

Mass Intentions (September 27 – October 4, 2020)

Sun. Sept 27/10:30 a.m. - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Allison Shanahan - Samia Cassar
Beatrice Beaulieu - Family
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Claire Brodrick
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Sam Atalla - Teresa Baird & Shanahan & Scott families
Dorothy Vegh - Teresa Baird & Shanahan & Scott families
Hamiltus & Clinton Senevirantne - Jeanine & Jacqueline

Memorial – St. Jerome

Wed. Sept 30/9:00 a.m. - Francesco Tedeschi - Elisabetta & Figlia

Memorial – St. Thérèse of The Child Jesus

Thur. Oct 1/9:00 a.m. - Eileen Shanahan - Teresa Baird

Memorial – The Holy Guardian Angels

Fri. Oct 2/9:00 a.m. - Louis Gaal - Judith Sziranyi/Sitkery
Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott,
Faherty, Ryan, Malone, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

Sun. Oct 4/10:30 a.m. - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Allison Shanahan - Samia Cassar
Giuseppe & Anna Fiori - Nick Cicchino
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Kahawita family
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Sam Atalla - Teresa Baird & Shanahan & Scott families
Dorothy Vegh - Teresa Baird & Shanahan & Scott families

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading (Ezekiel 18.25-28) - When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed, they shall save their life.

Second Reading (Philippians 2.1-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

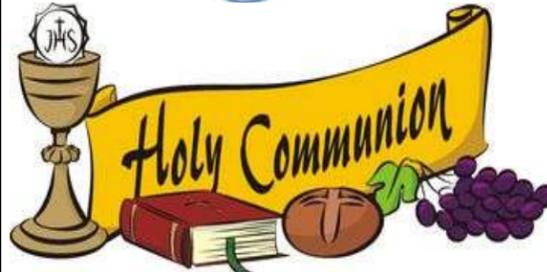
Gospel (Matthew 21.28-32) - The tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you.

Reflection: Today's readings speak about making choices – moral choices and the consequences of those choices. Ezekiel reminds us that each individual is responsible for his/her own actions. He also reminds us that it is never too late to change one's direction in regard to God and God's will for our lives. God respects our freedom of choice. God does not force us into acting one way or another. Yes, HE asks us to do the divine will. Sometimes we say "yes" but do not fulfill our affirmative response. Other times we say "no" and later regret our response and do what is expected of us. Most often, our actions show where our real heart is. Yet, how much more Christ-like it would be if we could respond affirmatively in both word and in action. Jesus truly is our role model, our Master-Teacher. Jesus was totally obedient to His **Abba**-Father's will, acting as a servant of and for others. Jesus' decision and actions show the three important aspects of any moral choice: 1) the objective goodness of an action; 2) the intention of the doer; 3) the realization of the full circumstances and ramifications of the situation and choice being made. The best moral choice must be to do what is objectively Good; to do it for the right reason; and do it knowing the full ramifications and circumstances of the situation. That is the pure "whiteness" of a moral action. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Humility Changes Lives.



We welcomed into our community
JEWEL JANCEL TABERDO
was baptized on
Saturday, September 26.
May the Lord pour abundant
blessings on the Taberdo Family.



Will be celebrated on
Saturday, October 3rd
at 4:00 p.m.



Will be celebrated on Saturday,
October 10th at 4:00 p.m.



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 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 for special intentions and giving thanks to the Lord.

By – Ernest Clump & family.

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September 24, 2020

Dear brother priests,
Dear brothers and dear sisters,
Dear members of our pastoral teams,

As we come to the end of September, we would have desired greatly that the pandemic was behind us, but it is still very present among us, made plain by the necessary health measures and by the threat of a second wave already underway.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the priests, all of the members of our pastoral teams, the pastoral workers, directors of religious education, wardens, volunteers, all of you who tirelessly devoted yourselves first and foremost to reaching out to the People of God, to families, to those who are lonely, by the many means of communication. As soon as it was possible to reopen our church doors, you dove right in with courage to prepare a safe place that could welcome people who want to pray individually and that could allow for liturgical celebrations that nourish spiritual, family and community life.

The uncertainties about the pandemic, its magnitude, the age groups that were most affected, the development of a vaccine or of medical treatments are all a source of concern and could lead to moments of discouragement. Having entered now into the orange zone with its additional measures, we may feel disheartened and tempted, justifiably, to give up.

On the human level, we can first remind ourselves that the preventive measures, which include handwashing, wearing masks, and social distancing, work. On the spiritual level, we know that in staying close to the Lord, we find peace in the face of the unknown, patience in times of difficulty, and strength of soul to move forward.

The mission continues and we want to pursue it, but we cannot do it without the grace of Jesus Christ, without teamwork, and without solidarity with others. It is a mission in the Church, but also in the world. Currently, many people are worried to the point of feeling demoralized, and they need the support that faith provides.

We have the opportunity to witness to the presence of Jesus Christ, to his transformative power, to the calm strength that he gives to overcome the ordeal of this pandemic, and to emerge from of it having grown as an individual, as a family, as a Church, and as a society.

Let us continue our mission to serve by learning how to abandon ourselves to God more, by working at reaching and supporting individuals and families through the use of every means that allows us to be present to them. Let us be inspired by the life of the great witnesses of the Bible and by the saints of history who learned to hold fast "as if seeing the one who is invisible" (cf. Heb 11:27).

We know that spiritual needs are essential needs, which call for essential services. By way of our open doors and our going out to others in society, let us be receptive and respond to the thirst for God that the Holy Spirit places in each heart.

In Christ Jesus,
+Christian Lépine
Archevêque de Montréal