

Mass Intentions from October 21-27, 2023

Sat. Oct 21/4:30 p.m.	Ann Dalton	- Catherine Dalton
Sun. Oct 22/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Sebastian Panopio Eileen Shanahan Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino Antonio Romano & Antonio & Bruno Nardi Estela Perdignon & Ray Angelo Taguinod & Richard Gélinas	-Teresa Baird - Kirlyn & Maria - Shanahan & Scott families - Nick Cicchino - Elisabetta Romano - Guia Taguinod
Wed. Oct 25/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families	- Teresa Baird
Thu. Oct 26/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi	- Elisabetta Nardi
Fri. Oct 27/10:00 a.m.	Mabel Haddad	- Samia Cassar

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

“We must glorify the Lord in all our actions and words”.

First Reading (Isaiah 45.1, 4-6)

I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus, to subdue nations before him.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab)

We remember your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope.

Gospel (Matthew 22.15-21) Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Reflection:

When was the last time you spent time counting your blessings?

Each of us has been given so much by GOD. Yet, it is so easy to take the divine gifts for granted. We credit ourselves for the positive experiences in our life. Yet the only thing that we can take full credit for is our own sinfulness. Everything else comes directly or indirectly from GOD. GOD can even bring GOOD out of tragedy and problems. GOD can work wonders for us, even through unbelieving peoples. We need to lift up our continual thanks and praise to GOD.

As we ponder the readings today, we are reminded to give to GOD what belongs to GOD. In Isaiah, GOD calls Cyrus (the pagan ruler) “GOD's own anointed (*messiah*).” Even the heathen leaders belong to GOD and GOD can use them to bring divine Goodness to the chosen people – the Jews. The psalm is a hymn of praise of GOD for GOD's being the true ruler of all peoples. In our Second Reading, St. Paul begins his earliest letter to the people of Thessalonica. He thanks GOD for gifting the Thessalonians with faith, hope, and love. In the Gospel, in response to a question posed by the religious and civil leaders, Jesus instructs everyone that GOD must be given all that belongs to GOD. **Faith, Hope, and Love.** Understanding these three is not difficult because through GOD's graciousness, they originate from Him. GOD has given us **faith**, the ability to believe. Our faith in Him is merely our appreciation for being given the opportunity to believe. God has given us a cause for **hope**, especially as a result of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our hope also is a demonstration of our acceptance of that in which He has provided us to hope. And our **love** does not originate in us. It is a result of being loved first by GOD.

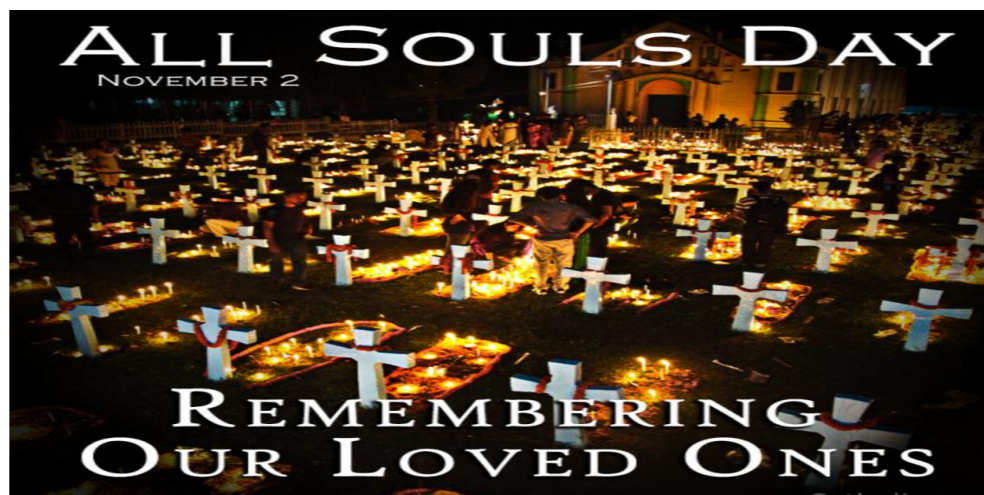
In honour of St. Richard's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us as we sing our entrance hymn...

We Gather

We gather each day in the Father's love
We gather with Jesus His Son
We gather in faith with the Spirit of God
We gather together as one.

We offer our peace, we offer our love,
We offer the good deeds we've done,
Bread blessed and broken for all to share,
When we gather together as one!



In 2014 we started a special book where every year we enter the names of our/your beloved departed. Starting November 2nd, this book will be kept on the Altar and raised up at every MASS remembering your departed until Nov 30th.

To be included in this book, please use the envelope marked “ALL SOULS DAY IN YOUR BOX”. Envelopes are also at the back.

Please write clearly **THE NAMES OF THE DEPARTED ONLY.**

A goodwill offering would be appreciated. Thank you!

ANOINTING AND HEALING AT SAINT JOSEPH'S ORATORY ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 24TH, AT THE CRYPT CHURCH. FROM 6 TO 9PM. FREE ENTRY. DETAIL INFORMATION ON A POSTER IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving thanks to St. Francis & St. Peregrine.

By - Paulina & Rosolino Salvati.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...
OUR UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**NOVEMBER 5TH, AFTER THE 10 AM MASS
ANNUAL CHOIR BAKE SALE (CASH N CARRY)**

Volunteer Home Baker's Supply!

Dear parishioners/parents,

There will be lots of homemade goodies for purchase and FREE COFFEE to enjoy!

It will be also be a wonderful opportunity to spend time with fellow-parishioners.

We sincerely hope you can attend & look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you in advance for always supporting your parish.

P. S. We would greatly appreciate if you would take the time to bake your families' favourite treat and donate it for our annual bake sale!

Please call Connie at (514) 487-8978 for donations.

SAN MARTINO

at Saint Richard's

Saturday November 18, 2023

Doors open at 6 pm.

A family style meal will be served along with a bottle of wine per table. Lucky draw with the ticket.

Tickets - 60\$ for adults

Children 10yrs and younger 20\$

Limited seating 150 adult and 30 for children.
Tickets will be available for purchase next week and at the bake sale.