

### Mass Intentions from June 5 -11, 2021

Sat. Jun 5/4:30 p.m.	Katie Shannon	- Erin Shannon
Sun Jun 6/10:30 a.m.	Nick Baird Alison Shanahan Maria & Giuseppe Brancatella Maria & Giovanna Marinoni Eileen Shanahan Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino Debroah Vegh	- Teresa Baird - Teresa Baird - Giovanna Fucito - Anna Maria Marinoni - Shanahan & Scott family - Nick Cicchino - Teresa Baird, Patrick Shanahan & family, Kevin & Carole Shanahan & family
Wed. Jun 9/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi	- Elisabetta Nardi
Thur. Jun 10/10:00 a.m.	Riccardo Danesi	- Rosa Danesi

#### Feast: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri. Jun 11/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner family - Teresa Baird

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - (Year B)

*“This is my body... this is my blood.”*

#### First Reading (Exodus 24:3-8)

God makes a new covenant with his people; the covenant is ratified in blood and the people are joined to God.

#### Second Reading (Hebrews 9:11-15)

Jesus makes a new and everlasting covenant between God and the people. By his sacrificial death he fulfills and surpasses all previous covenants.

#### Gospel (Mark 14:12-16.22-26)

At the Last Supper Jesus establishes the holy sacrifice and sacred meal which is the Eucharist.

#### Reflection:

Eating and drinking is central to all human life.

It is thus that Jesus gave us a way to relive and celebrate what He did once for us. We are able to come together and re-enact the saving choice He made to lay down His life so that we could be re-linked to the intimate bond with Himself and His Abba-Father.

This is what we celebrate when we gather for Eucharist. We give thanks to God for all Jesus did through His life, ministry, death, and resurrection.

We feast on the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation – the Body and Blood of Jesus Himself. We make ourselves present with Jesus as He celebrates the Last Supper and He comes to us as our Food and Drink.

May you remember all that God has done for you, especially in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, and may you lift up your thanks to God as often as possible.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday Evening from 5 to 6 p.m.**

### 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,

#### Nothing replaces seeing things at first hand

In communications, nothing can ever completely replace seeing things in person. Some things can only be learned through first-hand experience. We do not communicate merely with words, but with our eyes, the tone of our voice and our gestures. Jesus’ attractiveness to those who met him depended on the truth of his preaching; yet the effectiveness of what he said was inseparable from how he looked at others, from how he acted towards them, and even from his silence. The disciples not only listened to his words; they watched him speak. Indeed in him – the incarnate Logos – the Word took on a face; the invisible God let himself be seen, heard and touched, as John himself tells us (cf. 1 Jn 1:1-3). The word is effective only if it is “seen”, only if it engages us in experience, in dialogue. For this reason, the invitation to “come and see” was, and continues to be, essential.

We think of how much empty rhetoric abounds, even in our time, in all areas of public life, in business as well as politics. This or that one “speaks an infinite deal of nothing... His reasons are as two grains of wheat hid in two bushels of chaff: you shall seek all day ere you find them, and when you have them, they are not worth the search.”<sup>[2]</sup> The blistering words of the English playwright also apply to us as Christian communicators. The Good News of the Gospel spread throughout the world as a result of person-to-person, heart-to-heart encounters with men and women who accepted the invitation to “come and see”, and were struck by the “surplus” of humanity that shone through the gaze, the speech and the gestures of those who bore witness to Jesus Christ. Every tool has its value, and that great communicator who was Paul of Tarsus would certainly have made use of email and social messaging. Yet it was his faith, hope and charity that impressed those of his contemporaries who heard him preach or had the good fortune to spend time with him, to see him during an assembly or in individual conversation. Watching him in action wherever he was, they saw for themselves how true and fruitful for their lives was the message of salvation that, by God’s grace, he had come to preach. Even where this servant of God could not be encountered personally, the disciples whom he sent bore witness to his way of life in Christ (cf. 1 Cor 4:17).

“We have books in our hands, but the facts before our eyes”, said Saint Augustine<sup>[3]</sup> in speaking of fulfilment of the prophecies found in sacred Scripture. So too, the Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus. For two millennia, a chain of such encounters has communicated the attractiveness of the Christian adventure. The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.

*Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth. Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions. Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.*

*Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.*

# part-time job

**BOOKKEEPER FOR ST. RICHARD’S PARISH.**

For job description please call or email Deacon Nathan (514) 770-0628, drssnathan@yahoo.com

The last date for submission of application is 20 June, 2021.



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

## 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 into 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.quebec.ca/covidvaccine) or at 514-644-4545.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE

*Don’t let your worries get the best of you;  
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.*