

Mass Intentions (July 5 & 12, 2020)

Sun. Jul 5 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Paulette Atallah - Teresa Baird
Beatrice Beaulieu - Family
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Mireille Nafekh
Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Francesco & Angel Antonia Palucci - Elisabetta & Carlo Palucci
Francesco, Valentina & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino
Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Faherty,
Scott, Ryan, Malone, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

Sun. Jul 12 - Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Paulette Atallah - Teresa Baird
Dr. Nagib Cassar - Mireille Nafekh
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Francesco & & Domenica Tedeschi - Elisabetta, Carlo & Figlia
Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Faherty,
Scott, Ryan, Malone, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

“Come to me all you who are overburdened.”

First Reading (Zechariah 9.9-10)

Lo, your king comes to you, humbled and riding on a donkey.

Second Reading (Romans 8.9, 11-13)

If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel (Matthew 11.25-30)

I am gentle and humble in heart.

Reflection:

The main invitation that Jesus offers us is the one to follow him; ‘if anyone wants to come with me, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.’ (Mtt. 16.24). This is simply an invitation, but it is also a very challenging one. In today’s gospel, Jesus offers us another invitation, but it is more comforting and supportive! What a feeling of relief when our burdens are lifted! Jesus knows how to get our attention!

In today’s Gospel, this is **His promise**. **“Come to Me, all of you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”** What a message of **Hope** for the world as we pass through the losses and threats of the Covid-19 virus.

What a message of **Love** so needed for our world today as we face our original sin of years of racism and brutality. We all experienced the struggles and difficulties of daily life; illness, family problems, bereavement and so much more with which we are all too familiar. We are not alone as we experience any of this. Jesus is not asking us to go through any of this on our own. He wants to walk with us by our side and wants us to walk with him. As we take up our cross and follow Jesus, he also wants us to shoulder his yoke so that he can support and strengthen us during these difficult days. As we continue to live with the ongoing impact of the virus, can we also hear and accept the invitation that Jesus offers to each of us today and everyday; **‘Come to me, and I will give you rest.’**

Re-opening of our parish church

Dear Parishioners,

The Diocese of Montreal has given us approval to reopen the church. It is the team work that made this possible. Congratulations to everyone and a BIG thank YOU!

Regards Nathan

The church will be open for personal prayers every day from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The daily masses have been cancelled during the months of July and August.

Our first Sunday mass will be on the 12 July, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The sacrament of reconciliation can be had before or after the mass on request.

Please observe the following guidelines as required by the government/diocese:

- ▶ **The church has been decontaminated and marked for social distancing.**
- ▶ **The total number of people we can accommodate is about 120.**
- ▶ **Please come at least fifteen minutes before the mass, as social distancing and health guidelines will be followed.**
- ▶ **Please check your temperature before coming for the mass.**
- ▶ **If you have a fever, running nose, cough or sore throat, please do not come.**
- ▶ **If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19, please do not come.**
- ▶ **If you or anyone, with whom you have been in contact has travelled outside Canada in the last fourteen days, please do not come.**
- ▶ **Please wear a mask in the church and use hand sanitizer.**
- ▶ **Please keep the social distancing inside and outside the church.**
- ▶ **There will be hand sanitizer at the entrance to the church. You may bring your own sanitizer.**
- ▶ **Couples and family could sit together, keeping a distance of six feet from others.**

We are all in this together.

We thank you for your continued co-operation.

Please keep safe and stay healthy.

**For any clarifications, please contact:
Joe and Brenda Panunto at 514 484-0381**

**Volunteers required for : Welcoming, Mobility, Sanitizing and Cleaning.
Sanitizing and cleaning will be done right after the mass.
Please contact Deacon S S Nathan for details drsnathan@yahoo.com
514 770-0628.**

Thank you for your continued help!



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving Thanks to the Lord.**

By : Velia Parissi.

Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal issues ninth pastoral letter amid pandemic crisis.

Dear Brother Priests,
Dear Pastoral Team Members and Parish Catechetical Leaders,
Dear Members of local “Deconfinement” Committees,
Dear Volunteers,
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Given that church doors have been closed for more than three months and the concerted efforts made by your parish or mission to reach out to people, you are keenly aware of the need for spiritual care that people of all generations require. In many cases, prayer life at home has grown, together with a renewed appreciation for the family as the “domestic church.” Meanwhile, so many people have told us how much they long to be able to return to church, be it for personal prayer, to receive the Eucharist, to become actively involved once again in Church life and in society.

Church doors received the “green light” to open as of June 22; however, we remain mindful of the ongoing threat posed by COVID-19 and must continue to work toward prevention during the “deconfinement” process. From the moment visitors are welcomed at church until their departure, by providing guidelines governing indoor movement, personal prayer and liturgy, implementing the various elements of the diocesan protocol will create the appropriate safe environment that is so necessary.

As you implement the protocol locally, which includes posting your opening hours and mass times; observing the frequently mentioned measures of hand-washing, physical distancing and maskwearing; refraining from congregational singing; and disinfecting the premises between celebrations, all these efforts help to reduce the risk of transmission through contact and the discharge of respiratory water droplets.

I would like to thank the Diocesan “Deconfinement” Committee for developing the documents and facilitating the webinars. The process entailed a considerable amount of work for the team members. Implementing the protocol at the local level will equally require a considerable amount of work for parish and religious community teams. However, when you see people eager to enter a church once again and to pray there, it makes all the effort worthwhile. When you see people whom you have never seen before come to church attracted to the faith, one realizes that, though we are sailing into the unknown, God never ceases to stir hearts.

The doors of your heart never closed, and I thank each of you for all the work you have done and continue to do. Let us continue to keep in mind those individuals and families who are still confined at home, by reaching out to them in a thousand-plus ways. Let us grow in our readiness to meet, to reach out and welcome, to accompany and to lead others to Jesus Christ. The People of God are thirsty.

May God guide us in standing together for the Mission, to be a Church close to people, and at the same time, a Church that reaches out with open arms and doors.

On the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul,

† **Christian Lépine**
Archbishop of Montreal