

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 18, 2016
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Announced Masses

Saturday, Sept 17th

†Patrick Doyle

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, Sept 18th

†Predelita Pelin

By the Family

Thanksgiving Mass

From Salinggawi

Tuesday, Sept 20th

Pro Populo

Wednesday, Sept 21st

†Ruben Paja Sernal

By Maribeth Sernal

†Irene Boucher

By Rose Darwent

Thursday, Sept 22nd

Thanksgiving Mass

From Salinggawi

Friday, Sept 23rd

†Irene Boucher

By Rose Darwent

Saturday, Sept 24th

†Ruben Paja Sernal

By Aida, Julian &

Christian Galan

Meditation: What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property. The steward very likely overcharged his master's tenants for their use of the land and kept more than his fair share of the profit. When the landowner discovered the steward's dishonest practice he immediately removed him from his job, leaving him penniless and ashamed to beg or do manual work.

The necessity of prudent foresight to avert disaster

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favor with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owed him money. Surely everyone would praise such a generous landowner as the town hero! Since the master could not undo the steward's cancellation of the debts without losing face and making his debtors resent him, he praised the steward for outwitting him and making him appear as a generous and merciful landowner.

Generous giving is rewarded with treasure that lasts forever

What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behavior but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money" (which in Hebrew means "unrighteous mammon"), to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures *generous giving* is connected with *alms giving* - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need (*Luke 12:33*). Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others.

Generous giving will be repaid in kind. Augustine of Hippo reminds us that we are all beggars of God.

"Even though you possess plenty, you are still poor. You abound in temporal possessions, but you need things eternal. You listen to the needs of a human beggar, you yourself are a beggar of God. What you do with those who beg from you is what God will do with his beggar. You are filled and you are empty. Fill your neighbor from your fullness, so that your emptiness may be filled from God's fullness" (Sermon 56, 9).

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "We brought nothing into this world and we cannot take anything out of this world" (1 Timothy 6:7). The Lord Jesus wants us to make good use of all the resources that he gives us and that come into our possession. Our life is short - but how we invest in this present life will determine our future in the age to come when the Lord Jesus will raise our mortal bodies to immortality and give to each what he or she has sown in this present life.

The rabbis had a saying, "The rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come." Ambrose, a 4th century bishop commenting on the parable of the rich fool who tore down his barns to build bigger ones to store his goods, said: *The bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the barns which last forever*. The true treasure which lasts is the treasure stored up for us in heaven. God richly rewards those who give generously from the heart to help those in need.

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

September 3-4, 2015—

\$1,181.10

Flea Market, Sept 3, 2016—

\$2,256.00

September 10-11, 2016—

\$808.25

Second 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.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!



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

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

Healing Mass September 25, 2016, at the 10:30 am Mass, in Cameron Hall

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

Parish Communal Spaghetti Party. September 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm , in Cameron hall.

There will be a **Healing Mass in Cameron Hall on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 10:30 am..** Anointing of the sick will also take place at this time..

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

Congratulations to the Newman Students who attended PREX VIII. It was a very successful PREX and the students really participated and became part of the St-Willibrord family. Thank you to the leaders, talk givers and sharers who did a great job. Thank you to all those who donated food , cooked and helped with either the set up or the cleaning of the Church. Without your help this would never have been possible.

WARDENS ELECTIONS: In the coming weeks Saint Willibrord's Parish will be organizing elections for our Wardens. Wardens are the financial overseers of the Parish. Saint Willibrord's has six Wardens. If you are interested in serving Saint Willibrord's as a Warden, please contact Fr Gregory or the Parish Office.

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

Anniversary Blessings to Angele & Amish and Birthday Blessings to Maureen O'Brien

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

◇Tony & Peter for their continued work on the Flea Market and to Judith Ritchie & Ann Wilkinson for their help in the office

Parish Vitality
CONFERENCE 2016

