

**Mass Intentions from Mar 9 - 15, 2024**

Sat. Mar 9/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Mar 10/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
	Rosino Palucci	- Philip Palucci & family
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott families
	Luz Ibanez Blanco	- Mr. & Mrs. Pabillo & family
Wed. Mar 13 /10:00 a.m.	Yvette Sarena	- Elie Levy & family
Thu. Mar 14/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird

**Stations of the Cross after mass**

Fri. Mar 15/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird



**First Reading** (2 Chronicles 36:14-17a.19-23)

Despite the rejection of God by the leaders of the people, God engineers their return after exile through the unexpected agency of the Persian king Cyrus.

**A reflection for the 4th Sunday in Lent (March 10)**

Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.

*Mark 9:36-37*

**First Reading** (Exodus 20:1-17)

God sums up the natural law for all humanity in the gift of the Ten Commandments to God's chosen people.

**Second Reading** (Ephesians 2:4 -10)

God's love is so great that even when we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life in Christ.

**Gospel** (John 3:14-21) A simple statement says so much: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son".

**Reflection**

Lent is often thought of as a mournful season – but it can be a season of joy too. Today's readings make clear why this is so. It is about reflecting more and more deeply on God's infinite love, directed at our salvation, at our living the life of God to its fullest. Now that's a cause for joy. It is, of course, a season of penance. This too can be something positive. We do not try to win God's favour, or persuade God that we deserve God's love, because we can never deserve God's love. Our Lenten penances can draw us more fully into that great mystery of God's love. We can be positively bursting with joy at the thought that God, Father, Son and Spirit, loves us so much that God is prepared to go to such great lengths to give us life.

**May the Lord Jesus continue to gift you and may you respond in a graceful and grateful way, giving thanks to God for opening your eyes of faith.**

**Development & Peace**

In the season of Lent, The Bishops of Canada have reserved next Sunday March 17, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent for Development & Peace.

**A special collection to assist the Global South.**

"So many people even today hope to have enough to eat. The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding that world's powerful that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they truly tried to provide food for Him in each person and whether they acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce food."

**Next Sunday a second collection will be taken for Development & Peace. Please use the envelope provided in your box.**

Thank You for your ongoing support for this humble cause.

**DISCIPLES FOR HOLY THURSDAY**

If you wish to be a disciple for washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm, please give your name to Joe Panunto or call the office. Time to be at the Church is 5:30 pm.

**Next Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 9:45 am, Fr. Luc P. Lantagne will be hearing Confessions at the parish in Italian, French & English.**



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

**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...**

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

**ON THE MENU**

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

The adult tickets are \$25.00 and the children's tickets are \$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.**

**TALENT SHOW**

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.