

Mass Intentions (Feb 14 – 20) 2026

Sat. Feb 14/4:30 p.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Sun. Feb 15 /10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Antonio Romano - Maria Giuseppe Garcea
Michael Joseph - Avice Roberts- Joseph
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family
Gino & Lolita Alfonso & Lucy Warner - Linda Alfonso
Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino
Deceased members of Zompa family - Lina & Vincenzo Maietta
Madeleine & deceased members of Chung family - Jacqueline & Jeanine

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed. Feb 18/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Thu. Feb 19/10:00 a.m. Antonio Romano - Maria Giuseppe Garcea

Fri. Feb 20/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

6th 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. 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.

Being a disciple of the Master-Teacher demands more than just not breaking rules and commandments. It requires that we do all we can to bring the GOOD News of the Lord Jesus' love to each person so they can share in the joys of GOD's love, now and forever.

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



**What Lent
means to me**

Ash Wednesday February 18

Mass and Blessing with Ashes

10:00 am - Parish

4:00 pm - St. Patrick's Square

7:15 to 7:45 pm Blessing with Ashes at the Parish

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday after the 10: 00 am mass.

Exposition and Holy Hour

9:30 to 10:00 am Every Friday

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to GOD.

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.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but 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?"

This question may require that I slow down a bit and *listen* to my inner spirit.

"What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?

The anticipation and the preparation are transformed with the companionship of family and close friends. We shouldn't be deterred by the fear that our spouse or children or friends "won't be into it." Jesus said, "Fear is useless; what's needed is trust." Imagine what we could all receive from GOD in these days.

Ash Wednesday is a great place to start with our planning. "What are we going to eat?" We can plan to *intentionally* have only one full meal on Ash Wednesday.

We can make that meal very meaningful and it doesn't take a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. It just takes desire and focus. GOD can do so much with that. We could wake up each morning and for half a minute to a minute, stand by the edge of our beds, and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent. Whatever we try to say, our Lord can understand the Spirit trying to speak through our simple words. Each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to GOD before we go to bed.

This simple pattern, in the morning and evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent, as a season of grace.

May our Lord bless us all on our journey ahead.



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
In memory of Hanesto & Estella Taguinod.**

By – Richard Gelinas

**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.**

Vatican News (05/02/2026)

Pope reiterates need to respect rights of children, protect them from danger.

Pope Leo XIV renews the Church's call to place children at the heart of global concern, warning that despite international commitments, the situation of the world's youngest remains deeply troubling.

Tragic realities facing many children today

During the audience in the Vatican, the Pope expressed concern for the reality facing children and young people today, describing it as a tragedy "that the children and youth of our world, the ones Jesus wanted to come to him, are so often deprived of care and access to the basic necessities of life."

Frequently, he added, they have "few opportunities for achieving their God-given potential," and he noted that over the past year the situation has not improved.

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Questioning whether global priorities have shifted away from the most vulnerable, the Pope wondered whether "global commitments for sustainable development have been cast aside" as we see so many children who continue to live in extreme poverty, suffer abuse, are forcibly displaced, and lack education, while being "isolated or separated from their families."

Recalling Pope Francis' teaching, he reaffirmed the importance of the family, highlighting the child's "right to receive love from a mother and a father; both are necessary for a child's integral and harmonious development."

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