

Today we are invited to meditate on this last week of Jesus' life on earth. Lent is itself a journey to the resurrection and it shapes our lives. It is a Passover through the desert of the world to the heaven we cannot imagine.



Today we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week in the Church calendar. We reflect upon the events that brought about our salvation. Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem, the City of Peace, in order to announce the Good News, not just with His words but by His act of loving sacrifice for all people. We journey along with Him as He celebrates the great feast of Passover and becomes the New Paschal Lamb Whose blood is poured out so that we, the New Israel, might experience the liberation from sin and the new life of grace. We look on as Jesus suffers His passion and crucifixion. And ultimately, we will experience His glorification from the cross and at the tomb.

During this most holy of weeks – Holy Week – may the time you spend reflecting on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus bring you a greater awareness of GOD's love for you!

HOLY THURSDAY

April 6 - 6:00 pm Mass of The Last Supper (Washing of the feet)

GOOD FRIDAY (Collection for the Holy Land)

April 7- 2:30 pm Confession
 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 4:00 pm Meditations on the Way of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

April 8 - 6:30 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9- 9:00 am Resurrection of Our Lord (St. Patrick's Square)
 10:00 am Resurrection of Our Lord (St. Richards Parish)

Mass Intentions (April 1-5, 2023)

Sat. Apr 1/4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for Kristina Shanahan - Teresa Baird

Sun. Apr 2/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
 Salvatore Bertucci - Cecile Bertucci
 Coral Henriques - Kahawita family
 Gino Alfonso - Ian & Leila Henriques
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
 Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino

Wed. Apr 5/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird



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

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:

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.

Our Father

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all. Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table. Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work you created us to do. Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more. Amen.

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.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7, 2023. **Envelope for this special collection is in your box.** Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us

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.

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.

