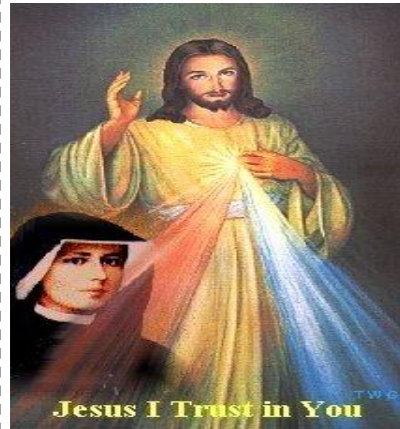


**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
&
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



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)

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

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)

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.

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 11-17, 2026)

Sat. Apr 11/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Apr 12/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
	Sam Atallah	- Atalla family
	Henry Haddad	- Samia Cassar
	Michael Joseph	- Avice Robert-Joseph
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott families
	Sabia & Donato Palmarella	- Angela & Giuseppe Palmarella
	Lucia I. Liganor & Ricardo T. Liganor Sr.	- Liganor & Chan family
	Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni	- Elisabetta Nardi
	Honesto, Estela & Ray Angelo Taguinod & Richard Gélinas	- Guia Gélinas

Wed. Apr 15/10:00 a.m. Antonio & Carolina Muzzo - Anna Muzzo

Thu. Apr 16/10:00 a.m. George Weldensaie - LeteamlakTemnu

Memorial – St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Fri. Apr 17/10:00 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.**

Every Friday 9:30 to 10 am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
&**

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

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.**



FOR FR. GEORGE JOSEPH...

St. Richards & St. Josephs Parish will be hosting a joint farewell BBQ with a traditional Indian menu for Fr. George Joseph on Sunday, May 17th after the 10:30 am mass.

Tickets will be available for purchase next Sunday for 10\$ each.

FR. WE WILL ALL MISS YOU!

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!