

Mass Intentions from Dec 11-17, 2021

Sat. Dec 11/4:30 p.m.	Good health for Grace Gough	- Norma Hayes
Sun. Dec 12/11:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	-Teresa Baird
	Neville Gouveia	- Yvonne Gouveia
	Giuseppina & Sante Bellini	- Anna Bellini
	Evelyn & Servulus Henriques	- Coral & family
	Joseph Giancola & Giuseppe Venanzi	- Felicia Venanzi
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott family
	Aniello Di-Scala	- Filomena Di Scala & family
Wed. Dec 15/10:00 a.m.	Angel Antonia Palucci	- Elisabetta Palucci & family
Thu. Dec 16/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi	- Elisabetta Nardi
Fri. Dec 17/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family	- Teresa Baird

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



J - Jesus

O - Others

Y - Yourself

The three letters of the word JOY to speak about how you connect to Jesus, Others, and Yourself. If you are able to develop a sense of Who Jesus is, how you are called to serve Others, and being able to appreciate Yourself and the gifts God has given you, then you can "ReJOYce" always, even in the midst of challenging times.

First Reading (Zephaniah 3:14-18)

The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:4-7) The Lord is close at hand.

Gospel (Luke 3:10-18) In the face of the coming judgment, John the Baptist explains how his questioners must behave.

REFLECTION: *Gaudete! Rejoice! That's our calling today.*

It may sound easy, but it demands our full attention and active participation. As we reflect on the readings of this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday, we realize there are reasons for rejoicing. The church sometimes manifests this joy by using pink or rose instead of the purple. There is a sense of joy at the nearness of the Lord Jesus. This is not just because Christmas is Thirteen days from this Sunday and we are closer to this joyous celebration of the Coming of the Lord Jesus in His birth in Bethlehem. This rejoicing should flow from the awareness of the Lord Jesus' coming to us repeatedly and always. The rejoicing we are called to do is to be reflected in our way of life, which is primarily a call for repentance, but attached to it is a message of joyful expectation of the Coming of the Lord Messiah (Christ). We are being urged to live in a manner which joyfully proclaims our readiness for the Lord Jesus to come to us at any and every moment.



Please join us after mass in the hall for our Faith First Christmas Pageant, Caroling & Raffle.

Due to covid restrictions, there will be no food served. All are welcome!



Giving Tree

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.

Next Sunday December 19, the Eucharistic Celebration will include a reconciliation service. More priests will be available to hear confessions. Fr. Raymond Lafontaine will be the main celebrant.



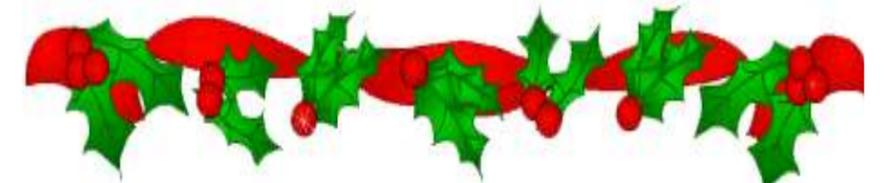
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week In memory of Vincenzo Roti & Rosina Bertucci.

By: Lina Roti & family.

Count your Blessings...

Let us reach out to the needy families in our parish. If you know of any family in need of help, please reach out to them, get to know their need and inform the parish office by telephone or email.

514- 488-0778 or strichard@videotron.ca **Thank you!**



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!

