

Mass Intentions from January 23 – 28, 2022

Sun. Jan 23/11:00 - 11:30 a.m. mass

Live Streaming of the mass thereafter, distribution of Holy Communion at the main entrance of the church until noon.

Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Settimia, Luigi, Sandra & Antonio Onesi - Nick Cicchino
Leonardo Villacorta, Rolando Bondesto, Rowena Prado & Rosanna Gutierrez - Gina Villacorta

Memorial- St. Timothy & St. Titus

Wed. Jan 26/ Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Thu. Jan 27/ Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi

Memorial- St. Thomas Aquinas

Fri. Jan 28/ Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled, as you listen.”

First Reading (Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10)

Ezra reads from the book of the law of Moses.
He encourages the people to be confident and filled with joy.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:12-30)

Paul writes about the nature of the Body of Christ.
Through Baptism we are all made parts of that body.

Gospel (Luke 1:1-4.4:14-21)

The Gospel is not a story – it is fact.

It is a series of eye witness accounts describing the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Reflection:

Two aspects of being a Christian (*a disciple of Jesus the Christ*) are laid before us today: being part of a community of believers and being attentive to God's Word as revealed in scripture. These two aspects are summarized in our relationship to Jesus, the Head of the Body and the Word of God Incarnate.

The gospels are eye witness accounts of what Jesus said and did. Through his words and actions Jesus revealed that he is the 'good news'.

We are called to proclaim the good news in all that we do and say. God has planned that the members of the church take in the same nutrients as other members of the community and then allow it to transform those nutrients into a form which empowers the members of the community to fulfill the function for which they were made. The common food of our community is the Word of God (both the verbally transmitted Word of Scripture and the Incarnate Word of God Whom we receive in the sacrament of the Eucharist). Each of us is then fortified with what we need to do, for the Good of the whole community. We may need to look carefully at our working lives and our home lives: to consider the way that we respond to the poor, to captives, to the blind and to the downtrodden. If we are the good news then all of our words and actions must proclaim that fact.

Unaware, We Pass “Him” By

On life's busy thoroughfares
We meet with angels unawares —
But we are too busy to listen or hear,
Too busy to sense that God is near,
Too busy to stop and recognize
The grief that lies in another's eyes,
Too busy to offer to help or share,
Too busy to sympathize or care,
Too busy to do the good things we should,
Telling ourselves we would if we could.
But life is too swift and the pace is too great
And we dare not pause for we might be late
For our next appointment which means so much,
We are willing to brush off the Saviour's touch.
We tell ourselves there will come a day
We will have more time to pause on our way,
But before we know it "life's sun has set"
And we've passed the Saviour but never met,
For hurrying along life's thoroughfare
We passed Him by and remained unaware
That within the very sight of our eye,
Unnoticed, the Son of God passed by.

(Author unknown)



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving Thanks to The Lord.**

By – Nathan Family.

Live streaming of St. Richard's Mass on Sundays.

We are live streaming our 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass on Facebook.

Please search "Saint Richard's Parish Montreal".
Please leave your comments.

Sunday bulletin is posted on our website
www.strichards.ca

Sunday Offerings or Donations can be made through our website or through e-transfer. For E-transfer follow the steps below:

Name : St Richards Parish

Email to : strichard@videotron.ca (No security question is required)

In the message box write your envelope box number (if you have one)

YOU'RE DONE! We are set up for Automatic E-Transfer.

Thank you for supporting your parish!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Our homeless need help.

Speaking with the directors of a couple of Montreal shelters, (Notre Dame de la Rue & Resilience) the city is short about 1000 beds & 200 volunteers. They are in desperate need of sleeping bags and blankets.

If you have some warm blankets or sleeping bags to donate, please contact me at jwong@catholicaction.ca

APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Catholic Action Montreal's executive director **Judy Wong** is seeking donations of warm blankets and/or sleeping bags to help local Montreal shelters Notre-Dame de la Rue and Rue & Resilience. The city is short about 1000 beds and 200 volunteers. The shelters are in desperate need of these items. Please contact Judy at: jwong@catholicaction.ca



NET Ministries of Canada is launching a new podcast called *Youth Ministry 101* where you can learn tips, tricks and hear stories to help reach youth in your life, parish, or youth group! The podcast launched on January 18 and a new episode will come out every two weeks until summer 2022! Search NET Canada on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts or Google Podcasts. For more information visit www.netcanada.ca or email communications@netcanada.ca

STAYING POSITIVE IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

“BAD THINGS DO HAPPEN; HOW I RESPOND TO THEM DEFINES MY CHARACTER AND THE QUALITY OF MY LIFE. I CAN CHOOSE TO SIT IN PERPETUAL SADNESS, IMMOBILIZED BY THE GRAVITY OF MY LOSS, OR I CAN CHOOSE TO RISE FROM THE PAIN AND TREASURE THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT I HAVE - LIFE ITSELF.”

WALTER ANDERSON

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