

Mass Intentions from December 10-16, 2022

Sat. Dec 10/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Dec 11/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Nobert Pereira Neville Gouveia Mona & Julia Malak Vincenzo & Rosina Roti Aniello Di Scala Eileen Shanahan Giuseppe Giancola & Giuseppe Venanzi	- Teresa Baird - Kahawita Family - Yvonne Gouveia - Samia Cassar - Lina, Behrooz & Frank - Domenic Bellini & Family - Shanahan & Scott Families - Felicia Venanzi
Memorial - St. John of The Cross		
Wed. Dec 14/10:00 a.m.	Lucia Liganor	- Wah Keung & Lilian
Thu. Dec 15/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi	
Fri. Dec 16/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird	

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



J - Jesus

O - Others

Y - Yourself

"Be patient... until the Lord's coming."

First Reading (Isaiah 35:1-6.10) The prophet assures his people in exile that the Lord will come, the desert will bloom and human disabilities will be healed.

Second Reading (James 5:7-10) The farmer, who plants his seeds in autumn and, after early and late rains, sees the first shoots appear, in an example of patient waiting.

Gospel (Matthew 11:2-11) John's disciples assure him that his waiting is rewarded: the Messiah has come, the words of the prophet are fulfilled.

Reflection:

Today's Gospel centers on one of the key figures of the first half of Advent – John the Baptist. The imprisoned herald sends some of his followers to Jesus. John has them ask the question, "Are you the One Who is to come or should we look for another?" Some scripture scholars believe this reveals John's uncertainty about his own mission of preparing for the Messiah.

As Christians, we are an Advent people, not simply in the sense that for a few weeks each year we wait for Christ's birth at Christmas, but rather in the sense that our whole life is a time of waiting, a time of preparation, for the time when he will come again. Like John the Baptist, we are invited to go on patiently waiting and growing in friendship with the Lord until the day when all waiting will be over, the day when we shall gaze face to face upon the one we have waited for, the one we have longed for, the one we have sought, often unknowingly, our whole life long.

May you continue to look forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus and may that joyful anticipation motivate you to proclaim the Good News to others.



Please join us, after the 10 a.m. mass in the hall for our Annual Faith First Christmas Pageant, Pot Luck Lunch & Raffle.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FOR THIS EVENT.

THANK YOU!

To all the Sponsors and Donors for their contribution towards the painting of the wall panels in the Church this summer. A Plaque Honoring the individual sponsors for 11 of the 14 Stations Of The Cross has been made. It will be displayed on the wall at the entrance to the Church. 3 Stations are available for sponsor of \$ 1000 each. Thank you for helping your parish.

Next Sunday, December 18th will be the last Sunday to accept gifts, donations & non perishable food items for the needy families in our Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. George Joseph will be participating in the World Youth celebration in July, 2023 in Lisbon Portugal. If any of the youth in the parish is interested, please contact the office.

CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDAR 2023

Beautiful religious calendars for 2023 are available for purchase for \$5.00 each.

COLOURFULLY ILLUSTRATED WITH A SUITABLE CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONAL THEME AND PRAYER FOR EACH MONTH. INCLUDES DAILY GOSPEL, READING AND SAINT FEAST DAYS, LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS, DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, LUNAR CYCLES, A SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION, AND OTHER PRECEPTS AND TENETS OF THE CHURCH.

It comes with our complete parish address, email, phone & website.



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

'TIS THE Season OF Giving



OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE'S!

Be it Your Wish...

to put a smile on A CHILD'S FACE this Christmas.

You may donate any or all of the following... toys, scarves, mittens, gloves & hats which will be delivered to a needy in our parish.

Place your gifts on and under the Christmas tree.

What a great way for St. Richard's Parishioners to Reach out, to Share and Care for those less fortunate all year round...

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



make a difference this holiday season

Christmas is the spirit of giving

without a thought of getting!

Last year through your generosity St. Richards Parish was able to gift 20 families of our parish Christmas Baskets/Food Gift Cards.

With your help, this Christmas Season we wish to do the same for the needy families of our parish.

During this special season, we hope you will be generous as you have always been for the needy. We would appreciate (within your means) to bring non perishable food items and to make your donation by the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 18th, to enable us handing out the gift's before Christmas.

You may use your envelope or 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!