

### Mass Intentions (August 2 & 9, 2020)

Sun. Aug 2- Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
 Dr. Nagib Cassar - Mireille Nafekh  
 Dimitra Giouzelis Koulouri - Leila & Ian Henriques  
 Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi  
 Francesco & Angel Antonia Palucci - Carlo Palucci & Figlia  
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families  
 Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Faherty,  
 Scott, Ryan, Malone, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird  
 Dorothy Vegh - Teresa Baird & Shanahan & Scott families

Sun. Aug 9 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
 Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino  
 Dr. Nagib Cassar - Pino & Natalie Deluca  
 Antonio Laizzo - Leila & Ian Henriques  
 Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi  
 Francesco & Domenica Tedeschi - Elisabetta, Carlo & Figlia  
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families  
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### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

“They all ate as much as they wanted.”

#### First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3)

God invites us to come and eat and drink of his divine wisdom, food that will nourish us for eternal life.

#### Second Reading (Romans 8:35.37-39)

Paul reminds us that nothing can remove the love that God has for us, made visible in the incarnation.

#### Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21)

Jesus feeds the five thousand to show us God’s boundless generosity, to recall the manna in the desert and to prefigure the Eucharist.

#### Reflection:

If Jesus, by his divine power, can multiply the loaves and fishes, how much greater is the generosity where he gives himself continually in the Mass?

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the even greater self-giving he will carry out on the cross, and the memorial, sacrificial, meal, which we call the Eucharist. By sharing in the Eucharistic banquet we are already participating not only in Christ’s death, but also in Christ resurrection, and therefore our own as well. This great Eucharistic generosity of God not only prepares us for eternal life, but has consequences for us now. If God is so generous with us, ought we not to be generous with others? At the heart of today’s Gospel message is that we are now a redeemed human race, and God has raised up all these human customs and desires to a supernatural, holy, level. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, everything becomes redeemed, and everything is a possible channel for grace, if properly used. When we contribute to making a more just and equitable world, we ourselves become co-workers in God’s Eucharistic world of redemption.

The Eucharist is food for our journey to eternal life.

### Re-opening of our parish church

Dear Parishioners,

As our Sunday celebrations have resumed, all measures are in place for safe worship. Please **do not** feel offended when ushers request your contact information and guide you to your seat. Your contact information will only be used for tracing purpose should the need arise.

As the old saying goes “PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE”! Let us remember these old words of wisdom as WE are all in this TOGETHER.

The church will be open for personal prayers every day from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The daily masses have been cancelled during the months of July and August.

Sunday mass will be 11:00 a.m.

The sacrament of reconciliation can be had before or after the mass on request.

Please observe the following guidelines as required by the government/diocese:

- ▶ The church has been decontaminated and marked for social distancing.
- ▶ The total number of people we can accommodate is about 120.
- ▶ Please come at least fifteen minutes before the mass, as social distancing and health guidelines will be followed.
- ▶ Please check your temperature before coming for the mass.
- ▶ If you have a fever, running nose, cough or sore throat, please do not come.
- ▶ If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19, please do not come.
- ▶ If you or anyone, with whom you have been in contact has travelled outside Canada in the last fourteen days, please do not come.
- ▶ Please wear a mask in the church and use hand sanitizer.
- ▶ Please keep the social distancing inside and outside the church.
- ▶ There will be hand sanitizer at the entrance to the church. You may bring your own sanitizer.
- ▶ Couples and family could sit together, keeping a distance of six feet from others.

We are all in this together.

We thank you for your continued co-operation.

Please keep safe and stay healthy.

For any clarifications, please contact: Joe and Brenda Panunto at 514 484-0381

Volunteers required for : Welcoming, Mobility, Sanitizing and Cleaning. Sanitizing and cleaning will be done right after the mass. Please contact Deacon S S Nathan for details [drssnathan@yahoo.com](mailto:drssnathan@yahoo.com) 514 770-0628.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Alison Shanahan, safe surgery and speedy recovery.

By - Teresa Baird.

### The 8 “T”s of Christian STEWARDSHIP

By REV. JOHN HECKMANN

#### The Eight T’s are:

Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology.

You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God’s creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

#### TREASURE

TREASURE, or money, is what people most often think about when they hear the term “stewardship.” And it is true that money and, specifically, the wise use and management of money are important parts of Christian stewardship. One of the Bible passages that speaks to the wise use of money is 1 Timothy 6:17-19: “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of life that is truly life.” There are only a few things we can do with money—earn it, give it, save it, spend it and bequeath it. Good stewardship means striving to keep a healthy balance with these uses. For example, one can get so concerned with earning that he overworks at the expense of his health and relationships. Or, one can get carried away with spending and not have anything left for giving and saving. The above Scripture passages affirm that God gives us all kinds of good gifts for our enjoyment, but adds that we are to use these gifts for more than our own enjoyment. Our cold and selfish natures encourage us to use money and goods only for ourselves, adopting some strange strategy like, “God helps those who help themselves.” But the new nature within us because of the working of the Holy Spirit urges us to use all our gifts, including the gift of money, for the common good and for the expansion of God’s kingdom on earth. What joy will follow us into heaven when our glorious Lord commends us for our wise use of money and says, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:21) Did you know Jesus talked often about money? Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. (Howard L. Dayton, Jr., Leadership, Vol. 2, no. 2)

Next Sunday : Testimony

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