

### Mass Intentions (August 16 & 23, 2020)

Sun. Aug 16 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
Tina Bellerdine - Lori Ann Bellerdine  
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Pino & Natalie Deluca  
Antonio Nardi & Giuseppe Bertucci - Elisabetta Nardi  
Beatrice Beaulieu - Family  
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families  
Dorothy Vegh - Teresa Baird & Shanahan & Scott families  
Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Faherty,  
Scott, Ryan, Malone, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

Sun. Aug 23 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
Gaetano Parissi - Velia Parissi  
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Pino & Natalie Deluca  
Vito Andreacchi & Rosaria Bertucci - Elisabetta Nardi  
Edgar Sitkery - Judith Sziranyi Sitkery  
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families  
Dorothy Vegh - Teresa Baird & Shanahan & Scott families  
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### **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**“Woman, you have great faith.”**

#### **First Reading** (Isaiah 56:1. 6-7)

Isaiah highlights God's recognition of the foreigners among the Israelites who observe the covenant. All the nations will be blessed by God.

#### **Second Reading** (Romans 11:13-15.29-32)

Paul hopes that Gentiles, as well as the Jews, will enjoy the mercy of the Lord.

#### **Gospel** (Matthew 15:21-28)

The story of the Canaanite women, whom Jesus hails as a person of “great faith”.

#### **Reflection:**

Contact and willingness to dialogue across cultural and religious divides is a message from today's Gospel. The belief that God's blessings are limited to people of certain nationalities or cultures has been around for a very long time. Such a belief was very alive in the society in which Jesus grew up. It is not clear whether he really believed it himself or whether he wanted to expose it and correct its false claims. Every people and culture has a handful of such prejudices and myths - from the myth that only one particular race or nation can possibly be loved by God, to that of no salvation outside the Catholic Church; from the myth of the superiority of men over women to that of the superiority of Western cultures. We are today invited to expose such myth and correct their false and exaggerated claims. The Canaanite woman crosses the boundaries that separate the Holy Land from the land of the Gentiles. Jesus is challenged by her to see his mission going beyond the Jews, to Gentiles as well. Despite not being Jewish, she is one of only two people in the Gospel of Matthew that Jesus commends for their faith. From this woman we can learn courage, the power of persuasion and dialogue all of which can be achieved through non-violence.

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED OUT!**

**Fr. Peters, June 7<sup>th</sup> message in our bulletin posted online.**

Dear Parishioners,

**On this passed Pentecost Sunday as we pray for those who have lost their lives to this pandemic and for those who are still fighting for their lives, we continue to place our trust in the Lord that a cure may be found to safely bring us through these difficult times.**

**As your pastor for the last seven years, with joy in my heart and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit I tried to safely guide you.**

**Through the team work of every parishioner we were able to achieve a lot for our growing parish community. There is still a lot more to be done.**

**Moving forward with much sadness in my heart I can confirm as of September 1, 2020 I will no longer be your pastor. I have asked for my retirement and The Archdiocese has accepted it. I will be with you until the end of August 2020.**

**Before I retire, I hope and pray that we will be able to celebrate a Mass together.**

**I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Wardens, Parish Council and all the different committees and parishioners who helped me through my tenure. Nothing is possible without team work. I know at times I have been hard on some more than others; it was all in good faith never with malice intent.**

**I have no doubt that whomever will be your pastor will have your unconditional cooperation in continuing to keep St. Richards Parish as a welcoming Christian presence in Cote -St- Luc.**

**Your parish needs your continuing support to keep its doors open.**

**I thank you for your support and help. Rest assured that I will always be there should you require my attention on a personal level.**

**Please pray for me as I do for you.**

**Your pastor Fr. Peter Laviolette.**



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

By - Teresa Baird.



### **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 [strichardpcl@gmail.com](mailto:strichardpcl@gmail.com)

**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).

#### **TOUCH**

TOUCH : refers to the relationships we have with God and with each other. It is similar to what St. John wrote about in 1 John 1:3-4: “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you may also have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.” TOUCH also refers to the relationships we have with our families, neighbors, coworkers, and others in our communities and society. As God's stewards, we are to adopt the role of a servant in our dealings with each other (John 13:14-15), provide for our family members (1 Timothy 5:8) and carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2). In short, “we are to use every opportunity to do good to others, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10). While here upon earth in visible form Jesus went about everywhere doing good to all He encountered - those who loved Him as well as those who hated Him. In Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did [fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, and visited those who were sick or in prison] for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.” How blessed it is to have many opportunities to “TOUCH” others in so many positive ways. What joy we will have when the King on the last day declares to us: “Well done, good and faithful servant,” (Matthew 25:21) because you took the time and made the effort to touch one of the least of My brothers.

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

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**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**