

## Mass Intentions from Jan 6 to 12, 2024

Sat. Jan 6/4:30 p.m. Blessings for Vic & Alicia Somera 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -  
Linda Del Rosario

Sun. Jan 7/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott Families  
Carlo, Valentina & Francesco Cicchino - Nick Cicchino  
Rosaria Bertucci, Vito Andreacchi & Bruno Roti - Elisabetta Nardi

### MONDAY DEC 8<sup>TH</sup> - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)


Wed. Jan 10/10:00 a.m. Carolina Ciallella - Anna Muzzo

Thu. Jan 11/10:00 a.m. Pasqualina Di-Murro - Velia

### Memorial – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Fri. Jan 12/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott,  
Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - (Year B)



**They set out;  
and there,  
ahead of them,  
went the star  
that they had seen  
at its rising,  
until it stopped  
over the place  
where the child was.**  
Matthew 2:9



#### First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Because of God's glorious presence in Jerusalem, the prophet looks forward to the day when all peoples will, through faith, be the children of God.

#### Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6)

St Paul re-assures all that both pagan and Jew share the same inheritance in a through Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

The wise men representing the non-Jewish world come to do homage to the infant King and their arrival is a sign that the vision of Isaiah is beginning to be fulfilled.

#### Reflection:

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word, **Epiphania**, which is compound of two Greek words (**epi** - "upon") and (**phania** - "shining"), thus it means "a shining upon" and it is sometimes translated as "manifestation" or "revelation."

In revealing himself to the Jewish people God also reaches out to all nations, attracting them to his glory. At Christmas we celebrated the revelation of the Christ child to fellow Jews; on the Epiphany we celebrate his being revealed to the wise men - representing all nations of the world.

God used the faith of the wise men to lead them to Christ.

Their gifts and their homage were accepted –  
a sign that Christ is for all people.

**May you continue to be enlightened by the Light of Christ and shine the light upon others.**

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

*OF ST. RICHARDS AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH  
FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS INSIDE  
AND OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH.  
JOB WELL DONE!*

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED WARDENS

Fr. George & the parishioners, wish to **WELCOME** our 3 New Wardens starting 2024 are: Brenda Panunto was re-elected for her second three year term. Samia Cassar and Linda Alfonso were elected for their First three year term.

*Next Sunday a second collection will be taken after communion for St. Peter the Apostle.  
Please use the assigned envelope in your box for this collection.  
Thank You!*

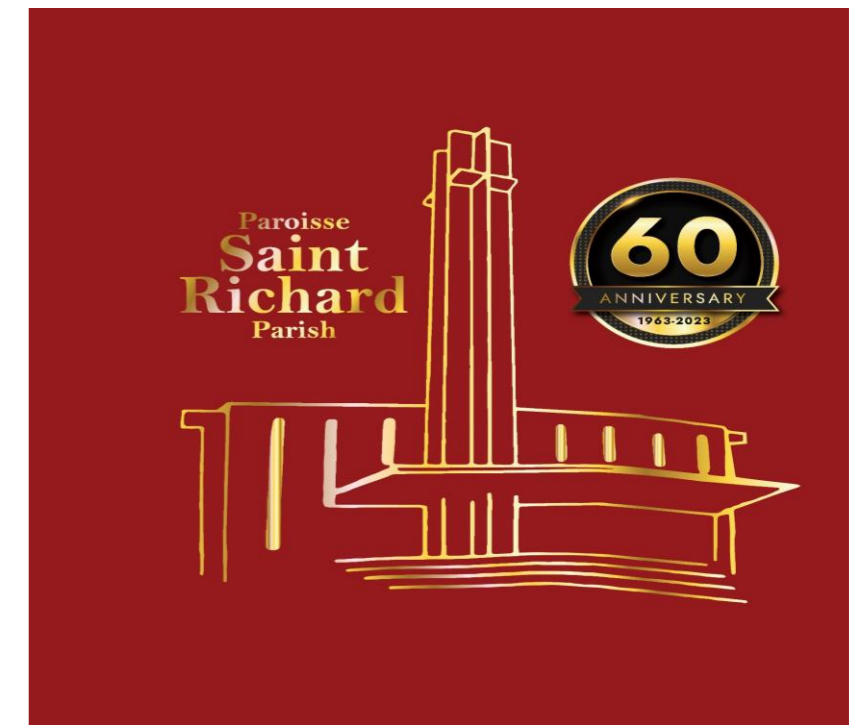


The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
in memory of Raymond, Ivy & Fabian Edward.  
By: Edward Family.

#### 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.

Please pick up your **2024 SUNDAY ENVELOPES** at the back of the church. The boxes are arranged alphabetically. If your box is not available, please leave your name and box number on the sheet provided on the table and your box will be ready for the following Sunday. Should you take the wrong box by mistake, please don't forget to return it.  
**If you have moved please fill out one of your envelope with the new address for tax purposes.**



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

Activities are being planned to continue celebrating this momentous milestone until June 16<sup>th</sup> 2024, which will include all parishioners. These events will recognize the contributions of the many people and groups who were instrumental in the development of our parish.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

► **FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. RICHARDS FEAST BRUNCH...**

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,  
TO ENABLE THE OFFICE TO UPDATE THE DATABASE FOR INCOME TAX RECEIPTS, ALL 2024 ENVELOPE BOX USER'S ARE REQUESTED TO FILL OUT AN ENVELOPE WITH THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER BEFORE JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>.  
THANK YOU.**