

Mass Intentions from June 15-21 2024

Sat. Jun 15 /4:30 p.m. Gail Shannon & Sister St. Rita of Jesus (CND)- Erin Shannon

Sun. Jun 16/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
 Tony Broccolini - Annette Broccolini
 Fr. Martin Foley - Samia Cassar
 Michael Joseph - Avis Roberts-Joseph
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family
 Giuseppe Venanzi & Joe Giancola - Angela Venanzi
 Vito Andreacchi, Giuseppe & Francesco Nardi - Elisabetta Nardi
 Pasqualina & Casimiro Boni - Angela & Giuseppe Palmarella

Wed. Jun 19/10:00 a.m. Special Intentions - Kahawita family

Thur. Jun 20/10:00 a.m. Caterina Bertucci, Giuseppe & Antonio Nardi - E Nardi

Memorial – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Times - (Year B)

First Reading (Ezekiel 17:22-24)

In the first reading the prophet Ezekiel brings comfort to God's people with the promise that their fortunes will be restored. This work comes about only by God's loving act, through the same power that makes great and beautiful trees from small shoots.

Second Reading (2 Cor 5:6-10)

Paul reminds us that it is not through our own sight and certainty that we can have confidence about what lies ahead, but through faith in Jesus. Walking in this faith we find our pleasures in Christ, whatever the condition of our life.

Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) Jesus longs to bring his disciples into an understanding of the kingdom of God. The stories he uses for his friends are stories of the mystery of growth and fruitfulness in creation, the mystery of God's loving presence at work in the world.

Reflection:

The seed grows without the sower knowing how.

The same is with the mystery of how life grows.

Jesus' use of images of growth in creation, as parables of the kingdom - a mysterious work of God's creative power.

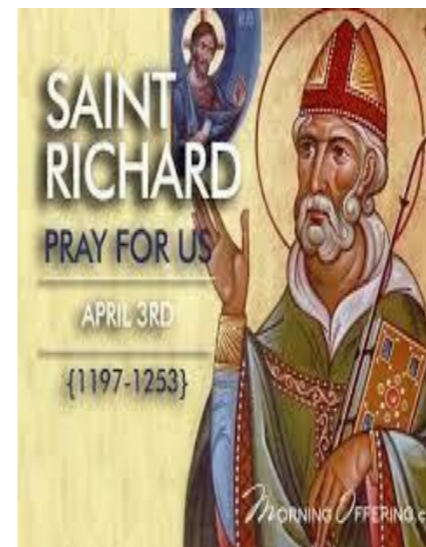
The call to remember that it is God's power, through all our little everyday works, that builds God's kingdom.

The call to follow Jesus is not so much a call to hard work, but rather an invitation to live life and discern and trust in God's creative, loving power.

May you continue to grow in the way which God intends and may you be willing to share your experience of growth with others.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
For all FATHER'S.



The Life of St. Richard

St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253), also known as Richard de Wyche, who became **Saint Richard**, was a man of strong character, an accomplished scholar, energetic, kind, and modest about his own powers, cheerful, courageous and highly ethical individual. He loved people and was greatly beloved by them.

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Côte St. Luc Catholics get their own Parish Church St. Richards 1959-1964 (A Brief History)

In the early 1950s, the responsibility for Côte St. Luc Catholics was transferred to Ste. Catherine de Sienne Parish, a new parish formed out of the original Notre Dame de Grace Parish. The Pius XI Chapel continued to be used for Sunday Mass in the community with Ste. Catherine de Sienne being used for other ceremonies and rituals. Among the new residents resulting from the 1950s population explosion were a considerable number of Catholics, mainly English, Scottish and French, and so the aging Pie XI Chapel became jammed at Sunday Masses. Catholic community leaders felt that the numbers were sufficient and the time had come to build a new church. A petition was drawn up and was successfully received by the Archdiocese. On February 4, 1959, Paul Émile Cardinal Léger issued a decree founding the Parish of Saint -Richard.

On December 23, 1958 the Holy Sacrament was transferred from Pie XI Chapel to the newly built École Côte St. Luc and the school gym served as a Chapel for the new parish of St. Richard from February 1959 until the construction of the new Parish Church was completed in 1963.

On February 10th, 1959 the Diocese appointed Fr. Joseph Chamberland as the new parish priest of St. Richard's Parish.

In 1962 the property on Guelph Road was acquired and plans drawn up. In September excavation commenced and building began on the new church.

Fr. Chamberland was tireless in his efforts to complete the building of the new church. He served the parish until 1969 when the Redemptorist Fathers took over the administration of the Parish and Fr. Martin J. Foley C.Ss.R. was appointed Pastor. Fr. Foley, well respected by all in the community, was the longest serving pastor at St. Richard's, serving the parish from 1969 to 1990. The administration of the Parish then reverted back to the Montreal Diocese.

These two dynamic pastors are remembered and honoured by the City of Côte St. Luc in the naming of "Father Chamberland Crescent" and Father Martin J. Foley Park".

St. Richard's has been singled out for its beautiful modern architecture. It is cited in the book "Canadian Churches: An Architectural History" by Peter and Douglas Richardson (Firefly Books 2007).

Over the years St. Richard's has had the added distinction of winning the Maison Fleuries contest for most beautiful landscaping of a public or religious building in Côte St. Luc.

St. Richard's parish has always maintained a cordial relationship with civic leaders who have graciously participated in many of our major Parish events.

Over the past 60 years many of our parishioners have made significant contributions to the life of the parish and the community.

Reaching out to the broader community, the Parish assists and supports groups and activities where there is a need. We are proud to support local and international groups such as Development and Peace, Christmas Basket for needy family in our parish and community. Christmas gifts for needy children, and Pastoral home care. Our Pastor and parishioners are active members of multi-ethnic and inter-religious groups including the Côte St. Luc Intercommunity Relations Committee. In addition, Missions, Healing Services, Bible class for children are regularly scheduled for the education and inspiration of everyone. **WELCOME TO ST. RICHARDS PARISH.**

It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."

Mother Teresa (1910-1997) Founder Of The Missionaries Of Charity.

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,

*In your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves,
the responsibility of parenting.*

*Bless those who have lost a spouse to death... or
divorce who are parenting their children alone.
Strengthen them by your love that they may be and
become loving, caring persons they are meant to be.*

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!