

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 ones 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 23, 2017, 5:00PM

†John Moran By Burchell Family..

†Serge St-Onge By Betty Luyten-Friedman

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

†Yvette Marchand by her children

Birthday blessings for Merly and Janelle Dabucol By Aaron and Amir Dabucol

Tuesday, September 26th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 27th, 2017, 7:00PM

Birthday Blessings and for the Intentions of Melissa Redrino by Maureen Redrino

For Birthday Blessings for Noura Oroc by Lilia Baguyo

†2nd Death Anniversary of Danilo Cornelio By Shiela Cornelio

Thursday, September 28th, 2017, 9:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Melissa Redrino

Friday, September 29th, 2017, 9:00AM

Healing Blessings for Justin Occhionero By Betty Friedman..

Saturday, September 30th, 2017, 5:00PM

For the Intentions of Nikki Cyr..

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 24, 2017
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do you begrudge my generosity?"

Meditation: What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Matthew 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbor with a generous spirit as well.

Empowered to serve with a joyful and generous spirit

The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbor as well. We labor for the Lord to bring him praise, honor, and glory. And we labor for our neighbor for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us.

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward - you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give."

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Sign of the Cross

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Anastasia Wargachuk
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Sept 2,-3, 2017—
\$1,000.90
Sept 9 -10, 2017—
\$1,512.15
Sept 16-17, 2017—
\$781.70

The first certain evidence we have of the use of this sign is from the ecclesiastical writer Tertullian (230 AD) who tells us that candidates for baptism are marked with a sign of the cross on their foreheads during the course of their catechumenate (formation). This doesn't mean that it was not made earlier, since as I will show it has very Jewish roots.

The Jews of Jesus' time (and orthodox Jews still do this) had the practice of wearing certain Scripture texts in a little box on their arms and on their foreheads. They got the idea from several passages in the Law, in particular Deut. 6:4-8:

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD our God is one. Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest. Bind them at your wrist as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead."

In this passage the first verse (the "Shema Israel") is tantamount to Judaism's Creed - the Lord is one. This basic truth of one God who is Lord of Israel set the People of the Old Covenant apart from the unbelieving "nations" or Gentiles.

Later in history God will say, "Pass through the city (through Jerusalem) and put a mark on the foreheads of those who moan and groan over all the abominations that are practiced within it" (Ezekiel 9:4). Here Ezekiel is speaking of the remnant of the people of God who remain faithful, to set them apart from the unfaithful. The Hebrew word for mark is the same as for the last letter of the alphabet, Tav, which in hand-written form is cross-shaped. It was used in the ancient world to brand animals. In Greek this is Tau, T, one of the possible shapes of Jesus' actual cross.

In the book of Revelation the servants of the Antichrist are to have their own peculiar mark (Rev. 14:9) to indicate their belonging to him.

So, as Jews wore their sign of belief in God, as the supporters of the Antichrist will wear his mark, it is fitting that the followers of Christ wear His mark, as the true remnant of the people of God. This mark is preeminently the baptismal conformation to Christ, but the Sign of the Cross is a fitting reminder since it expresses belief in the principle Christian truths, the Trinity, Christ and the Cross which won our salvation. As St. Paul says in 1 Cor. 1:23-24, "we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, [24] but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

As for the practice of making the Sign of the Cross when passing a Catholic Church, this is in lieu of a genuflection which one would make if one entered the church into the Real Presence. Since Protestant churches do not have the Real Presence it would be inappropriate to sign oneself when passing them.

by **Colin B. Donovan, STL** (http://www.ewtn.com/Expert/answers/sign_of_the_cross.htm)

Mass Schedule
Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm
(Rector)
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 Dominic Rosal, Janelle Dabucol, Merly Nunez and Melissa Redrino

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

Raffle Tickets have arrived! Tickets can be picked up after Mass or at the Rectory. Tickets are limited so please pickup your tickets early.

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

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.

A CONFERENCE FOR EVERYONE! Auxiliary Bishop Alain Faubert and the Episcopal Vicar for the English-speaking faithful, Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, will be guest speakers at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on **Friday** evening, **November 17**, at the official bilingual opening of the *Faith Enrichment Conference*. Loyola High School will be the venue for English workshops to be held on **Saturday, November 18**; workshops will be held, in French, at Collège André-Grasset on the same date.

Circle November 17 & 18 in your calendar!

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.