

# Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints." —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, September 16th, 2017, 5:00PM

† Patrick Doyle By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, September 17th, 2017, 10:30AM

Intentions of Imelda Estigoy

Birthday Blessings for Ryan Davantes By Davantes Family

The intentions of Justin Espinosa for successful nursing exam on Monday By Evelyn Maramag

† Nicolas Davantes Sr by Davantes Family

† Maria Maramag, Emilio Maramag and sister Marie Marcelle Navarro By Evelyn Maramag

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017, 7:00PM

† Marites Bulseco Quibol By Janet Bulseco..

Thursday, September 21st, 2017, 9:00AM

† In memory of the Molloy Family by Lorraine Molloy..

Friday, September 22nd, 2017, 9:00AM

† Generosa Romana by Nunez Family..

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017, 5:00PM

† John Moran By Burchell Family..

Sunday, September 24th, 2017, 10:30AM

† Yvette Marchand by her children

## 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, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili, Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk, Carmen Lapello, Eddie Rodgers, Terry & Liz McHugh, Dale Flood, Isabel McKeever, Virginia Feledick, Charlene Poirier, Gordon Parsons, Maureen O'Brien, Polly Storey, Justin Occhionero, Hugo Diaz, Teresita Rosales.

**God is with you always.**

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September 17, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In order to be more receptive to God's Word and Sacrament, picture Peter's asking Jesus a not-so innocent question. Just for the sake of the picture, perhaps the other apostles have been picking on him for Jesus' having named him "The Rock". For a few weeks, he has put up with being called "The Rock Who Stumbles Over Itself". They may have been putting little stones in his sandals and offering him a rock each night for a pillow. He's had it and so, without telling Jesus his hidden agenda, Peter asks for some advice.

### PRE-PRAYERING

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..." In our private prayers and asking for God's grace, we do not find it necessary to pray for a personal sense of justice. We are more than adequately equipped to gauge how much injury we have sustained and the proper amount of recompense due us and by whom. We have a built-in system to weigh insults (minor, slight, can-live-with-it, major and war-alert). Forgiveness is difficult to pray for, because we become less aware of how we have been forgiven and the seriousness of our having insulted, injured or rejected others. We tend to minimize the "as we have trespassed", and maximize, "those who have trespassed". We might pray for the grace to become merciful in our judgements and compassionate in our reception of hurts and unfair treatment. We could also pray for the grace to the harshness and grudges which are a true response at the time of impact, but which, when held onto overtime, tend to continue injuring us who hold them too close.

### REFLECTION

We hear a series of rather strict injunctions in today's First Reading from the Book of Sirach, which is also known as Ecclesiasticus. There seems to be a bit of quid-pro-quo; when we forgive, then when we pray for mercy, we will receive it. The final verses catch our attention quickly. We are encouraged to remember how we will feel as we near death. We should remember God's commandments and God's covenant of love. The message is that God has been personally caring for each human being with forgiveness, guidance and intense love and these reminders will help us in turn to be equally caring, forgiving and loving. Jesus uses Peter's question about exactly how many times he, and we, are to forgive our brothers and sisters. Of course, Jesus does not give a straight answer with which Peter, and we, could argue. He describes a story from which Peter, and we can draw our own answer.

An owner desiring to settle all claims and debts has compassion on a servant who had a large debt and was unable to make any repayment. Upon his total acquittal, the same servant seized his fellow servant who owed him a lesser amount and when that servant begged for patience, he was refused and thrown into prison.

We get the picture pretty quickly, but Jesus, desiring to emphasize his point, continues. Other servants report this matter to the owner who confronts the first servant with the reminder of how the servant had been forgiven his debts which were large, but he could not forgive his fellow servant a lesser debt. The result was that the owner had the servant handed over to be tortured until the whole debt is paid. Jesus then turns to Peter, and us, and says that this is how things will play out for us when we will be forgiven to the extent we have forgiven others from our hearts. Ouch!

Seventy times seven is a biblical exaggeration, though my mother on occasion would say patiently (to one of my brothers or sisters of course), "That's four hundred and eighty-nine." Jesus was making a reference to the for-everness of God's forgiveness of us which we are to reflect in our dealings with those who have trespassed against us.

We have the faculty of memory which can be long and exact, especially about our having been injured in some way. Forgiving is not the same as asking our memory to delete past hurts. Because we remember so well, we assume we have not forgiven. We can easily call up the video and sound bites of those incidents which call for forgiving. We can likewise go through the whole painful experience again in our emotions, but that does not mean we have not forgiven. This is hard for us. Perhaps forgiving is not an emotional release from the awareness of the injury or injustice, but revealed when we live with the limps, bumps and dents with less anger dominating our spirits and actions. Memory can seem to hurt us, but it also is part of our spiritual freedom from resentment.

We can pray with the memory that we have been forgiven by God and hopefully by others. We may have to be more exact about how we have trespassed against others and how we have received compassionate mercy from them. This may help us reduce the immensity, in our hearts' eyes, of the injuries done to us.

There may be injuries we just can not forgive right now and so we pray for patience with ourselves. Our severity of judgement most often injures ourselves and not those who originally hurt us. We are to remember that though our memories are long, life is short. We are to pray with the reality of God's commandments, God's covenantal love and according to the Gospel, if we take our resentments to the grave, then God will not take them away after death. Does that make God severe? It seems that with our own grudges in one hand and our severe sense of justice in the other, there would not be any room for God to offer peace and eternal welcome. *Daily Reflection September 15th, 2002 by Larry Gillick, S.J. Degelman Center for Ignatian Spirituality*

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August 26-27, 2017  
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Sept Flea Market —  
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Mass Schedule  
Saturday @ 5:00 pm  
Sunday @ 10:30 am  
(incl. Children's Liturgy)  
Tues @ 7:00 pm  
(Rectorv)  
Wed @ 7:00 pm  
Thursday & Friday  
@ 9:00 am  
Adoration Fridays  
9:30am to 11:30am

Birthday/Anniversary  
Blessings to  
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week  
Birthday Blessings to Merly Nunez and Maureen O'Brien

Thank You to  
◊Mike, Merly, Cora, Ann, Judith, all the volunteers who worked in the rectory

Special Thank You to those parishioners who have made donations to the Bazaar and, for those who have not yet made a donation, there is still time. With your help and donations, this year's Bazaar could be a great success.

**Seven Steps to Forgiveness**  
[ctscatholiccompass.org/seven-steps-to-forgiveness/](http://ctscatholiccompass.org/seven-steps-to-forgiveness/) Celia Wolf-Devine 1/15/2016

**“Nothing makes us so like to God as a readiness to forgive.” — St. John Chrysostom**

What a blessing *Pope Francis* gives us in proclaiming a Jubilee Year of Mercy. We live in a fallen world; we wound each other constantly in small ways and in large ones as well. Without **forgiveness**, the world quickly becomes hell, but forgiveness does not come naturally to us. Indeed, it sometimes seems humanly impossible. God, in his mercy, breaks into this hopeless situation through the death and resurrection of his son to wash away our sins and pour his **grace** into our hearts — grace that can enable us to forgive as Jesus did.

Here are some practical suggestions to help the faithful let go of the past and focus on emulating Christ's mercy:

- Be careful about venting anger.** Venting does not dissipate anger, but instead reinforces it. Anger in itself is not bad. Like fire, it is both useful and dangerous; it can spur us to act forcefully to redress an injustice and to protect ourselves and others from harm. This is especially important where an ongoing offense is damaging *innocent people*. We must focus on doing what can be done to right the situation. We cannot let anger be a motivation for *revenge*.
- Do not keep going over past transgressions, as it will only feed the holding of grudges.** Reliving the wrongs done to us simply keeps us entangled in bitterness, which can warp us into becoming the sort of people from whom others flee. Brooding over wrongs opens the door to all sorts of bad things. As *St. Paul* says, “Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil” (Eph 4:26-27).  
At some point, we simply need to let it go. Ask God for a spirit of *gratitude*; this is a good antidote to brooding on wrongs.
- Don't involve more people than necessary.** It is OK to have a confidante, but we shouldn't go around discussing grievances with *anybody* who is willing to listen. This just leads to the **sin of gossip**, which Pope Francis has warned the faithful against, saying, “The person who gossips is like a terrorist who throws a **bomb** and runs away, destroying. With their tongue, they are destroying and not making peace.”
- Ask forgiveness from others.** When we have wronged someone, it is important to give them the opportunity to forgive and be free from the burden. Also, we should make some sort of restitution for a wrong to let the person who has been hurt know we are sincere in seeking their forgiveness.
- Don't sweat the small stuff.** St. Thérèse of Lisieux makes this point eloquently in “Her Last Conversations,” saying, “What we choose to fight is so tiny. When we win, it's with small things, and the triumph itself makes us small.”  
When we become embroiled in trying to argue, explain and justify ourselves, we lose our peace of soul. Better let the matter drop *in silence*. Thérèse was never afraid to speak the truth forcefully when duty required it, but she learned to choose her battles wisely.
- Act for the person's good, even when we don't feel like it.** Don't slam the door permanently. We must allow the person room to change while also acknowledging that ignoring bad behaviour does them little good. Keep praying for reconciliation.
- Make forgiveness a ritual at bedtime.** Going to bed angry at the ones we love only weakens our relationships by allowing the bitterness and anger to fester overnight. We should make it a habit to resolve the disputes — with our families, especially — before the end of each day.

**Wardens' Election**

The Wardens' Elections was held on September 10, 2017, following the 10:30AM Mass and was attended by 29 parishioners. The new three Churchwardens are Susan Charlebois, Bernadette Roach, and Patrick Lau. Thank you to all the candidates for stepping up. A special thank you and blessings to all our past Churchwardens, for their dedication and service to this parish.

**Annual Bazaar**

**Please come and invite your family and friends**

**Friday, Oct 27, 2017, 1:00PM to 9:00PM**

**Saturday, Oct 28, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM**

Some of the booths will be...Baked Goods, Frozen Meals, Jams, Jellies and preserves, Knits and Crafts, Wheel of Fortune, Good Cheer, Christmas Table, Sports Booth, Books, Raffles.

**Donations of new items, which can be sold or raffled off, are gratefully accepted. Prizes are still needed for the Wheel of Fortune, Good Cheer (Alcohol) and Gift Table.** If you are a baker and would like to make and donate baked good, please call the rectory. Volunteers are needed to help with the setup, working at the booths, soliciting donations, etc.... For more information, to make donations or volunteer, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678 or by email at [stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca](mailto:stwillibrordparish@videotron.ca)

**Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people**

**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, Nov 5, 2017, at 9:00AM

**Lectors Meeting:** Sunday, Sept 24, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass.

**Acolytes:** The next meeting will be on Oct 14, 2017 This meeting will be a fieldtrip, for the acolytes and their family, to St Joseph's Oratory. We will gather at the rectory at 9:00am and leave from here. If you have a car and are able to bring some people with you, please speak with Angela.

**Dates to Remember**

**Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism** Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

**Bible Study:** Every Saturday, at 4:00pm and Every Sunday, Session 1 at 9:30am, Session 2 at 12:00pm (following the 10:30am Mass) RSVP. If you are interested in attending a particular session, please speak with either Carole or Stasi.

**PREX 9:** will be held on Sept 29, 30 and Oct 1, 2017, for more information, or to register, please contact the rectory or speak with Carole or Stasi. \*\*PREX polo t-shirts, for the PREX graduates, there are still some shirts available.\*\* If you are interested, please see either Stasi or Carole. The donation is \$15 per t-shirt.

**Flea Market:** Saturday, Oct 7, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Parish Pilgrimage to St Joseph's Oratory:** Saturday, Oct 21, 2017, we will be gathering at the rectory and leaving at 9:00am, If you are driving and have an extra seat or two and would be willing to drive someone, please contact the rectory.

**Thanksgiving Blessings**

Special Blessings to our benefactors, who wish to remain anonymous, and who have generously donated funds that will be used for the repair and maintenance of the Church and Rectory.

**St. John Brebeuf Parish Yard Sale**

When: Saturday Sept 23, 9 a.m - 3 p.m. Where: 7777 George, LaSalle H8P 1C8  
All are welcome to hunt for treasure among 60+ tables. There will be a Raffle and Snack bar too!

**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, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.