

Mass Intentions from February 13-18, 2022

Sun. Feb 13/11:00 a.m. Nick Baird -Teresa Baird
 Aida Cassar - Samia Cassar
 Giuseppe Giancolla - Felicia Venanzi
 Giuseppe Mancini - Parishioners
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
 Vincenzo & Rosina Roti - Lina, Behrooz & Frank
 Clinton & Hamiltus Senevirantne - Kahawita family

Wed. Feb 16/10:00 a.m. Antonio Muzzo - Salvatore & Elvira Muzzo

Thu. Feb 17/10:00 a.m. Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi

Fri. Feb 18/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

6thSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

"How happy are you who are poor : yours is the kingdom of God."

First Reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals;
 blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20)

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Gospel (Luke 6:17. 20-26)

Jesus tells the crowd that if they are to follow him they must choose to live a way of life which the world will despise.
 The rewards, however, will make their sacrifice worthwhile.

Reflection:

Blessedness is the theme of today's readings.

True blessedness can only be described in similes and allegories.
 As humans, we are all dedicated to some end or purpose.

We all have choices to make in life, choices about how we are to live our lives. The problem with many of the ends which people seek is that they are just temporary or materialistic, which means they do not fill us completely and they leave us wanting more. Seeking earthly goals causes restlessness.

Today's gospel encourages us to reflect upon the values we choose to live by. In an age where a great deal of status is attached to material wealth it is challenging to hear Christ's words, *"how happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God."* When we spend time reflecting on our lives most of us discovers that they are far too complicated. We are working all hours for the "luxuries" of live we may find that many of these luxuries are unnecessary.

Inspired by the gospel, we should choose the values we wish to live by. By trusting in the Lord alone will we be able to withstand the rough times ahead, just as a tree which sinks its roots down to the water table of a flowing river can withstand the drought and dry seasons.

May you continue to trust in Jesus and the divine promises of His *Abba*-Father and may you be blessed to experience the fullness of life in the age to come.

To attend services the following COVID-19 Guidelines are mandatory

- Vaccination passport
- Wearing of face mask
- Disinfecting the hands
- Keeping one meter distance.

MASS TIMINGS

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 Rosary begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by mass at 10:00 a.m.

DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Every Wednesday after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Friday Evening from 5 to 6 p.m.
(Silent meditation followed by the
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy)

Saturday Mass: 4:30 p.m. (St. Patrick's Sq)
 Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m. (St. Richard's Parish)

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

Sunday Offerings or Donations can be made through our website or through e-transfer. For E-transfer follow the steps below:

Name : **St Richards Parish**

Email to : strichard@videotron.ca (No security question is required)

In the message box write your envelope box number (if you have one)

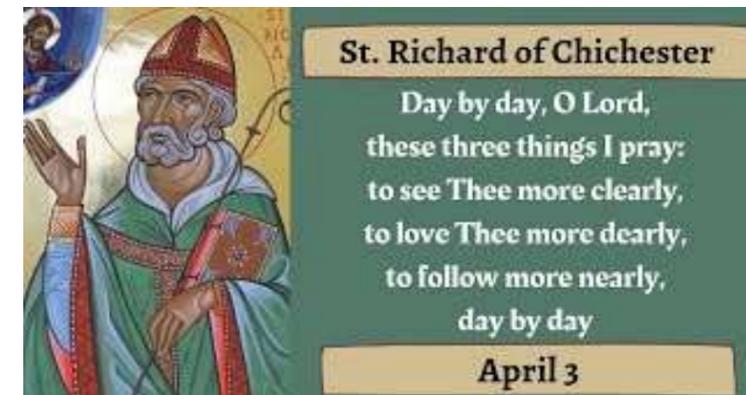
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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
 For Special Intentions & Giving Thanks to The Lord.

Happy Valentine's Day



Richard of Chichester, also known as Richard de Wych, is a saint who was Bishop of Chichester. In Chichester Cathedral a shrine dedicated to Richard had become a richly decorated centre of pilgrimage. In 1538, during the reign of Henry VIII, the shrine was plundered and destroyed by order of Thomas Cromwell.

Born: 1197, Droitwich Spa, United Kingdom

Died: April 3, 1253, Dover, United Kingdom

Patronage: Coachmen; Diocese of Chichester; Sussex, England

Canonized: 25 January 1262; Viterbo, Lazio, Papal States; by Pope Urban IV

1/15 Saint Richard of Chichester (*1197 – 1253)

The third of April is the feast of Saint Richard. The day is celebrated in the Anglican Communion, but is not recognized in the universal Roman Calendar although the good bishop appears in the *Roman Martyrology*. The Translation of St. Richard is celebrated at Chichester Cathedral on 16 June as his principal commemoration because the feast of St. Richard invariably falls in Lent or Eastertide. 2003 was the 750th anniversary of his death. Saint Richard is such an appealing patron, subsequent Richards or friends of a Richard might be interested in a little information about him.



APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Catholic Action Montreal's executive director **Judy Wong** is seeking donations of warm blankets and/or sleeping bags to help local Montreal shelters Notre-Dame de la Rue and Rue & Resilience.

The city is short about 1000 beds and 200 volunteers. The shelters are in desperate need of these items.

Please contact Judy at: jwong@catholicaction.ca