

Mass Intentions from March 12-18, 2022

Sat. Mar 12/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Mar 13/11:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	-Teresa Baird
	Joe Giancola	- Felicia Venanzi
	Jose Taccad	- Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Luong
	Giuseppe Mancini	- Brenda & Joe Panunto
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott families
	Vincenzo & Rosina Roti	- Lina, Behrooz & Frank
Wed. Mar 16/10:00 a.m.	Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi	- Elisabetta Nardi
Thu Mar 17/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Fri. Mar 18/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird	

2nd SUNDAY IN IN LENT (Year C)

“Master , it is wonderful for us to be here.”

First Reading (Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18)

We hear of the covenant made between God and Abraham, a covenant that will never be broken.

Second Reading (Philippians 3:17 - 4:1)

Being a disciple of Christ is never easy, particularly in a hostile world. Christ will transform our humble bodies, conforming them to his glorious body.

Gospel (Luke 9:28-36)

While on the top of Mount Tabor with his disciples, Jesus undergoes a transformation of such magnitude that Peter does not want the experience to be lost.

Reflection:

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth.

We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our God. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives.

If we make Good use of these 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Within each one of us there is beauty and light. Moments of awe and wonder are to be treasured, so that in times of difficulty we can think back to them and gain strength from them. Peter's experience on the mountain may appear to be short-lived, but it is such a momentous experience that it becomes a part of him, so that when his life later becomes very difficult he is able to remain faithful to his discipleship, knowing that he has experienced the majesty of God. Often, because of life's trials and difficulties, we can lose sight of the light within us. At our baptism we were given the light of Christ to share with the world that really needs that light. Perhaps this Lent is a time for us to reflect on our own inner beauty and to ask God to heal those areas that overshadow us and might prevent us from reflecting our light and Christ's light in the world.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intentions and giving Thanks to the Lord.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2021 are available for pick up at the back of the church arranged alphabetically.

Those who have not picked up their Sunday envelope box are requested to do so. Thank you!

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office. Thank you!

We are here to serve you.

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

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.

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 & HOLY HOUR: Every Friday 9:00 to 10:00 am

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday after the 10 00 am mass at the Parish

Every Friday at 3:00 pm at the St. Patrick's square.

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)

YOU'RE DONE! We are set up for Automatic E-Transfer.

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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10).

1. Sowing and reaping

In truth, we see only a small portion of the fruits of what we sow, since, according to the Gospel proverb, “one sows, while another reaps” (Jn 4:37). When we sow for the benefit of others, we share in God's own benevolent love: “it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others” ([Fratelli Tutti](#), 196). Sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan.

The word of God broadens and elevates our vision: it tells us that the real harvest is eschatological, the harvest of the last, undying day. The mature fruit of our lives and actions is “fruit for eternal life” (Jn 4:36), our “treasure in heaven” (Lk 12:33; 18:22). Jesus himself uses the image of the seed that dies in the ground in order to bear fruit as a symbol of the mystery of his death and resurrection (cf. Jn 12:24); while Saint Paul uses the same image to speak of the resurrection of our bodies: “What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable; what is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; what is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful; what is sown is a natural body, and what is raised is a spiritual body” (1 Cor 15:42-44). The hope of resurrection is the great light that the risen Christ brings to the world, for “if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable. In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15:19-20). Those who are intimately united to him in love “by dying a death like his” (Rom 6:5) will also be united to his resurrection for eternal life (cf. Jn 5:29). “Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father” (Mt 13:43). **To be continued....**

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND

"Spring is in the air, and the Pillars Trust is excited to be organizing our first ever Easter Food Bags project. We will be helping 96 families in need in multiple parishes across the diocese with food this spring. To help us pay for this food, we invite you to please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Pillars Trust fund today. Or if you are feeling lucky, you can buy tickets for our Easter 50/50 draw, all the proceeds of which will be going towards our Easter Food Bags. You can buy your tickets on our website: <https://www.pillarstrust.org/2022/03/easter-50-50-draw/>