

Mass Intentions from September 16-22, 2023

Memorial - St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

Sat. Sept 16/4:30 p.m. Gerald Gummersell - Erin Shannon

Sun. Sept 17/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Giuseppe Venanzi & Joe Giancola - Angela Venanzi
Thomas Mary Nathan - Jeanine & Jacqueline Chung

Memorial - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions

Wed. Sept 20/10:00 a.m. Thomas Mary Nathan - Teresa Baird

Feast - St. Matthew

Thu. Sept 21/10:00 a.m. Thomas Mary Nathan - Teresa Baird

Fri. Sept 22/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

"Forgive and you will be forgiven."

First Reading (Sirach 27.30-28.7)

Forgive your neighbor the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

Second Reading (Romans 14.7-9)

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35)

I tell you, you should forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

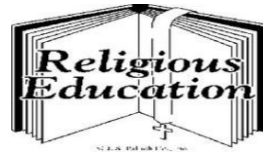
Reflection:

In today's gospel we reflect about forgiveness and its root cause of people who are unforgiving. In most cases people would rather be selfish than forgiving. They think only of their own hurt and themselves, or as the author of today's First Reading puts it, "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." Some people focus so much on themselves and what they have experienced; they fail to look beyond themselves to the other person(s) involved. It is when we center everything on ourselves and our anger that we fail to see GOD's actions.

Forgiveness can only happen when we look beyond ourselves.

We need to see how GOD has treated us: with mercy and kindness, being slow to anger, and rich in compassion. If we focus on how GOD has touched our lives, we can start to experience what being forgiven really is. That will lead us to be more understanding of those who have caused us pain and hurt. We need to let go of the pain and hurt that others have caused us and see the person who has "sinned" against us as needing the kindness and mercy and compassion of GOD. We can be instruments of their experiencing the forgiveness and compassion of GOD by our treating them with similar characteristics.

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.



FAITH EDUCATION 2023-2024

For new and returning Faith Education students, Registration form is online at www.strichards.ca and available at the back of the church.

It is important that your child be registered prior to the first day of class which will commence Sunday, September 17th at 9:00am. Children are expected to attend mass at 10:00 am.

For further information please to contact - Lina Forlini (514) 486 6849 or you may call the office (514) 488 0778 or email strichard@videotron.ca

Thanks for your cooperation.

Look forward to seeing you all again...



Next Sunday a Second collection will be taken after Communion.

Please use the envelope assigned in your box

"The Canadian Bishops' Collection".

We Thank You in advance for your generosity!



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving Thanks to the Lord.**

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.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

AS WE CONTINUE CELEBRATING ST. RICHARDS 60TH ANNIVERSARY...

NEXT SUNDAY, FR. HERBERT SCHULTZ WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS FOR OUR WELCOME BACK BBQ...

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON AFTER THE 10 A.M. MASS. (Weather permitting) ...for

Hotdogs, burgers, corn & drinks

Tickets are available for purchase at the back - Adults \$5.00 each & Kids 5 and under enjoy for free!

