

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

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September 11, 2016
Twenty-Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Announced Masses

Saturday, Sept 10th
Anniversary Blessings
for Anastasia (Stasi) &
David Turbide

Sunday, Sept 11th
†**Vincente Cortez &**
Thanksgiving Blessings
By Flora Lim & Family
†**Ruben Paja Sernal**
By Maribeth Sernal

Tuesday, Sept 13th
Pro Populo

Wednesday, Sept 14th
Healing Mass
for Amando Lagman
By Lagman Family

Thursday, Sept 15th
Thanksgiving Mass
By Aida, Julian
& Christian Galan

Friday, Sept 16th
†**Death Anniversary**
Of Ingrid Morgan
By Bating, Minda,
Pewwee

Saturday, Sept 17th
†**Patrick Doyle**
By Adeline Doyle

Meditation: *A broken family and grieving father*

Jesus told another parable about a Father who loses his son. This parable is a story in three parts. The first part of the story focuses on the restless behavior of the younger son who wants to leave home to get away from his father. He offends his father by demanding that his share of the father's inheritance be handed over to him right away, rather than waiting for the time appointed for passing on the inheritance after the father has either passed away or has retired from the management of the family estate. The second part of the story focuses on the extravagant and magnanimous character of the father who loves his younger son very dearly and generously gives his undeserving son whatever he asks for. He yields to his son's ill-timed request for his share of the family's wealth. The father must have grieved over his son's decision to leave him and go off to spend his share of the inheritance while he is still young and ill-prepared to manage such a large sum of money without acting foolishly and getting into serious trouble. Instead of resenting his younger son's disrespectful behavior and rejection, he maintains unbroken love for his son while he longs and searches for any sign of his return. The third part of the story focuses on the older son who resents his younger brother for running off with his portion of the inheritance and he also resents his father's outrageous generosity and mercy towards the younger son.

The lost son "came to his senses" Why did the younger son decide to return to his father's home? Jesus said "he came to his senses" when disaster followed his reversal of fortune and loose living (Luke 15:17). He had lost all of his inheritance on wasted spending, and was barely surviving on what would have been a most shameful job for Jews - feeding swine which Jewish law regarded as unclean and unfit for eating. And to make matters worse, the younger son was now on the point of starving to death since famine had struck the land. He was desperate to stay alive and avoid a painful slow death. His only hope was that his father might take pity on him and let him return home, no longer as a worthy son, but as a hired servant instead. The foolish son who had shamefully disinherited his father, knew he no longer deserved to be treated like a son. But he also knew that his father was merciful and kind. The son who was now a poor beggar wanted to return home to beg his father's forgiveness. Before the son could reach home, the father who had been searching daily for him, ran to meet him as soon as he recognized his presence on the road leading to his home. And then the father does the unthinkable - he treats his rebellious son, not with cold reserve, hot anger, or just condemnation, but with warm tender affection and tears of joy - and then restores him beyond his wildest dreams.

The father's extravagant love and mercy What is the main point or focus of the parable of the lost (prodigal) son? Is it the contrast between an obedient and a disobedient son? Or is it a contrast between the warm reception given by a generous and forgiving father or the cold and aloof reception given by the eldest son who wanted to have nothing to do with his rebellious brother? Jesus contrasts the father's merciful love with the eldest son's harsh rejection of his errant brother and his refusal to join his father in welcoming his brother back home. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him. His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father. While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of each and every person who returns to their heavenly Father. ———*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

Lise Turner

PCL

August 27-28, 2016—\$689.50

September 3-4, 2016—

\$1,181.10

Flea Market, Sept 3, 2016—

\$2,256.00

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

Adriana Appau ,

Dan Ormsby,

Rita Ayoub and

Bp. Thomas Dowd

Anniversary Blessings to Anastasia & David Turbide

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings to all Parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.

**THANK YOU TO
♦Mike for cleaning the Church**

First Notice of Marriage Banns

between Alejandra Maria Jordan and Nestor Leonardo Ballesteros

On the first day of October 2016, there will be a marriage ceremony between **Alejandra Maria Jordan**, daughter of Rafael Jordan and Olga Helo, from Colombia and residing in Verdun and **Nestor Leonardo Ballesteros**, son of Nestor Ballesteros and Soraya Vargas, from Colombia and residing in Verdun. Both are of legal age.

ANYONE HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OBSTACLE TO THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE HAS AN OBLIGATION IN CONSCIENCE TO MAKE IT KNOWN TO THE RECTORY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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.

Let us welcome Lise Turner ,who will be joining us at St Willibrord Parish as the new Parish Catechetical Leader

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

Every Thursday: Bible Study at 6:30pm followed by **Symbolon** at 7:30pm

Flea Market : Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Blessing of school bags September 11, 2016 at the 10:30am Mass

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



BAZAAR 2016—Prizes & Items for Booths

We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual Bazaar will be held on **Friday, October 21st** and **Saturday, October 22nd**.

We still need donations for all of the booths. If you would like to donate an article or money that could be used to purchase items(s), please contact the rectory.

Good Cheer, Sports booth, Religious Booth, Christmas Booth, Wheel of Fortune, and many more.

We are, also, in need of Volunteers to work preparing for the Bazaar, working at the Bazaar and cleaning up after the Bazaar

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL: OPEN HOUSE

Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for all prospective students on Saturday, September 17 from 9am until noon (7272 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal). If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the students, teachers and administrators who make up the Loyola family. Tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities. Financial Aid

THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL: OPEN HOUSE

5th and 6th grade girls considering enrolment at Sacred Heart - the English Catholic all girls' high school in Montreal - are invited to visit the school during Open House on Saturday, September 24 from 12:30pm-4:30pm or on Tuesday, October 4 from 4pm-7pm (3635 Atwater Ave., Montreal). Parking available. For information contact 514-937-2845 or visit www.sacredheart.qc.ca.

HOLY CROSS PARISH 1960 JOLICOEUR STREET MONTREAL.

Bilingual **BINGO** is every Tuesday night in the Church Hall. Games start at 7PM. Doors open at 6PM. 14 games are played. TOP PRICE IS \$100.

Snack bar is available, as well as, a light supper. **ENTRANCE IS \$ 3.00. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

