

### Mass Intentions from May 15-21, 2021

Sat. May 15/4:30 p.m.	Danny Shannon	- Erin Shannon
Sun May 16/10:30 a.m.	Nick Baird Alison Shanahan Michael Broccolini Eileen Shanahan Debroah Vegh	- Teresa Baird - Teresa Baird - Annette Broccolini - Shanahan & Scott family - Teresa Baird, Patrick Shanahan & family, Kevin & Carole Shanahan & family
Wed. May 19/10:00 a.m.	Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi Maria Park	- Elisabetta Nardi - Cecelia Ree
Thur. May 20/10:00 a.m.	Pasqualina Di-Murro	- Daughters
Fri. May 21/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner family	- Teresa Baird

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - (Year B)

**“Go out to the world.”**

#### **First Reading** (Acts 1:1-11)

Jesus ascends into heaven and returns to his Father.

#### **Second Reading** (Ephesians 1:17-23) Christ is enthroned in heaven with universal authority, and this can fill us with hope.

#### **Gospel** (Mark 16:15-20) Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus commissions his apostles to continue his mission on earth.

#### **Reflection:**

Being missionaries does not mean we have to sell all our belongings and move to some far away land to spread the faith, although some may be called to do this. Missionaries literally mean “those who have been sent” or those “on a mission.” Maybe we are being sent as “far away” as our own home. We may be called to announce the Good News to our family members, especially in these days of the pandemic. The way we announce the message is by living lives of Good News. It may be the hardest audience to whom we can be sent, especially as we have been shuttered up with them for months. We may truly need the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to announce the Good News, because our family knows who we really are, with all our failings and all the times we have sinned in living out the Gospel. It can be a real challenge to be evangelists (proclaimers of the Good News) to our family, because it is so easy to forget our mission, due to the day-to-day needs and frustrations that they and we face, both alone and together.

That is why we need to keep turning to the Lord and praying, “Send us Your Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us who are trying to be faithful.

Inflame in our hearts the fire of Your love.” What can help us is the realization that we have been given, and are continuing to be given, the Spirit of wisdom and revelation which enlightens us to the hope of the call which Jesus has given us. If we strive to live out our missionary call, especially to those whom we encounter each and every day, then Jesus promises us a share in His inheritance, with the other holy ones, and the surpassing greatness of His power. We will share in His ascension at the end of our earthly life and even more so at the end of time when we will be raised up with our bodies to be with Him in glory.

**May you be willing to do whatever is necessary to further the spread of the Good News to others!**

### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2021 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

“Come and See” (Jn 1:46). Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are

#### **Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

The invitation to “come and see”, which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication. In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history (cf. Message for the 54th World Communications Day, 24 January 2020), it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we “already know” certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us. “Open your eyes with wonder to what you see, let your hands touch the freshness and vitality of things, so that when others read what you write, they too can touch first-hand the vibrant miracle of life”.

This was the advice that Blessed Manuel Lozano Garrido<sup>[1]</sup> offered to his fellow journalists. This year, then, I would like to devote this Message to the invitation to “come and see”, which can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church’s daily preaching and in political or social communication. “Come and see!” This has always been the way that the Christian faith has been communicated, from the time of those first encounters on the banks of the River Jordan and on the Sea of Galilee.

#### **“Hitting the streets”**

Let us look first at the great issue of news reporting. Insightful voices have long expressed concern about the risk that original investigative reporting in newspapers and television, radio and web newscasts is being replaced by a reportage that adheres to a standard, often tendentious narrative. This approach is less and less capable of grasping the truth of things and the concrete lives of people, much less the more serious social phenomena or positive movements at the grass roots level. The crisis of the publishing industry risks leading to a reportage created in newsrooms, in front of personal or company computers and on social networks, without ever “hitting the streets”, meeting people face to face to research stories or to verify certain situations first hand. Unless we open ourselves to this kind of encounter, we remain mere spectators, for all the technical innovations that enable us to feel immersed in a larger and more immediate reality. Any instrument proves useful and valuable only to the extent that it motivates us to go out and see things that otherwise we would not know about, to post on the internet news that would not be available elsewhere; to allow for encounters that otherwise would never happen.

*To be continued...*



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
For Special Intentions and  
giving thanks to The Lord.**

### *SPIRITUAL QUOTE*

*Take time to do what makes your soul happy!*

**THANK YOU!**

THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF  
THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS

Angelo Fucito, Phil Forlini, Manny Fundaro, Silvio Forlini  
G. Palmarella, Teresa Baird, Samia Cassar, Doreen Chartier,  
Dominic Bellini, Gino Alfonso, Paolo Biasini, Joe Panunto  
Yvonne Gouveia & S S Nathan.

**ST. RICHARDS’S KITCHEN HAS BEEN FULLY RENOVATED.  
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ON GOING GENEROSITY DURING  
THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.**

**MAY THE LORD CONTINUE HIS ABUNDANT BLESSINGS OF  
LOVE, GRACE AND MERCY, UPON YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.**

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMING

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Rosary begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by mass at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass: 4:30 p.m. (St. Patrick’s Sq)

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. (St. Richard’s Parish)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation can be heard every Sunday  
15 minutes before and after mass.**

*Government Covid restrictions are applied on the numbers of  
parishioners allowed to attend each mass.*

*Currently, 25 people will be allowed in the church.*

**The main entrance will be locked after the numbers  
are reached. MASK IS MANDATORY.**

We are live streaming our 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass  
on Facebook.

Please search "Saint Richard’s Parish Montreal".

Please leave your comments.

You may use e-transfer for your offerings.

**Thank you for understanding and supporting your parish!**

*Volunteers ...*



*They don’t necessarily have the time;  
they just have the heart.  
Thank You!*