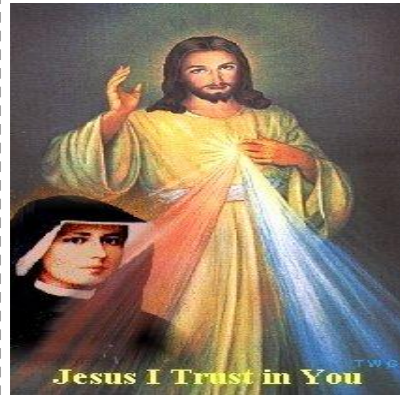


**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
&
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



*Our Lord's Mercy grants
forgiveness of all sins
and punishment on
The Feast of Divine Mercy,
Mercy Sunday,
mercy for even the
most hardened sinners!*

“Doubt no longer but believe.”

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have
come to believe.”**

First Reading (Acts 2:42-47)

Day after day the Lord added to the number of the disciples those who were being saved.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:3-9)

By his great mercy, God the Father has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel (John 20:19-31)

The disciples received the wondrous gift of peace from the Lord Jesus when they were locked away in a state of fear.

Reflection:

All of us have probably, at some point in our lives, been in a situation where we have been afraid. The disciples are exactly the same as us; in today's Gospel account we find that the disciples are afraid and have locked themselves away in a room. It may be partly that they remember how they were terrified at the time of Jesus' passion, and they all let the Lord down and ran away. Now they are hearing that Jesus is alive from the dead; if it's true, what will he have to say to them? Perhaps they are thinking that Jesus might have a good reason to come back to the disciples in a foul mood: *“Where were you when I needed you, how could you have run away, did you not promise that you would die for me?”*

However, Jesus is the giver of peace and the communicator of peace.

**Now risen alive, his first words to the disciples are,
“SHALOM (peace and reconciliation). Peace be with you.”**

This is something for us all to take to heart. Jesus is speaking the same words of peace to us. With the peace of Jesus gifted to us, we can be people at peace with ourselves, at peace with the Lord himself, and then become people of peace in our world, which truly needs peace.

Today, as we continue to be an Easter people, with Alleluia as our song, let us take the peace of Jesus deep into our lives and let us be true ambassadors of the Lord, taking his peace into the world.

Let us be like Thomas and humbly yet joyfully salute our risen Lord with his beautiful words: **“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”**

Mass Intentions (April 15-21, 2023)

Sat. Apr 15/4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for Kristina Shanahan - Teresa Baird

Sun. Apr 16/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Sam Atallah - Carole & Kevin Shanahan
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Clinton & Hamiltus Seneviratne - Kahawita family
Joe Giancola & Giuseppe Venanzi - Angela Venanzi
Francesco Nardi & Vito Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi
Estela & Ray Angelo Taguinod & Richard Gélinas- Guia Gélinas

Wed. Apr 19/10:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Kristina Shanahan - Teresa Baird

Thu. Apr 20/10:00 a.m. Lucia I. Liganor & Ricardo T. Liganor Sr. - Wah Keung

Fri. Apr 21/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
For Special Intentions & Giving Thanks to The Lord.**

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

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.

Every Friday 9 to 10 am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
&**

Chaplet of The Divine Mercy followed by mass at 10 am.

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.

RESOURCES

Catholic Cancer Connection

Are you suffering with, recovering from, or supporting someone with cancer? [Catholic Cancer Connection](#) is here for you. Our online gatherings and phone network offer spiritual support through prayer, sha-ring and more. Contact [Debbie](#) or join their [Facebook group](#).

Catholic Single Mothers Podcast

If you're a single mother looking for hope and inspiration, this podcast is for you. We are an organization called [Momentum](#), a Catholic faith community for single mothers. Join us, as we hear stories and reflections from single mothers and other guests on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

A CREED FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...
I asked for health, that I might do great things.
I was given infirmity that I might do better things...
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise...
I asked for power, that I may have the praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...
I got nothing I asked for- but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were
answered.*

I am, among those, most richly blessed!

~ Roy Campanella

HAVE A BLESSED AND SAFE WEEK!