

Mass Intentions from Dec 4-10, 2021

Sat. Dec 4/4:30 p.m. Katie & Parents - Erin Shannon
 Sun. Dec 5/11:00 a.m. Nick Baird -Teresa Baird
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family
 Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino

Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed. Dec 8/10:00 a.m. Giving Thanks to The Virgin Mary - Elisabetta Nardi
 Thu. Dec 9/10:00 a.m. Agata & Luciono Gentile & Bruno Roti - Elisabetta Nardi
 Fri. Dec 10/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



“Every valley will be filled in, and every mountain and hill laid low.”

First Reading (Baruch 5:1-9) God will show you splendor.

Second Reading (Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11)

In the day of Christ, may you be pure and blameless.

Gospel (Luke 3:1-6)

John urges people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah by acknowledging their sins and the reality of God’s loving forgiveness.

REFLECTION

We are still in Advent, awaiting the Advent (“Coming”) of the Lord Jesus.

The key character in today’s Gospel is John the Baptist.

St. Luke gives historical credence to John by describing the civil and religious authorities at the time of John the Baptist (circa 28 A.D. ± 2). John is seen as a prophet, called by God to announce the message of the coming of the Messiah. His message comes with a call to repentance and a sign of wanting to have one’s sins forgiven, so that they would be ready for the arrival (**adventus**) of the Messiah.

The anticipated coming of the Lord Jesus should be a time of joy, mixed with a sense of repentance and a desire to live a reformed life.

This is true for us who await for Jesus’ final return. For us who seek to be faithful, it should be time of joyful expectation. It is also to be a time when we look and see if we have anything in our lives which needs to be straightened out.

May you continue to prepare to celebrate the Coming (Adventus) of the Lord Jesus.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT CITY HALL (COTE-ST-LUC)

Tuesday December 7th, at 4:30 p.m.

Father George Joseph will be lighting the tree and our choir will be in attendance. Your presence at City Hall will be much appreciated

A nice way to begin the Christmas Season!!!

We thank all parishioners who attended the Wardens’ meeting last Sunday.

New Sunday Missals 2021-22

New Sunday missal is available for purchase.

cost: \$5.00 each.

Please have the correct amount for your purchase.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week Giving Thanks to the Lord and all The Saints.

By: Rosolino & Paulina Palliotti.

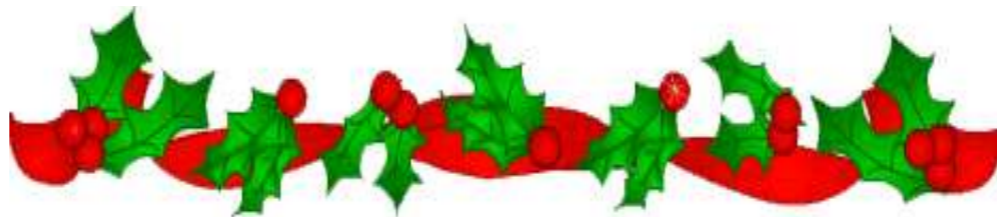


Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting!

As we wish to continue our Annual Christmas food and gift giving, this year due to the ongoing pandemic, instead of food baskets, we have decided to give GIFT VOUCHERS, to the needy families. During this special season, we hope you will be generous as you have always been for the needy. We would appreciate (within your means) if possible, to make your donation by the 3rd Sunday of Advent December 12th. to enable us handing out the gift vouchers before Christmas.

You may use E-transfer for your Christmas gift for the needy. Go to www.strichards.ca click on the Donate button.

We thank you for your ongoing generosity during these unusual difficult times which will make many families happy!



St. Richards Annual Christmas Raffle will be held next Sunday December 12th after the 11 a.m. mass.

This is a fundraiser and we need your help more than ever to sell and buy tickets or make a donation.

Fabulous prizes to be won!

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.

Please see Teresa Baird if you can help.

Thank you for helping your parish!



This year you will find TWO Christmas trees at the back of the church. You are invited to donate new children’s toys, hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves which will be delivered to needy children. These items may be placed under the specially marked Christmas trees. What a great way for St. Richard’s Parishioners Reaching Out to Share and Care for those less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve December 24 ~ Mass 4:30 p.m. (St. Pat’s Square)

Christmas Eve December 24 ~ Mass 8:00 p.m. (St. Richard’s)

Carols begin at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day December 25 ~ Mass 11:00 a.m. (St. Richard’s)

New Year’s Day January 1, 2022

Mass 11:00 a.m. (St. Richard’s)

Mass 4:30 p.m. (St. Pat’s Sq)

Regular weekday morning mass at 10 a.m.

There will be no weekday morning mass on December 24th.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday Evening from 5 to 6 p.m.

(Silent meditation followed by the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy)

Sacrament of Reconciliation can be heard every Sunday 30 minutes before and after mass.