

Mass Intentions from May 22-28, 2021

Sat. May 22/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun May 23/10:30 a.m.	Nick Baird Glory Finardi Alison Shanahan Donato Alfonsi Eileen Shanahan Debroah Vegh	- Teresa Baird - Elena Gallo - Teresa Baird - Annette Broccolini - Shanahan & Scott family - Teresa Baird, Patrick Shanahan & family, Kevin & Carole Shanahan & family
	Carlo, Valentina & Francesco Cicchino Carmina Fiore, Lidia Ubezio Marinoni & Edvige Ubezio	- Nick Cicchino - Anna Maria Marinoni
Wed. May 26/10:00 a.m.	Carlo Palucci	- Elisabetta Nardi
Thur. May 27/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi	- Elisabetta Nardi
Fri. May 28/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner family	- Teresa Baird

PENTECOST SUNDAY - (Year B)

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

First Reading (Acts 2:1-11)

On the final day of Passover, Jesus' disciples received the Holy Spirit in a way that recalls the giving of the Law to the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

Second Reading (Galatians 5:16-25)

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are so much different from other fruits. Only the Holy Spirit can bring the fruits of love, peace, patience, gentleness.

Gospel (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will be Jesus' witness when he comes and, through the Spirit, Jesus' followers also become his witnesses.

Reflection:

Today we celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church, the end of the Easter Season.

On this Pentecost Sunday, people throughout the world will gather to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the empowerment of the apostles and disciples so that they can then go out and continue the ministry of the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus. This is truly a special day and a fitting close to the Easter Season. Yet, we do not just celebrate what happened nearly two thousand years ago. We also remember that we are part of the apostolic church and therefore have the privilege and obligation to continue the work of the Lord Jesus by furthering the ministry of Jesus and proclaiming the Good News. Each of us who call ourselves Christians are commissioned to use the gifts which God has given us for the spread of the faith. We are also empowered to carry the Gospel to others, to those in our families, to those in our work place/school, to those who are in need of help throughout the world.

May you continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may use the gifts (charismata or charisms) which God has given you for the edification (building up) of the community of believers.

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 Gospels as news stories

"Come and see" were the first words that Jesus spoke to the disciples who were curious about him following his baptism in the Jordan river (Jn 1:39). He invited them to enter into a relationship with him. More than half a century later, when John, now an old man, wrote his Gospel, he recalled several "newsworthy" details that reveal that he was personally present at the events he reports and demonstrate the impact that the experience had on his life. "It was about the tenth hour", he noted, that is, about four in the afternoon (cf. v. 39). The next day – John also tells us – Philip told Nathaniel about his encounter with the Messiah. His friend is skeptical and asks: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip does not try to win him over with good reasons, but simply tells him: "Come and see" (cf. vv. 45-46). Nathaniel did go and see, and from that moment his life was changed. That is how Christian faith begins, and how it is communicated: as direct knowledge, born of experience, and not of hearsay. "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves". So the townspeople told the Samaritan woman, after Jesus stayed in their village (cf. Jn 4:39-42). "Come and see" is the simplest method to get to know a situation. It is the most honest test of every message, because, in order to know, we need to encounter, to let the person in front of me speak, to let his or her testimony reach me.

Thanks to the courage of many journalists

Journalism too, as an account of reality, calls for an ability to go where no one else thinks of going: a readiness to set out and a desire to see. Curiosity, openness, passion. We owe a word of gratitude for the courage and commitment of all those professionals – journalists, camera operators, editors, directors – who often risk their lives in carrying out their work. Thanks to their efforts, we now know, for example, about the hardships endured by persecuted minorities in various parts of the world, numerous cases of oppression and injustice inflicted on the poor and on the environment, and many wars that otherwise would be overlooked. It would be a loss not only for news reporting, but for society and for democracy as a whole, were those voices to fade away. Our entire human family would be impoverished.

Many situations in our world, even more so in this time of pandemic, are inviting the communications media to "come and see". We can risk reporting the pandemic, and indeed every crisis, only through the lens of the richer nations, of "keeping two sets of books". For example, there is the question of vaccines, and medical care in general, which risks excluding the poorer peoples. Who would keep us informed about the long wait for treatment in the poverty-stricken villages of Asia, Latin America and Africa? Social and economic differences on the global level risk dictating the order of distribution of anti-Covid vaccines, with the poor always at the end of the line and the right to universal health care affirmed in principle, but stripped of real effect. Yet even in the world of the more fortunate, the social tragedy of families rapidly slipping into poverty remains largely hidden; people who are no longer ashamed to wait in line before charitable organizations in order to receive a package of provisions do not tend to make news.

To be continued...

Be Wise Immunize

Given the high vaccination rate and the declining number of Covid 19 cases, there certainly is a glimmer of hope in the horizon.

Though parishioners have regularly tuned in to St. Richard's virtual masses, most have greatly missed being present at the parish to receive the Holy Eucharist. We have all missed, and continue to miss visiting our friends and families and being able to hug those we love.

As we all look forward to a more relaxed summer and returning to normal in the near future, Quebec has announced a gradual reopening plan starting on May 28th. You can find more information about the plan at: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/reopening-plan>

We, at St. Richard's are also looking forward to scheduling our pre-pandemic activities in a safe environment. In order for all of us to be safe from this virus which, in a short span of time has claimed many lives around the world, we can only encourage and hope that all eligible citizens will be open to immunization.

Appointments for vaccination can be made at www.quebec.ca/covidvaccine or at 514-644-4545.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE

*Our future reality depends on what we do
NOW, in this present moment.*



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

Volunteers ...



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