

Mass Intentions from March 26-April 1, 2022

Sat. Mar 26/4:30 p.m.	Robert Hayes	- Norma Hayes
Sun. Mar 27/11:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Eileen Shanahan Giuseppe Colafabio Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi	-Teresa Baird - Shanahan & Scott - Rosaria Colafabio - Elisabetta Nardi
Wed. Mar 30/10:00 a.m.	Dr. Nagib Cassar	- Hannah
Thu Mar 31/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Fri. April 1/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird	

4th SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

“This son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.”

First Reading (Joshua 5:9-12)

The people prepare to celebrate Passover – a final act of the nation prior to possession of the promised land.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

We are reconciled to God through Christ.

Gospel (Luke 15:1-3.11-32)

The story of the prodigal son – a story of repentance and mercy.

Reflection: Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth.

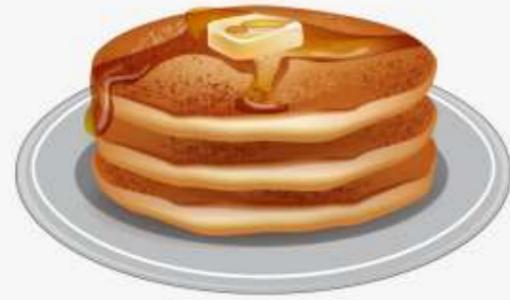
We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our God. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives. If we make Good use of these 40 days, we 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. Today's parable is one of the best-known and best-loved stories in the Bible. While it is generally called the parable of the prodigal son, the focus is not only on the prodigal son and his repentance but on the father and his mercy. The prodigal son is that part of us which is rebellious and irresponsible with the gifts God has placed in our lives. Perhaps we are takers who gather everything we can to ourselves, or squander what we have. Perhaps we don't show appreciation for our parents and families. What can we learn from the older brother's jealousy? Are you carrying a resentment that is stealing your joy? Have you tried to be less judgmental? How willing are you to reflect on this story for the rest of Lent, and do something about it so that Easter joy can be yours? Today's parable teaches that God offers people a second chance. Jesus calls for repentance and assures us that it is never too late to turn around our lives and bear fruit in God's eyes. God doesn't give up on us when we do things that are wrong and will always forgive us if we truly repent. **May you experience the newness of life (both physical and spiritual) which comes from God and may it lead to an even greater improvement in your life.**



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
For those displaced from their homes due to war and
natural disasters, to find a safe home.

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Our First Community Event PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on
Sunday April 3rd after the 11 am mass 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.



**Development
and Peace**

2022 Share Lent campaign: “This Lent, let's put people and planet first!”

Development and Peace is an organization founded by Canadian Bishops in 1967. In the season of Lent, The Bishops of Canada have reserved next Sunday April 3rd, the 5th Sunday in Lent for Development & Peace. A special collection to assist the Global South.

“So many people even today hope to have enough to eat. The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding that world's powerful that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they truly tried to provide food for Him in each person and whether they acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce food.”

A special envelope is in your box for this collection.

Thank You for your ongoing support for this humble cause.

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

**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.**



**REMEMBERING
YOUR LOVED ONES
AT THE RESURRECTION**



For the past few years we have been suggesting that if you wish to **“remember your loved ones”** by offering flowers for the sanctuary, you may do so by using your green bordered **“Easter Flower”** envelope provided in your box or you may use a blank envelope.

Please **write clearly ONLY THE NAMES OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES ON THE ENVELOPE.** Their names will be mentioned in the Easter Bulletin.

Envelopes will be accepted until Palm Sunday.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GOODWILL OFFERING.

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2021. Thank you!
Next week all receipts will be mailed.**

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

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”

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to “pray always without becoming weary” (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. Is 7:9). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history; [2] and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5).

To be continued....