

Mass Intentions from Jan 13 to 19, 2024

Sat. Jan 13/4:30 p.m.	Fr. Joseph Sullivan	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Jan 14/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Day Nguyen Eileen Shanahan	- Teresa Baird - Kahawita family - Shanahan & Scott families
Memorial – St. Anthony, Abbot		
Wed. Jan 17/10:00 a.m.	Antonio Muzzo	- Anna Muzzo Success in exam for Tanya Kahawita - Kahawita family
Week of prayer for Christian Unity begins		
Thu. Jan 18/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Fri. Jan 19/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird	

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - (Year B)

First Reading (1 Samuel 3.3b-10,19)

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20)

Your bodies are members of Christ.

Gospel (John 1.35-42)

The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him.

Reflection

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

Today's readings speak about GOD's call and people's response.

In the First Reading, the youthful Samuel, already dedicated to the service of GOD, is called by GOD in a way unknown to him before this point in his life.

The psalm reverberates the theme of call as the psalmist describes the anticipation of, and the response to, GOD's call.

St. Paul speaks about one aspect of responding to GOD's call: the use of our human bodies in the process of drawing closer to the Lord Jesus.

The Gospel account is the call and response of Jesus' first disciples.

GOD wants us to be excited learners (disciples). Jesus came as the Master-Teacher to invite us to learn from Him and develop a relationship with His **Abba**-Father. He continues to present opportunities to us to expand our "knowledge" of our GOD. The Biblical understanding, of "knowledge" implies having a relationship with the one who teaches and reveals. Jesus is continuing to invite us to "come and see."

May you continue to respond to GOD's call and follow Jesus' invitation to "come and see."

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25

Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates in order to include two Sundays.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together all may be one as Christ desires.

All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.



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.

BIBLE TRIVIA



Who wrote The Serenity Prayer?

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever. AMEN

Reinhold Niebuhr

a German-American theologian and Christian ethicist (1892-1971)



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

Activities are being planned to continue celebrating this momentous milestone until June 16th 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 4TH 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 31ST.
THANK YOU.**