

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 22nd, 2018, 5:00PM

†Josephine Doyle by Adeline Doyle  
†Gerhard Christ by Julian Paparella

Sunday, September 23rd, 2018, 10:30AM

Blessings for Jorge Reginales by Shiela Reginales and family..

Birthday Blessings for Valerie Gold

Birthday Blessings for Maureen O'Brien

Birthday Blessings for Archbishop Christian Lépine

Birthday Blessings for Janelle Dabucol by Nunez Family

Birthday Blessings for Merly Nunez by Nunez Family

Birthday Blessings for Aldofos Nicolas By Nicolas family

Birthday Blessings for Carl Lesther Taccabban and Maribel Gaffud by Mila Taccabban

Tuesday, September 25th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 26th, 2018, 7:00PM

Blessings for Ms Nora Oroc, on the occasion of her Birthday, by Lilia Baguyo

†Danilo Cornelio By Shiela and Dindo Cornelio and family

Thursday, September 27th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Daisy Levangie by Guy Bougie..

Friday, September 28th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Nicolas Davantes Jr by Victoria Davantes and family..

Saturday, September 29th, 2018, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving and Blessings for Arnel Apan Garlando By Cora A. Garlando..

Sunday, September 30th 2018, 10:30AM

† Lois Darlington by Ann Wilkinson  
Birthday Blessings for Dominic Rosal

## Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People

**Thursday Bible Study** Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,

**Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:** will be held on Sunday,

October 14, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday

**Acolytes:** Meeting will be held in the rectory, the following meeting will be on

October 13, 2018, at 9:00AM.

**PREX -X-** November 9,10 & 11, 2018

**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family to be announced at a later date

## Date(s) to Remember

**Flea Market:** Saturday, October 6, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**Mass in Cameron Hall:** Saturday, October 13, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

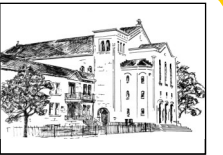
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## September 23, 2018—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### "Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?"

**Meditation:** Whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they, too, didn't want to know any more. How often do we reject what we do not wish to see? We have heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. But do we give it our full allegiance and mold our lives according to it? Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit and to inspire within you a reverence for his word and a readiness to obey it.

### *Do you compare yourself with others?*

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. *You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor* (Psalm 8:5). Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants.

### *Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?*

What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature.

### *God wants to fill us with his own glory*

*God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble* (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Corinthians 4:7). Are you ready to humble yourself and to serve as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, by your cross you have redeemed the world and revealed your glory and triumph over sin and death. May I never fail to see your glory and victory in the cross. Help me to conform my life to your will and to follow in your way of holiness."

<https://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/sep23.htm>

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
*Administration*

September 1-2, 2018—  
\$1,015.80  
September 8-9, 2018—  
\$1,017.80  
September Flea Market—  
\$2,372.50  
September 15-16, 2018—  
\$797.80

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 Merly  
Nunez, Janelle Dabucol,  
Adolfos Nicolas  
Melissa Redrino  
and Dominic Rosal

Thank you to

◇Mike, Ann, Cora, at the  
Church, Rectory, Flea Market  
and Soup Kitchen  
◇Blossom of Love Choir

*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**

**Banns of Marriage: Princess Tino**, daughter of Santiago Tino and Robina Salditos and **Sourya Vangmanisak**, son of Souphanh Vongmanisak and Bouavanh Khammanivong, will be having their marriage ceremony celebrated, here at St Willibrord Parish, on October 5, 2018.

**Rosary**

One reason the Blessed Mother asked us to pray the rosary might be because it can benefit anyone at any stage of the spiritual life from beginners to advanced. The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" teaches about various types of prayer including vocal prayer, meditation and contemplation. The rosary is a vocal prayer, a meditation and can lead to contemplation as Pope John Paul II mentioned in his encyclical Rosary of the Virgin Mary. Here is a quote from that encyclical:

"A path of contemplation ... But the most important reason for strongly encouraging the practice of the Rosary is that it represents a most effective means of fostering among the faithful that commitment to the contemplation of the Christian mystery which I have proposed in the Apostolic Letter Novo Millennio Ineunte as a genuine 'training in holiness': 'What is needed is a Christian life distinguished above all in the art of prayer'. Inasmuch as contemporary culture, even amid so many indications to the contrary, has witnessed the flowering of a new call for spirituality, due also to the influence of other religions, it is more urgent than ever that our Christian communities should become 'genuine schools of prayer'. The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation."

The rosary is not only a vocal prayer but also a meditative prayer. So what is meditation? The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" #2708 says, "Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in lectio divina or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him."

<https://www.catholic.org/prwire/headline.php?ID=7806>

**An Invitation to Pray** October is Month of Mary, the Month of the Holy Rosary. Every Friday during the Month of October, at 7:00PM, we will be praying the Rosary, followed by a Mass and reflection.

**BAZAAR 2018 -. Spread the word**

The revised dates for the Bazaar are Friday, **November 16, from 1:00PM to 9:00PM** & **Saturday, November 17, 2018, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM**. Volunteers and donations are welcome.

**For more information about volunteering or donating,  
please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678.**

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

**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.