

## Mass Intentions (August 9 & 16, 2020)

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  
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 16 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Pino & Natalie Deluca  
Antonio Nardi & Giuseppe Bertucci - Elisabetta Nardi  
Beatrice Beaulieu - Family  
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families  
Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Faherty,  
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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

“Courage! It is II.”

### First Reading (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13)

Elijah does not find God where he expected – not in the earthquake, nor in the fire – but in a gentle breeze. This is God’s way of telling Elijah that he will carry out his will in his own way.

### Second Reading (Romans 9: 1-5)

Paul expresses his love for those of his fellow Jews who do not believe in Jesus. They are the children of God and from them the Savior came.

### Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus calls Peter to walk on the water with him. When Peter’s faith fails and he starts to sink, Jesus saves him.

### Reflection:

We often have to face up to situations where we feel we have got ourselves “out of our depth” in various ways. It is an understandable temptation to believe that we are all alone when things get too much for us. We think that we have only ourselves to rely on to solve the problem and we are aware of our inadequacies. But we are not alone, Jesus is with us. He who triumphed over suffering and even death itself is there to give us strength to carry on. Christ has promised always to be with us. He will lead us forward through life; the way forward may not be clear to us but he knows what he is doing.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intentions and Thanksgiving to the Lord.

## 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.



### CATECHISM CLASS 2020-2021

For new and returning students

Our Faith First classes take place on Sunday mornings from 9:15-11:30 am. Classes consist of one hour of theory (One trained Catechist per group of 4-10 children) followed by one hour of mass. We have classes for students in levels 1 through 6.

Starting date of our next session will be announced soon. Registration starts now. The registration forms are at the back of the church and on our website. You can drop off the filled-out form at the parish office mail box or send it by email to [stnichard@videotron.ca](mailto:stnichard@videotron.ca). Please do not attach any payment. You will be contacted for the payment.

## 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).

### TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY: It might seem a bit strange to talk about the stewardship of testimony. But Jesus instructed His disciples of all ages to make disciples, teaching and baptizing and encouraging people to follow God’s teachings (Matthew 28:18-20). He also told His first disciples that they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). As modern day disciples we also desire to be faithful witnesses, saying and doing all that we can to give witness to our Lord Jesus Christ who desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

St. Peter in his first letter (3:15) instructs us with these words: “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” It is as simple and safe as telling the other person how God has impacted your life and sharing with them that He would love to do the same in their life. What a privilege to be able to do the work that the angels of God long to do—that is, give our testimony of the joy, peace and hope that are ours because of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. And what added joy we will have to take into eternity when the words of Daniel 12:3 come true: “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever

Next Sunday : TOUCH

### ON LINE DONATION FOR ST. RICHARD'S PARISH

Parish donations can be made ONLINE through CanadaHelps and you will receive tax receipt immediately. Please go to <http://www.CanadaHelps.org> website and in the Search by charity box enter, "ST. RICHARD'S Montreal". Donations can be made by credit card. You can donate one time or set up monthly donations.

Heartfelt  THANKS  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!