

Mass Intentions from September 23-29, 2023

Memorial - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Sat. Sept 23/4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

Sun. Sept 24/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird -Teresa Baird
Mary Merlin - Kahawita family
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Thomas Mary Nathan - Trevor & Jenny Anderson
Deceased members of the Chung family - Jeanine & Jacqueline Chung

Memorial - St. Vincent De Paul

Wed. Sept 27/10:00 a.m. Thomas Mary Nathan - Teresa Baird

Thu. Sept 28/10:00 a.m. Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi

Feast - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, (Archangels)

Fri. Sept 29/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

And World Day of Migrants & Refugees

"THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM".

First Reading (Isaiah 55.6-9)

The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Second Reading (Philippians 1.20-24, 27) To me, living is Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 20.1-16) Are you envious because I am generous?

Reflection:

God's ways are surely not our ways.

God is more than generous, which leads some people to say that God is not fair. In the Gospel, Jesus relates an image of the Reign of God which many of His listeners (including people today) find hard to accept. It is a challenge for us to be as understanding and joyful over those who have only come "to work" in God's field late in life. We should rejoice at the mercy and kindness of God Who is willing to forgive those who only recently have experienced the invitation from God. Yet, as a human, it is easy to be jealous and envious of those who seemed to just squeeze into the Reign of Heaven at the last minute, while some of us have been laboring all our lives to be a part of heavenly Reign.

We don't deserve God's kindness (none of us do, when we think about how we have sinned and turned our back to God). God has already extended his forgiveness to us, over and over again. We must rejoice in His desire to reconcile everyone, for we have been and will have to be reconciled many times in my life. God wants us to be part of the heavenly Reign more than we want it.

Yet, like St. Paul, sometimes we must spend a little more time laboring in the Lord Jesus' vineyard, not for our sakes, but for the sake of others who need us to evangelize ("share the Good News" with) them. It would be great to move on to the fullness of the heavenly Reign, but there are still people to whom God wants us to minister.

May you continue to rejoice in the loving kindness of our GOD Who reaches out to people throughout their lives so that they will respond to the divine call to come and work in the LORD Jesus' field.



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"Challenges and favours which the Lord gives... are the way by which he wanted his Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples. This is the same grace he has made to the Church in Canada, by which it has taken all its force and growth, and is sustained and maintained by patience and long – suffering in peace and union with Our Lord, all as he is pleased to permit."

(Saint François De Laval, first Bishop of New France, from a letter to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Québec, 15 February 1686)

On 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 & Saint Blasé.**

By- Paulina & Rosolino Salvati.

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...

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

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

Hotdogs, burgers, corn & drinks

Ticket will also be available for purchase on site...

Adults \$5.00 each

&

Kids 5 and under enjoy for free!

