

## Mass Intentions from March 19-25, 2022

Sat. Mar 19/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Mar 20/11:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Eileen Shanahan Angela Zomba Inaki Sarasola Joe Giancola & Giuseppe Venanzi Clinton & Hamiltus Seneviratne	-Teresa Baird - Shanahan & Scott - Brenda & Joe Panunto - Mirna Sarasola & family - Felicia Venanzi - Kahawita family
Wed. Mar 23/10:00 a.m.	Antonio Muzzo	- Anna Muzzo
Thu Mar 24/10:00 a.m.	Benedetta Di-Murro	- Daughter's
Fri. Mar 25/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird	

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

**“Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.”**

#### **First Reading** (Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15)

The Lord reveals himself to Moses as the one who will always be with his people.

#### **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12)

We are asked to learn from the lessons of the past.

#### **Gospel** (Luke 13:1-9)

Tragic events are not signs of God's punishment for us but spurs for us to change our ways.

#### **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.**

Disasters in the scriptures are seen by Jesus not as punishment by God for our misdemeanors but events that call us to reflect on how much we live our lives in full commitments to God.

St Paul wants us to take the events of the history of Israel as a warning as to what may happen to us Christians if we are not faithful to God and do not keep God's ways.

Jesus asks us to be more sensitive to the needs of our world and of each other. He asks us to be more imaginative in the ways we seek to help to secure the world as a better place to live, whether it be in the way we take care of our environment or how we support those who struggle in any way. It ties in with his frequent admonition to his disciples: "Stay awake, for you do not know either the day or hour."

We are the presence of Christ in our world.

**May you realize the gift of faith that God has given you and may you respond to that faith by living a life which produces GOOD fruit!**



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
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**Our First Community Event PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the parish hall. Pancakes and coffee will be served.**

**ALL ARE INVITED.**

**As we are continuously being blessed with abundance, a Goodwill offering to help the less fortunate in our parish is encouraged.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### **Catholic Bishops of Canada invite all Canadian faithful to join Pope Francis and to pray for peace.**

**17 March 2022 – Ottawa – On Friday, 25 March 2022**, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over at 5:00 pm (Rome time), in St Peter's Basilica.1 Pope Francis wishes to place the people of Ukraine and Russia under the protection of Mary, the Mother of God, with a special liturgical act. To this end, he will consecrate the two countries to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a penitential celebration. This act has been well received by the Catholic Bishops in Ukraine, as well as by the Russian Bishops.

In response to Pope Francis' decision to consecrate both Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Ukrainian Catholic leaders will prepare with a novena that will **start on 17 March 2022**. They hope that all Catholic faithful from around the world will join them.4 In view of this appeal, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, united with the Holy Father, invite their faithful and all people of good will to participate in the novena with the following prayer:

**God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.**

**Amen.**

### 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).

#### **2. “Let us not grow tired of doing good”**

Christ's resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the "great hope" of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, [Spe Salvi](#), 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others. Indeed, even our best resources have their limitations: "Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall" (Is 40:30). Yet God "gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless... Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire" (Is 40:29, 31). The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. 1 Pet 1:21), since only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (cf. Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle's appeal, "Let us never grow tired of doing good" (Gal 6:9).

*To be continued....*

**To attend services the following COVID-19 Guidelines are mandatory**

**Wearing of face mask at all times and disinfecting the hands.**

#### **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 9:30 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](mailto: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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