



Mass Intentions (April 4-12, 2020)

Sat. Apr 4 -	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Apr 5 -	Nick Baird Eileen Shanahan Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino Dr. Nagib Cassar	- Teresa Baird - Shanahan & Scott families - Nick Cicchino - Teresa Baird & the Shanahan & Scott families
Wed. Apr 8 -	HOLY WEEK	(Mass for the People)
Thur. Apr 9 -	HOLY THURSDAY	(Mass for the People)
Fri. Apr 10 -	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sat. Apr 11 -	HOLY SATURDAY	(Mass for all our Parishioners)
Sun. Apr 12 -	EASTER SUNDAY	(Mass for all our Parishioners)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)

“Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.”

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7)

The first of four enigmatic songs in Isaiah about the anonymous Servant of the Lord. These give a wonderful backdrop to the passion and death of Jesus.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)

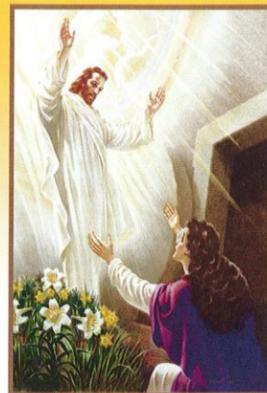
Paul quotes what is thought to have been a song sung in the early Christian communities: powerful words echoed in the Gospel acclamation.

Gospel (Matthew 26:14 -27:66)

Matthew's is the longest of the Gospel passion narratives. It includes features not found in other versions, including Pontius Pilate washing his hands, Pilate's wife, the earthquake and more.

Reflection:

Matthew wrote his Gospel to strengthen the faith of followers of Jesus who had found themselves expelled from the synagogues by the former Pharisees. These had taken to themselves the teaching of the Law of Moses, and clearly felt challenged by those pledging allegiance to Jesus of Nazareth. Matthew's document was a great resource for strengthening the faith of those caught up in these purges. Today the Gospel, particularly the story of Jesus' passion, is a valuable resource for strengthening our own faith, and for our determination daily to witness to Jesus' death and resurrection in our own lives.



I know that my Redeemer lives.

JOB 19:25 (NKJV)

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

As you already know due to the pandemic we are experiencing, all Churches in the diocese have been closed and masses cancelled until further notice. This includes Holy Week and Easter Celebrations.

These restrictions on your access to the Church, especially at this time of the year is very painful.

As your pastor please rest assured that you are in my prayers while I celebrate Masses privately with your special intentions.

The place where we encounter the Risen Christ today is not the empty tomb but the hidden recesses of our deepest self. Our searching, our prayers, our pain, and our love lead us to Him.

May you and your loved ones know the Peace and Joy of this Easter Season.

Yours Truly in Christ,

Fr. Peter Laviolette

P.S. Our weekly parish bulletin is posted on line at www.strichards.ca. You may access the site where you can receive the readings and reflections for the Sundays. Thank you for your ongoing financial support which plays a crucial part in the survival of your parish and especially during these difficult times.

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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Victor Chartier.

By:

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Schedule for Holy Week Celebrations with Archbishop Christian Lépine via Salt + Light Television

Montreal, April 2, 2020 – The Archdiocese of Montreal today announced the full schedule for Holy Week services to be celebrated by Archbishop Christian Lépine, and which will be broadcast live from Montreal's Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on Salt + Light Television. Everyone is welcome to tune in or follow the live stream online.

- **Sunday, April 5, 2020: 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday):** This liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week, commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem.
- **Wednesday, April 8, 2020: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Chrism Mass):** During this Mass, the Archbishop blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. Traditionally, clergy gather around their Bishop for this special consecration.
- **Thursday, April 9, 2020: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Mass in coena Domini):** This commemoration of the Lord's Supper will forego the customary foot-washing ceremony, to be replaced this year with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by the blessing of the city of Montreal from the forecourt of the cathedral.
- **Friday, April 10, 2020: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Good Friday):** This liturgy commemorates the Lord's passion and death.
- **Saturday, April 11, 2020: 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (Easter Vigil):** This vigil, during which the Church watches in anticipation of the Resurrection, celebrates the passage from darkness to light, Christ's victory over death.
- **Sunday, April 12, 2020: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Easter Sunday Mass):** This celebration of the Lord's Resurrection from death, concludes Holy Week and marks the start of the Easter season.

Everyone is invited to follow these services via Salt + Light Television, on their website: <https://seletlumieretv.org>, on YouTube : <https://www.youtube.com/user/seletlumieretv> on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/seletlumieretv>

All celebrations will take place "in camera" only, with priests from the community residence of the Archdiocese of Montreal, and for the intentions of the Church and the salvation of the world during this painful time marked by COVID-19.

A new telephone support service has been set up by the Catholic Church in Montreal for those who need a listening ear or spiritual support amid the onset of self-isolation, restrictions and pandemic concerns. Those seeking spiritual support may call 1-888-305-0994 seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please refer to the diocesan website for other initiatives offering support through listening and accompaniment:

<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/covid-19>