

### Mass Intentions (September 6 - 13, 2020)

Sun. Sept 6/10:30 a.m. - Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Survulus Henriques	- Coral & family
Dr. Nagib Cassar	- Nathan family
Carlo Palucci	- The Parishioners
Allison Shanahan	- The Parishioners
Aldo Farinelli	-Vera Farinelli & family
Hamiltus & Clinton Senevirantne	- Arthur Pereira
Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott families
Ethel Cooper	- Francesco & Erivera family
Sam Atalla	- Teresa Baird& Shanahan & Scott families
Dorothy Vegh	- Teresa Baird& Shanahan & Scott families

Wed. Sept 9/9:00 a.m - Francesco & Domenica Tedeschi - Elisabetta Palucci

Thur. Sept 10/9:00 a.m. - Maria Rosaria Nardi - Elisabetta Nardi

Fri. Sept 11/9:00 a.m - Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Faherty, Ryan, Malone, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

Sun. Sept 13/10:30 a.m - Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Allison Shanahan	- Samia Cassar
Dr. Nagib Cassar	- Joe & Josie Mancini
Hamiltus & Clinton Senevirantne	- Arthur Pereira
Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott families
Sam Atalla	- Teresa Baird& Shanahan & Scott families
Dorothy Vegh	- Teresa Baird& Shanahan & Scott families
Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino	- Nick Cicchino
Ida & Kelvin Pereira, Servulus Henriques, Noel & Heather De'Souza	- Kahawita family

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**"Love one another, as I have loved you"**

#### First Reading (Ezekiel 33.7-9)

If you do not speak to warn the wicked,  
I will require their blood at your hand.

#### Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10)

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

#### Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20)

If the members listen to you, you have regained that one.

#### Reflection:

We must "know" Jesus from reading the Gospels and then model our lives on His. He showed compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness while at the same time challenging those who needed it, especially those who were in the roles of authority and who were leading people astray.

As we reflect on today's readings we realize the need for us to be in touch with the LORD GOD in our own life. It is when we are aware of our own sinfulness and shortcomings that we can be more attentive to GOD speaking in our life. We have to take responsibility for our own failures.

As we are progressing along the road to the LORD, then we must reach out to those who have also taken some wrong paths along the journey.

We must treat them with the same compassion and mercy that we have experienced from GOD for our own transgressions. We are never to act self-righteously, with a "better-than-thou" or "holier than thou" attitude.

That is not loving others the way we have been loved by the **Abba**-Father and the Lord Jesus in union with Holy Spirit of love.

### 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).

#### TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY Once again, Christian Stewardship begins with the conviction that everything we have—time, talent, treasure, testimony, touch, tissue, trash, and now technology—is a gift from God's hands.

Our response as called and redeemed children of God is to seek to use these gifts effectively and efficiently to His glory and in service in and to the kingdom of God both here on earth and ultimately in heaven for all eternity. As we deal with the idea of our Christian Stewardship of Technology I would like to narrow that definition to electronic devices and how they are used in our lives. We will leave things like genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, therapeutic cloning, etc., for another study. As with anything else, technology can be used for "good" or for "evil". The same laser beam that can cut the cancer from our body with very little damage to surrounding tissue, can guide the bomb to destroy the village. The car that carries people to church can also be the tool by which a drunken person can bring an end to life or a terrorist can kill many. The computer that can bring our Sunday morning worship service to a shut-in or a soldier deployed overseas can also destroy a young man addicted to pornography. How technology is used, as is the case in the seven other T's is what we are talking about as we talk about Christian Stewardship. As with the seven other T's a good question to ponder is; Is technology, or any of the other gifts God gives to us, our servant to use to His glory and for the benefit of His creation, or are we its slave? In short, how can we use any of these T's, including technology, to the glory of God and in the service of His kingdom—in our individual lives, in our congregations, and in our communities as we live life in all those places as a forgiven child of God. Very briefly, technology is used incorrectly when it becomes our god and we are indebted to it and under its control. It becomes our god when it is an all-consuming part of our life and we in effect serve technology when we always have to be connected, instead of allowing it to serve us. The technology we are talking about can also have incredible impact in and for the Kingdom of God as we practice good stewardship of this gift from God. Technology can and does (and has for centuries) helped God's people in making the most of the gifts with which He blesses us and has aided in proclaiming the Gospel message of salvation alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, throughout the whole world. Think back to the invention of the printing press and the numbers of people who could now have their own Bible and other books; to radio and the ability in the day to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ around the world; to computers today, and phones and tablets and other technology that allow us and everyone else to have the Word of God constantly at their fingertips. Without a doubt, technology, and more importantly our use of it, can enhance or destroy our Christian walk. As we sum up these 8 T's of Stewardship, may I suggest that there is one foundational Word from God to us through the pen of St. Paul that we need to consider? It is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31 where he writes, 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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May this be our goal, to use every gift with which our Heavenly Father blesses us, in whatever quantity He sees fit to bless us, to achieve the purpose for which He has sent us out into His world, namely to make disciples of all nations so that His kingdom here on earth, and His kingdom in heaven, may grow as more and more people come to know Him as their Father, and Jesus Christ as their only Savior from sin and eternal death, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit in their life.

### Thank You All!

*Just a note to thank you & a line to tell you, how much I truly appreciated your thoughtfulness, your lovely gifts of the Apostolic Blessing and all the beautiful cards with very moving words and the gifts inside them. I read each and every card. Thank you! Keep me in your prayer as I keep you in mine.*

*Fr. Peter Laviolette.*



### Used desktop Computers for needy children

We have a few desktop computers. We are looking for families with children, who cannot afford to have a computer. Please contact Joe Panunto 514 484-0381.

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 [st-richard-pcl@gmail.com](mailto:st-richard-pcl@gmail.com) **Please do not attach any payment. You will be contacted for the payment.**



### The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Carlo Palucci & Alison Shanahan.

By - Parishioners.

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