

Mass Intentions (August 23 & 30, 2020)

Sun. Aug 23 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Gaetano Parissi - Velia Parissi
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Pino & Natalie Deluca
Vito Andreatchi & Rosaria Bertucci - Elisabetta Nardi
Edgar Sitkery - Judith Sziranyi Sitkery
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 30 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
David Hynes - Brenda & Joe Panunto
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Ian & Leila Henriques
Hamiltus & Clinton Senevirantne - Arthur Pereira
Edgar Sitkery - Judith Sziranyi Sitkery
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

“You are the Christ, he said, ‘the Son of the Living God.’”

First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23)

A peg to hang on, a throne to sit on.
Often the most important people in God's eyes seem the most abused.

Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36)

We don't need to know the mind of God.
We just need to know that we are coming to God.

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

When St Peter proclaims Jesus as the Christ, he speaks both for humanity and about humanity. Jesus is the meaning of the human race.

Reflection:

Jesus Christ is the son of God, and the gift of the Father to humanity. His need for people to acknowledge that he is the Christ is for their sake, not for his own. The popes in Rome are indeed the successors of St Peter, but this does not mean that there is nothing of St Peter in ordinary Christians. There is an inner identity that God alone can reveal to us. We can find that inner identity by responding to a call. Responsible people are people who are able to respond. We may each be called to be a rock in the world, something that others can build on. We may be the peg that holds things together or that others can hang their coats on. We may be the throne that others may sit on for their own glory and satisfaction. Foundations are usually invisible, but without them great enterprises will not stand. We are each of us unique. This uniqueness makes us responsible for ourselves and for others. We may not even know in this life how many people depend on us or through our kindness how many people's lives we have already touched. Even if it is not our destiny to be responsible for great things in this life, it is still true that each one of us has to say to Jesus for ourselves, “You are the Christ.” Then we will find out who we truly are. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace.

REMINDER!

Next Sunday will be FR. PETERS last Sunday serving as our pastor as he goes into retirement.

GOD MADE Pastors

God laid His hand upon them,
and breathed hope into their spirits.
He filled them with His strength,
and placed a message of urgency around their lives.
God challenged them to greater works than he had ever done.
Then, with His own hand of blessing,
He wrapped them up in His mantle of love and called the pastors.

Preach: Preach the good news to all creation.

Approach: Approach God with freedom and confidence.

Submit: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Teach: Teach what agrees with sound doctrine.

Obey: Obey His commandments, abide in Him.

Renew: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.



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

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).

TISSUE

TISSUE refers to the care and use of our bodies. St. Paul reminds us of some important truths in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.” With the Psalmist we declare that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139). Each one of us is special to God, endowed and gifted just the way He wanted to endow and gift us, so that we can be His instruments for good in this world. The stewardship of TISSUE involves many things, such as proper nourishment, exercise, grooming, and other related items. It also refers to such issues as organ donations and transplants, various kinds of medical care, and the whole spectrum of life issues from conception, through birth, until after death. Viewing ourselves and others as special creations by God encourages us to have the utmost respect for life at every point on the spectrum. On the Last Day when the King says, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25), He will be referring also to our stewardship of our physical welfare as well as that of others.

Next Sunday :Trash

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THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!