

**Mass Intentions from December 17-23, 2022**

Sat. Dec 17/4:30 p.m.	Mary & Myles Redmond	- Beverly Redmond
Sun. Dec 18/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Renato Orsini Fr. Joseph A. Sullivan John Pinto Anna & Giovanni Bellini Eileen Shanahan Madeleine, Paul & Mary Chung-	- Teresa Baird - Agata Orsini - Yvonne Gouveia - Daphne, Darryl & Yohan - Domenic Bellini & Family - Shanahan & Scott Families - Pin-Yong - Family
Wed. Dec 21/10:00 a.m.	Carolina & Lorenzo Ciallella	- Anna Muzzo
Thu. Dec 22/10:00 a.m.	Giving Thanks for Blessings Received	- Vic & Olivia family
Fri. Dec 23/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families	- Teresa Baird



**First Reading** (Isaiah 7:10-14)

The prophecy in this reading from Isaiah speaks of the intervention of God in human history. A child will be born, called Emmanuel, which means "God-is-with-us".

**Second Reading** (Romans 1:1-7)

Salvation is offered through Christ Jesus, the Son of God, whose coming into the world is good news.

**Gospel** (Matthew 1:18-24)

This is the fulfillment of the prophecy given in the first reading, telling the story of Mary conceiving a child through the Holy Spirit and giving birth to a son named Emmanuel.

**Reflection:**

Joseph's example shows us how to have courage and trust in God; God does not abandon people. The call of the Christian community is to welcome people and families facing difficult situations that challenge relationship, cause strain and need the help of prayer and faith. Like Joseph, if we are willing to shoulder the burden, God will be there to help us.

*As you continue your process of preparing for the First Coming (Advent) of Jesus in His human nature (Christmas), may you take the time to reflect on what it means that the Son of GOD has humbled Himself and taken on our nature, being born as an Infant, and living in the human condition.*



*Our Christmas Pageant, Pot Luck Lunch & Raffle was a huge success. Fr. George Joseph & the Wardens extend a very special "Thank You" to all our parishioner & friends who contributed in kind and deed to make this Annual Event a success.*

*Thank you to the people who made a donation and those who sold and bought tickets.*

*Thank you to the people who brought delicious food & desserts and all the helping hands who prepared the tables, served and cleaned up thereafter.*

*Last but not least to our guest and to our Faith First Teachers & Children who prepared for the Christmas Pageant to make this event a wonderful & enjoyable yearend celebration of Christmas.*

*The net profit from the Christmas Raffle was:*

*\$27,950.00...*

*Thank you all!!! Till our next event...*



**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.**



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week In memory of Vincenzo & Rosina Roti.**

**By- Lina, Behrooz & Frank.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation every Sunday, 30 minutes before mass or any other day/time by appointment. (514) 488-0778.**



*Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting!*

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday to accept gifts, donations & non perishable food items for the needy families in our Parish.**

**You may use your envelope or E-transfer for your Christmas gift for the needy.**

**Go to [www.strichards.ca](http://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!**

**CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDAR 2023**

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

**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. (514) 488-0778.**

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES BOXES for 2023** will be available for pick as of December 24<sup>th</sup> at the back of the church, arranged in alphabetical order for your convenience. If your box is not available, please leave your name and box number on the sheet provided on the table and your box will be ready for the following Sunday. Should you take the wrong box by mistake, please don't forget to return it.

**If you have moved please fill out one of your envelope with the new address for tax purposes.**