Church  
◆Tony, Peter & gang for their continued work at the Flea Market  
◆Jonas, Alex & Ruth for their work at the rectory

## Novena for All Souls

A novena (from Latin: *Novem*, meaning *Nine*) is an act of religious pious devotion originating in ancient Christianity, often consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days in belief of obtaining special intercessory graces

We will be celebrating a Novena for all Souls, starting on the 24th of October until the eve of All Souls Day. 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.

**Bazaar: A call out to all bakers—>Donations for baked goods are needed. Please contact the rectory**

## 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

**Bazaar 2016: Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd, 2016.**

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

Information can be found a [www.parishvitality.com](http://www.parishvitality.com)



## BAZAAR 2016—Raffle Tickets!

As you know, this year's Annual Bazaar will be held **Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd**. There are still a lot of raffle tickets left to be sold and they have arrived and will be made available after Mass.

We need your support to ensure the success of this fundraiser.

Please help us to sell these tickets.

The more tickets that you buy the greater your chances are of winning one of the prizes.

All proceeds from this event will be used to feed the people who need help feeding their families.

*If every parishioner would pick up 5 to 10 booklets, we would be able to raise enough funds to feed the families who come requesting food both during the year and at Christmas time*

## St Willibrord's Annual Bazaar 325 Willibrord Ave Verdun, QC, H4G2T7

You're invited to attend our **Annual Bazaar**

**October 21, from 1:00pm to 9:00pm and October 22, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.**

There will be crafts, baked goods, sports, jewelry, antiques and much more.

there will be something for everyone!

Please come and invite your friends, family and co-workers!



Faith in the Family and preparations for First Communion and Confirmation will be starting on October 16, 2016.

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR PVC 2016?

Our Early Bird deadline for the Parish Vitality Conference is fast approaching! Register before October 18 and save on admission to all sessions. To date, members from over 18 parishes have signed up for this diocesan event, open to everyone involved in, or seeking to enrich, parish life. Scheduled for Nov. 10-12, the Parish Vitality Conference "Unleashing Our Gifts" will also feature the Catholic Community Rally organized by the English Speaking Catholic Council.

Brochures are available from your parish. See your parish representative for more information and follow up with online registration at: [parishvitality.com](http://parishvitality.com).

**St. Thomas More Parish** is holding a **Mini Sale on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10m-5pm and on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12 noon** in the parish hall 978 Moffat Ave (corner of Bannantyne & Moffat Ave). There will be furniture, new toys, white elephant & books, used clothes in good condition etc. Light refreshments will be on sale. For more information please call 514-768-4741.

Resurrection of Our Lord Parish Bazaar and Craft Fair -

October 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10h00 – 15h00 each day

Resurrection of Our Lord Parish – 34 - 34<sup>th</sup> avenue, Lachine (514-637-2379).

Lunch room open both days to purchase meals or light refreshments