

Mass Intentions (Feb 11-17, 2023)

Sat. Feb 11/4:30 p.m. Sr. Dianna Lieffers - Erin Shannon

Sun. Feb 12/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott Families
Giuseppe Mancini - Josie, Mena & Domenico Mancini
Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino
Lucia I Liganor & Ricardo T. Liganor Sr. - Wah Leung Chan & Lilian Liganor

Wed. Feb 15/10:00 a.m. Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi

Thu. Feb 16/10:00 a.m. Antonio Muzzo - Anna Muzzo

Fri. Feb 17/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

“Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.”

First Reading (Sirach 15.15-20)

The Lord has not commanded anyone to be wicked.

Second Reading (1 Cor 2:6-10)

God decreed wisdom before the ages of our glory.

Gospel (Matthew 5:17-37)

You have heard what was said to those of ancient time; but I say to you...

Reflection:

Living a life of a disciple of Jesus, the Master-Teacher, is challenging.

Jesus asks us to do more than just keep the commands and the law.

Our First Reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures and speaks of the importance of knowing and keeping the commandments. Psalm 119 also declares the value of seeking to do what GOD requires of us in order to experience blessings from GOD. The Second Reading proclaims the awesomeness of GOD's wisdom, which had been revealed in the past to the Hebrew people but is now being revealed to all who are open to the movement of the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus emphatically announces that

He has not come to do away with the Law and the Prophets (Hebrew Scriptures) but to bring them to fulfillment and raise the bar even higher. He lifts the bar higher and makes the commandments produce what they were meant to produce: a closer relationship with GOD. Not only are

people called to avoid murder, adultery, testifying falsely; but they also are to work toward positive relationship with others, enhancing their marital relationships, and speaking well of others. One important example which Jesus describes in the Gospel is that before we come to the altar to worship GOD and present our gifts, if we realize that someone has something against us, we must go out and be reconciled. Notice that Jesus doesn't say that if we have something against someone else, but if someone is out of sorts with us. We may be totally okay with the other person, but if we sense that another person may be at odds with us, we need to go to them.

May you accept Jesus' invitation to reach the fullness of what He has for you, now and eternally.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

New Choir Members needed

We need new choir members for our Sunday choir. Only requirement is to be available for practice at 9:30 am on Sundays and thereafter for mass. If you are interested please contact our Choir director Connie Wilson after the Sunday mass.

Volunteers needed to maintain the Altar and the Sacristy

We need volunteers to assist in maintaining the altar and the sacristy. The requirement is one volunteer to be present at 9:30 am on Sundays to assist Yvonne Gouveia. Two more volunteers are needed to clean the altar and the sacristy on Saturdays at 10:45 am for one hour. Please contact Anna Maria Marinoni after the Sunday mass.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Speedy recovery for Coral Henriques.

By – Ian & Leila Henriques.

OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE YOUR USED COMPUTER FOR THE NEEDY CHILDREN!

Children belonging to refugee and asylum seeker families need computer or laptop to do their homework. If you no longer use your old one, please bring it to the Church office. One of our volunteer engineer will repair them before giving it to the families.

Thank you for helping.

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office. We are here to serve you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation every Sunday, 30 minutes before mass or any other day/time by appointment. (514) 488-0778.

Churches today have continued the mission, but many still face difficulties in developing their churches, and St. Richards Parish is no different. As generations pass on, people have less interest in the traditional ways. The reality is churches must grow to survive and spread the Gospel. The benefits of growing a church come with reaching more people, sharing God's message, and making a difference in people's lives.

Fr. George wishes with every parishioner's help to build a vibrant parish community for St. Richards Parish. He humbly request we all make an effort to invite and bring family and friends to Sunday mass. We can only succeed with your help.

Thank you for making an effort.

Late Sunday Mass

**LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER
MISSED YOUR REGULAR CELEBRATION
JUST GETTING BACK FROM THE COTTAGE
JOIN US AT THE "LAST CHANCE MASS"
ST. WILLIBRORD'S PARISH
351 RUE WILLIBRORD, VERDUN,
H4G 2T7
8:00 PM**

The Countdown for Lent Ash Wednesday February 22.

Lent is an important season in the Church's year. Every year Christians use Lent to prepare themselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, On Easter Sunday.

Lent is the forty days before Easter. Christians do not include Sundays in the forty days because they celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. As Ash Wednesday approaches, we want to be ready to really take off on that day. Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations.

"What does God want to give me this year?"

Valentine's day can create a variety of emotions for different people. For some it creates great satisfaction celebrating the love you have between you and your friends & family. For others it can cause feelings of loneliness. Whether you are single or in a relationship, let this Bible verse encourage you to celebrate, for God has unconditional and indescribable love for us.

***"Take delight in the LORD,
and HE will give you the desires
of your heart".***

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL!