

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14th, 2019, 5:00PM

Blessings for Mary Angeline Eguia Villanera
as she prepares to take
her board exam in Medicine

Sunday, September 15th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle
† Patrick Doyle by Adeline Doyle
Blessings for Mary Angeline Eguia Villanera
as she prepares to take
her board exam in Medicine

Tuesday, September 17th, 2019, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019, 7:00PM

† Rusdi Genest by the Bilodeau-Genest Family..

Thursday, September 19th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Georgette Carpentier Perron by Eileen and Andy Wepruk

Friday, September 20th, 2019, 7:00 PM

There will be no Mass Celebrated here on this day.

**You are invited to attend the Mass Celebrating the Ordination
of Deacon Robert Assaly.**

**It will take place at 7:30PM, at St. Thomas à Becket Parish, 4320 Ste-Anne St.
Pierrefonds, QC H9H 4Y7**

Saturday, September 21st, 2019, 5:00PM

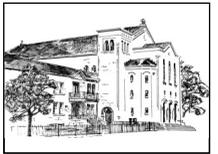
† Santiago Gesta Jr by Aida, Jasmin & Juven..

Sunday, September 22nd, 2019, 10:30AM

† Gregorio Nunez Sr and Generosa Nunez by the Nunez family

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September 15, 2019 —Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Your brother was lost and is found"

Sinners were drawing near to hear Jesus

Luke in his Gospel account tells us that "tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus speak" (Luke 15:1). Wealthy tax collectors were despised by the Jews because they often forced the people to pay much more than was due. And sinners, like prostitutes and adulterers, were a scandal to public decency. The scribes and Pharisees took great offense at Jesus because he went out of his way to meet with tax collectors and public sinners and he treated them like they were his friends. The Pharisees had strict regulations to avoid all contact with them, lest they incur ritual defilement. They were not to entrust money to sinners of bad repute, or have any business dealings with them, or trust them with a secret, or entrust orphans to their care, nor accompany them on a journey, nor give their daughter in marriage to any of their sons, nor invite them as guests or be their guests. They were quite shocked to see Jesus speaking with sinners and even going to their homes to eat with them.

Finding and restoring what has been lost

Why were many tax collectors and sinners drawn to Jesus? Jesus offered them forgiveness, mercy, and healing and the promise of full restoration with God the Father and the whole community of heaven - God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' motive and practice of associating with sinners of ill-repute, Jesus responds by giving them a three-fold lesson in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (Luke 15:4-32).

What is the point of Jesus' story about a lost sheep and a lost coin? In Jesus' time shepherds normally counted their sheep at the end of the day to make sure all were accounted for. Since sheep by their very nature are very social, an isolated sheep can quickly become bewildered and even neurotic, and become easy prey for wolves and lions. The shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold.

The housewife who lost a coin faced something of an economic disaster, since the value of the coin would be equivalent to her husband's daily wage. What would she say to her husband when he returned home from work? They were poor and would suffer greatly because of the loss. Her grief and anxiety turn to joy when she finds the coin that she had misplaced.

——— *Servants of the Word*, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Aug 10-11, 2019—
\$1,204.05
Aug 17-18—\$720.95
Aug 24-25— \$585.35
Aug 31-Sept 1 —
\$762.65
Sept. 7-8—\$1,175.15
Wedding (Quiocho-
Hechanova) —
\$225.70
Funeral (†Cynthia
Damato McCarthy)—
\$532.30

**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)

Adoration
Thursdays
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rector)

Friday: 7:00 pm
(Rector)

Please note the
Mass, on Tuesday,
Thursday and Fri-
day will be held in
the Rector

Sept. 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
**The Holy Cross is the expression of Our Lord's immense love for us,
of life, of joy, of victory over death, sin and evil.**

· We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered (Entrance Antiphon of the Mass).

Today, our Mother Church sings and exalts of the triumph of the Holy Cross, the instrument of our salvation. The celebration of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began in **Rome** at the end of the **7th** century. In the **old** liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, the feast of the **Invention** of the Cross was celebrated on **May 3**, commemorating **St. Helena's** discovery of the sacred wood of the Cross in Jerusalem.

Today's feast however commemorates the **Exaltation** of the Cross, celebrating above all the circumstances during which the **Byzantine Emperor Heraclius** (545-641 c. AD) recovered from the **Persians** the **True Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ** which they had carried off.

During Heraclius' invasion of the capital, **Khosrau II, King of the Persians**, fled from his house, Dastagird (near Baghdad). Meanwhile, some of the Persian dignitaries freed Khosrau's eldest son **Kavadh II**, whom he had imprisoned, and proclaimed him King on the night of 23-24 February, 628. However, Kavadh was mortally ill and was concerned that **Heraclius** should **protect** his infant son, **Ardeshir**. **As his token of goodwill, Kavadh sent the True Cross with a peace negotiator to ask Heraclius for peace in 628.**

Dear friends, **in order to follow Christ, the Christian must take up his cross and become obedient with Christ, who was obedient until death, even death on the Cross.** However, we should not consider Christ's Cross in a pessimistic or negative manner, from which we have to hastily flee at all costs. **Today's feast reminds us of the redemptive triumph Our Lord worked on our behalf on the Cross, which is the expression of Our Lord's immense love for us, of life, of joy, of victory over death, sin and evil.**

Let us meditate on the following words of St. Josemaria on a meditation given on May 3, 1964 (Latin phrases translation and caps mine) and with the help of Our Lady, make the firm **resolution of daily embracing and loving the Cross which Our Lord places on our shoulder as a sign of predilection and trust on us in co-redeeming with Him in this life.**

*“My children, you can see I'm not exaggerating. **THE CROSS STILL IS A SYMBOL OF DEATH, INSTEAD OF BEING A SIGN OF LIFE. PEOPLE STILL FLEE FROM THE CROSS AS IF IT WERE A GALLOWS, WHEN IT IS A THRONE OF GLORY. CHRISTIANS STILL REJECT THE CROSS AND IDENTIFY IT WITH SUFFERING, INSTEAD OF IDENTIFYING IT WITH LOVE. YOU AND I HAVE TO GO OUT IN SEARCH OF THE CROSS, TO SEEK IT OUT (YOU UNDERSTAND ME), IN ORDER TO LOVE IT, TO RECEIVE IT WITH OUR ARMS WIDE OPEN, WHENEVER IT COMES – THAT IS THE THIRD SOLUTION I MENTIONED EARLIER; THAT IS OUR WAY.** —Fr. Rolly Arjonillo, priest of Opus Dei. CATHOLICS STRIVING FOR HOLINESS. .*

<https://www.catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/sept-14-exaltation-of-the-holy-cross-the-holy-cross-is-the-expression-of-our-lords-immense-love-for-us-of-life-of-joy-of-victory-over-death-sin-and-evil/>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to all who are celebrating this week.
Thank you to Mike, Ann, Merly, Ruth, Jonas, Jarred, Hector, Ogaga, Tony, Daniel, Susan B., Maria, Susan C. 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.

Acolytes: Meeting will be held in the rectory, on October 5, at 9:00AM.

Flea Market: Saturday, October 5 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall will take place on, Saturday, September 14, 2019.

The Soup Kitchen is closed for the summer but will be reopening on September 16, 2019

Youth Encounter Retreat: For teens, ages 14yrs to 18 yrs, September 27, 28, & 29, 2019 (retreat begin Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and all day Sunday)

Taizé Evening: Saturday, October 5 2019, at 6:00PM following the 5:00PM Mass

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

Ordination of Deacon Robert Assaly



There will be a Mass Celebrating the Ordination of Deacon Robert Assaly. It will take place on September 20, 2019 at 7:30PM, at St. Thomas à Becket Parish, 4320 Ste-Anne St., QC ,H9H 4Y7

We ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers as he makes his vows and becomes a Catholic priest and begins to shepherd the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish, Verdun, QC

Live Your Strengths -

“Be who God wants you to be and set the world on fire,” St. Catherine of Siena
Live Your Strengths is a program to help you discern what God is calling you to do by discovering the unique talents He has given you.
You will be asked to go online and fill out a questionnaire, very easy to fill out, they give you three answers and you chose the one that most describes you. You have about 20 seconds to answer the question. The whole questionnaire takes approximately 20 minutes. Once this is done, a representative of Living Your Strengths will convey us to a meeting, whereby, he will explain the results to us. You get your own personal analysis of your strengths. Afterwards, there will be workshops and discussions at a later date, that will help us develop more our respective areas of strengths so that we may better accomplish the different ministries that Father has asked us to share with him.

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.