

Mass Intentions (February 25 – March 3, 2023)

Sat. Feb 25/4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for Christina Shanahan - Teresa Baird

Sun. Feb 26/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Yvette Hanna Sarena - Eli Levy
Carlo & Santa Fiori - Nick Cicchino
Freddy Khoriaty - Toni & Mia Khoriaty
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Deceased members of Chung-Pin-Yong family - Jeanine & Jacqueline Chung-Pin-Yong

Wed. Mar 1/10:00 a.m. Gino Alfonso - Kevin Shanahan & family

Thu. Mar 2/10:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Christina Shanahan - Teresa Baird

World Day of Prayer

Fri. Mar 3/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

“Have mercy, O Lord for we have sinned.”

First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7)

This world is good and beautiful, but our selfishness threatens to destroy it.

Second Reading (Romans 5:12-19)

Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11) Jesus gives the devil his answer.

Our total happiness lies in the true worship of GOD.

Reflection:

Grace. Temptation. Result of facing temptation. Grace again.

We are part of that process. That’s sort of sums up today’s readings. Grace is GOD’s gift of Divine life given to humans. Temptation is when humans are given the freedom to choose whether they want to accept GOD’s grace or choose another value which seems pleasing to them at the time. The result of facing temptation will vary depending on what one chooses to do with the temptation. The final step is GOD offering more grace. The cycle begins and ends with GOD’s gift of grace – a share in the Divine life for humans.

The psalm is the response of all humanity: “Be merciful, O LORD, for we have sinned.” We, as individuals and as a whole, have not always chosen to accept the gift (grace) of GOD’s life. We have been led astray by false promises of pleasant things: fulfilling our desires, seeking and building fame, using power for ourselves instead of the GOOD of others, striking out at those who block our desires and wants.

The Gospel is Matthew’s account of the temptations which Jesus experienced. After His forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert Jesus is challenged by the devil to take the easy way out. Yet Jesus does not want to use His relationship with **His Abba-Father** to take the easy way out.

He knows that suffering is part of His role in fulfilling the Divine plan.

Jesus’ allegiance is with His Abba.

It may take more work to win over humanity doing it GOD’s way, but that is what brings grace (Divine life) to all of humanity.

May you continue to respond to GOD’s grace touching your life!



What Lent means to me

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

The Gospel is God’s “love letter” to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

Exposition and 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.

Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds.

The miracle of inner change is possible.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones.

It calls for self-discipline.

You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Lord, as the Spirit led you into the desert to face temptation, so may that same spirit guide us this Lent as we seek to follow your way more faithfully.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Freddy Khoriaty.

By- Toni & Mia Khoriaty.

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

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. We are here to serve you.

Tax Receipt for 2022 is available for pickup at the back arranged in alphabetical order.

OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE YOUR USED COMPUTER FOR THE NEEDY CHILDREN!

Children belonging to refugee and asylum seeker families need computer or laptop to do their homework. If you no longer use your old one, please bring it to the Church office. One of our volunteer engineer will repair them before giving it to the families. **Thank you for helping.**

Churches today have continued the mission, but many still face difficulties in developing their churches, and St. Richards Parish is no different. As generations pass on, people have less interest in the traditional ways. The reality is churches must grow to survive and spread the Gospel. The benefits of growing a church come with reaching more people, sharing God’s message, and making a difference in people’s lives.

Fr. George wishes with every parishioner’s help to build a vibrant parish community for St. Richards Parish. He humbly request we all make an effort to invite and bring family and friends to Sunday mass. We can only succeed with your help. **Thank you for making an effort.**

Late Sunday Mass

LET’S CELEBRATE TOGETHER MISSED YOUR REGULAR CELEBRATION JUST GETTING BACK FROM THE COTTAGE JOIN US AT THE “LAST CHANCE MASS”

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