

Mass Intentions (March 4-10, 2023)

Sat. Mar 4/4:30 p.m. Yvette Hanna Sarena - Eli Levy & family

Sun. Mar 5/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Emile Mina - Annette Broccolini
Anna & Giovanni Bellini - Domenic Bellini & family
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Valentina, Carlo & Francesco Cicchino - Nick Cicchino
Estela & Ray Angelo Taguinod & Richard Gelinias - Guia Gelinias

Wed. Mar 8/10:00 a.m. Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni – Elisabetta Nardi

Thu. Mar 9/10:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Kristina Shanahan - Teresa Baird

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

“Let your love be upon us, Lord even as we hope in you.”

First Reading (Genesis 12:1-4)

The Lord calls Abraham to receive his blessings.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:8-10)

God calls all of us to be holy in Christ Jesus.

Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9)

Jesus calls his disciples to share in his glory.

Reflection:

We have begun our Lenten journey, following Christ into the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. With the call of GOD, there comes hope of a relationship. In the First Reading, Abram received a call from GOD and a relationship is established between the LORD and Abram and all of his descendants. The Responsorial Psalm urges us to trust in the promises made by GOD. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds those who read his Letter to Timothy that the Lord Jesus offers us hope and a relationship even during, or maybe especially during, our troubled times. In the Gospel, Jesus’ invitation to His disciples to climb the mountain with Him enables them to experience a foretaste of the divine promises and deepening of their relationship with Jesus and His **Abba-Father**.

We all, though in different ways, need to be touched by the experience of the living GOD, as given to the disciples as they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus and their mystical moment of being with GOD. Just as Moses and Elijah both had personal experiences of GOD’s glory on the mountain, GOD reaches out to touch the heart of each of us in such a way that we can journey onwards, not just through Lent but through the darker moments of our lives when faith, knowledge and our comfort zone may be challenged by life’s mysteries.

May you continue to respond to GOD’s call to holiness and may that motivate you to live a life filled with hope and compassion.



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 for Special Intentions for Kristina Shanahan.

By- Teresa Baird.

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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