

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 1st, 2018, 5:00PM

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, September 2nd, 2018, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving and blessings for Patrick John Quiocho
by the Quiocho family..

Birthday Blessings for Kim Quiocho

Birthday Blessings for Xu (James) Xiantang

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Maria Austria,
on her 60th Birthday, by her family

†Death anniversary of Felomina R. Cancio

By Jocelyn and Oscar Ordon

Tuesday, September 4th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 5th, 2018, 7:00PM

Blessings for Bernadette Roach and family
by Adriana Appau and family..

Thursday, September 6th, 2018, 9:00AM

Blessings to Melina Pasal and Jesse James Quiocho
By the Quiocho family..

Friday, September 7th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Lois Darlington by the St Willibrord Parish

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September 2, 2018—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Out of the heart come evil thoughts"

Meditation: Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Allow God's word to shape your heart and intentions

Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions.

Allow God's word to change your way of thinking

Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them.

Uproot wrong thoughts and attitudes before they grow

Where does evil spring from and what's the solution for eliminating it from our lives? Jesus deals with this issue in response to the religious leaders' concern with ritual defilement - making oneself unfit to offer acceptable sacrifice and worship to God. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people.

Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

Only Jesus can free us from sin and guilt

God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:8-9).

Let Jesus be the master of your heart and desires

When Cain was jealous of his brother, Abel, God warned him to guard his heart: *"Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it"* (Genesis 4:7). Do you allow any sinful desires to enter the door of your heart and mind? We do not need to entertain or give in to sinful desires or thoughts, but instead, through the grace of God, we can choose to put them to death rather than allow them to be the master who controls our way of thinking, feeling, and acting.

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness

Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings to light our sinful condition that we may recognize sin for what it is and call upon God's mercy and pardon. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours – on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."

<https://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/sep2.htm>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

Flea Market, August, 2018—
\$2,250.00
August 5, 2018—\$936.30
August 11-12, 2018—\$787.80
August 18-19, 2018—\$461.50
August 25-26, 2018—\$782.45
Collection from Funeral of Norah
McCarthy Ferguson—\$632.50

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)
Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday (Rectory)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am (Rectory)

Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rectory

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to
◇All celebrating this week
◇Birthday Blessings to
Adriana Appau and
Maria Austria
Thank you to
◇Mike, Ann, Cora, and all who
volunteer at the Church, and
the Rectory,

Found!

A set of keys has been found in the men's washroom, of the Church basement. If they are yours, contact the rectory.

Growing in our faith and living a life in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Formation, and Spiritual Nourishment Offered:

- Bible Study
- Faith in the Family
- PREX
- Retreats or Recollections
- Meditation Group
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Marian Devotions
- Peñafrancia

How can we live the life in accordance with the teachings of Jesus?
By service in our St Willibrord's Community.

Opportunities Offered

Religious

- Liturgical Ministries (Lectors, Greeters, Acolytes)
- Choir with Paul
- Choir trained by Johanne Patry
- RCIA
- Catechesis (Children, Teens, Families)
- Family, Ministry, Youth Ministry
- Filipino Family Ministry
- Decorating Church
- Praise and Worship
- Pastoral Home Care
- Prayer Ministry
- Legion of Mary
- Evangelization

Non-Religious/Social

- Fundraising committee
- Raffle Tickets
- Flea Market
- Annual Bazaar
- Advertising
- Soup Kitchen
- Light maintenance/repairs
- Cleaning Church/Rectory
- Book Club
- Social events, i.e. Karaoke, comedy shows, etc
- Designing Event
- Cooking
- Hall Setting and clean up for events
- Appreciation committee

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessing of the backpacks: As the school year begins, students, teachers or anyone, who would like to have their backpack/bags blessed, are invited to bring them to Mass on September 9th, 2018, during the 10:30AM Mass.

Raffle Tickets: The Raffle Tickets have arrived and will be made available at the rectory or in the Church, after Mass. This is a very important fundraising event and we need all of your assistance, in order to make it a success.

The prizes, of the Raffle, are as follows: First Prize is \$1,000.00, Second Prize is \$500 and Third Prize is \$250. The draw will be held on December 8, 2018. Information, regarding the draw, can be found on the ticket stub, or at the rectory.

The BBQ Social Gathering
The tentative dates for the BBQ Social Gathering, sponsored by PREX, will be **September 23, 2018 or October 7, 2018**, following the 10:30AM Mass. **We would like to know which date is most convenient for you.** All parishioners, friends and families are invited to attend. If you will be attending and/or would like to bring something to share with the community; please contact the rectory.

Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People
Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,
Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members: On September 9, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday
Acolytes: Meeting will be held in the rectory, the following meeting will be on September 8, 2018, at 9:00AM.
Faith in the family: The next faith in the family to be announced at a later date.

Date(s) to Remember
Flea Market: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal.

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 prerequisite. 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.