

## Mass Intentions from Feb 24 - Mar 1, 2024

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| Sat. Feb 24/4:30 p.m.   | Yvette Sarena  | - Eli Levy & family  |
| Sun. Feb 25/10:00 a.m.  | Nick Baird<br>Eileen Shanahan<br>Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino | - Teresa Baird<br>- Shanahan & Scott families<br>- Nick Cicchino |
| Wed. Feb 28 /10:00 a.m. | Giuseppe Colafaio  | - Rosaria Colafabio  |
| Thu. Feb 29/10:00 a.m.  | Gaetano Parissi<br>Madeleine Chung                                     | - Velia<br>- Jeanine & Jacqueline Chung                          |

### Stations of the Cross after mass

Fri. Mar 1/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird



**First Reading** (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18)

Abraham trusts God even with the life of his son. Yet he is mistaken in thinking that, like the Canaanite Idols, the Lord would wish for the sacrifice of the young Isaac.

**Second Reading** (Romans 8:31b-35, 37)

The proof of God's love for us is that the Son is not spared, so that the chosen may be saved.

**Gospel** (Mark 9:2-10) Christ's glory is prefigured on the mountain. He is the beloved of the Father. Moses and Elijah bring with them the authority of the law and the prophets. This moment will be followed by the journey to Jerusalem and the cross.

### Reflection

Do we believe we are God's beautiful creation or do we listen to other voices telling us something different? Jesus is strengthened by his Father's voice to face the journey to the cross. Reminders of God's love wouldn't be needed if we trusted even in our time of affliction. Let's take time to transform others' lives by our actions and love. Fleeting moments of comfort never last, but they do serve to tell us that we are the Father's "chosen ones". We are offered the invitation to accept and participate in the covenant which God has already established in Jesus. Thus we are made holy by the Holy One of God making the sacrifice for us.

**May you come to more fully appreciate, and respond to, the great love which God has for you as manifested in the Covenant Relationship.**



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - By Teresa Baird.

## A reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Lent (February 25) CONTRAST

Sacrifice, covenant promises, and redemption are "covenant-relationship" themes that run through our readings today.

Jesus is seen not as the Judge or even the prosecuting attorney. Rather He is, first of all, our defense attorney. Secondly, as our crimes (sins) are enumerated, Jesus stands up and proclaims that the case against us must be dismissed because He, Himself, has wiped out the evidence against us and has paid full restitution for all wrongs we have done. He moves that we must be found acquitted of all charges because He has taken care of everything for us.

### Our Father

Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us for the times when we take more than  
our share of the bread that belongs to all.  
Let us help You fill the starving with good things,  
not with scraps from our table.  
Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep.  
Clothe us with Your love that we may complete  
each good work you created us to do.  
Place in our hearts Your compassion for each  
starving child and use our little acts of love  
so that they starve no more.  
Amen.



Do you or someone you know have a talent?  
St Richard's is planning a talent show that will take place in May –  
exact date is yet to be determined.  
If you would like to participate, a sign-up sheet is at the back of the  
church. You will have until March 24<sup>th</sup> to submit your act.

### CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM AND KITCHEN STOVE

Our church heating system failed on the February 14, 2024. Immediate action was taken to assess the cause of the failure. The heat exchange in the boiler had failed. Since the cost of replacement is as high as a new boiler, the board of wardens decided to replace the boiler. The total cost of replacement is Twenty two thousand (\$22,000.00). The new boiler was installed and commissioned on the February 19, 2024.

The basement kitchen stove has also failed, we are working on replacing it at a cost of about Twenty six hundred dollars (\$2,600,00). These are unexpected expenditures, which were not budgeted for this year.

Our parishioners are always generous in providing for the running of the church. We are confident and pray that, we will be able to bear these expenses.



## 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.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH SUNDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, AFTER THE 10 AM MASS.

#### ON THE MENU

BREADED CHICKEN, CABBAGE ROLLS,  
SALAD, POTATOES, ROLLS & DESSERT.

This is a fund raiser and we need your help to buy and sell tickets. The adult tickets will be \$25.00 and the children's tickets will be \$10.00 for children 10 and under.

**Please keep March 17th free to attend the brunch.**

**Please contact Teresa Baird for tickets.  
Thank you for your help.**