

Mass Intentions from April 6 to 12, 2024

Sat. Apr 6/4:30 p.m. Victor Chartier - Doreen, Rick, Christian, Alexa, Lise, Cindy, Kristin, Glenn, Stephanie and Kate

Sun. Apr 7/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott Family
 Sabia & Donato Palmarella - Angela & Giuseppe Palmarella
 Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino
 Angelo, Angelina, Teresa Maria, Giuseppe Giovanni & Rosaria Salvatore - Giovanna Fucito

Wed. Apr 10/10:00 a.m. Antonio Muzzo - Anna Muzzo

Thur. Apr 11/10:00 a.m. Benedetta Di-Murro - Daughter's

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
&
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

“Doubt no longer but believe.”

First Reading (Acts 4:32-35)

The first Christians were so filled with love and gratitude towards God that they were willing to share everything they had.

Second Reading (1 John 5:1-6)

The apostle reassures struggling Christians that by loving God they have the strength to love each other and remain faithful to God.

Gospel (John 20:19-31)

The risen Jesus brings a message of peace to the frightened disciples, and a special reassurance to Thomas who struggled with doubt.

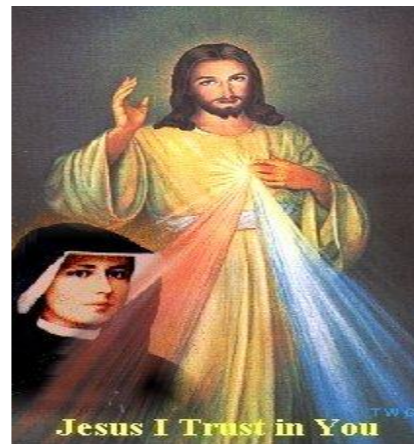
Reflection:

Amazement comes to mind when we think of Jesus’ appearance to the apostles on Easter Sunday afternoon. Despite being rejected, denied, and abandoned by His close friends, being left to face suffering alone and ultimately death by crucifixion, one would think Jesus’ first words would be, “Why did you desert me?” Yet Jesus’ first words to His followers was “Shalom” – a word of a re-established and renewed relationship, a word of reconciliation and forgiveness, a word of Divine Mercy. Jesus does not blame, accuse, or question the apostles. He speaks about being able to move forward together with renewed enthusiasm and spirited unity.

May the Love of God our Abba-Father, the Peace (Shalom) and Divine Mercy of the Risen Lord, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be yours today and always!



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
In memory of Nelson Odal.
By: Conception Odal**



Pope John Paul II proclaimed the second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday” on April, 2000, as a result of revelations Our Lord made to St. Faustina Kowalska, a poor Polish nun, before the outbreak of World War II.

The Lord Jesus chose St. Faustina as the Apostle of His Mercy so that she could tell the world about the great message of God’s mercy and Christian perfection based on trust in God and an attitude of mercy towards others.

The mission of St. Faustina, recorded in her diary which she kept at the specific request of Jesus, consist of three tasks:

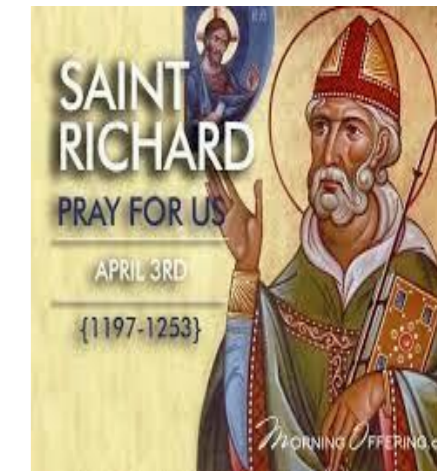
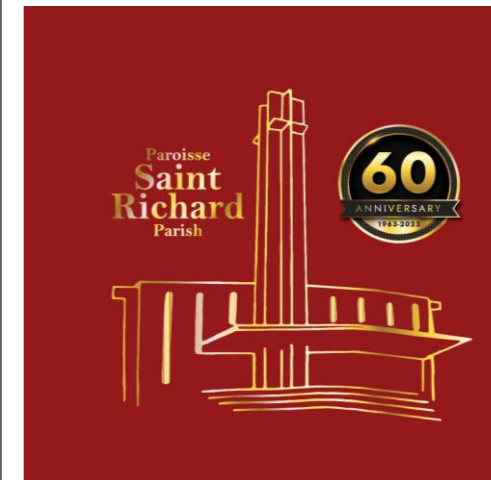
- Reminding the world of the truth of our faith revealed in Sacred Scripture about the merciful love of God towards every human being.
- Entreating God’s mercy for the whole world and particularly for sinners, through the practice of new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy presented by the Lord Jesus.

These include veneration of the image of the Divine Mercy with the inscription: **Jesus, I Trust in You**, the feast of the Divine Mercy celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, and recitation of the chaplet of the Divine Mercy at the Hour of Mercy (3 pm).

- Displaying an attitude of child-like trust in God which expressed itself in fulfilling His will, as well as in the attitude of mercy towards ones neighbours.

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is available at the back on the table.
Please feel free to take for family and friends.**

**THE ST. PATRICK'S BRUNCH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.
THANK YOU TO THE MEN WHO PREPARED THE FOOD,
THE PEOPLE WHO SOLD TICKETS, BOUGHT TICKETS, MADE A DONATION, OR HELPED IN ANYWAY.
THE EXPENSES WERE DONATED, THE AMOUNT WAS \$1815.54.
THE NET PROFIT WAS \$4,175.00**



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

The Life of St. Richard

St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253), also known as Richard de Wyche, was a man of strong character, an accomplished scholar, and a highly ethical individual.

Richard was one of three children born into a family of nobility. Orphaned at a young age, the family estates were put in the care of guardians who mismanaged the property and squandered the inheritance. Richard was forced to abandon his studies and return home to cultivate the land and help restore the family fortune. Overtime, Richard succeeded. His older brother recognizing his competence offered to turn over possession of the estates to his younger brother. However, Richard refused, and chose to return to his studies at Oxford University in England. Richard continued his studies in Paris and later in Bologna where he earned a doctorate in law. **To be Contd...**

Parish Survey

Your valuable input for the growth of St. Richards is important. The survey is online on our website, (<http://www.strichards.ca>) and link on our Facebook page. Everyone in a family can submit individually. The QR code for the survey is given below:



WE REQUEST YOU SUBMIT ONLY ONE PER PERSON.

Extra copies are available at the entrance of the church. Please complete the survey and drop it in the dedicated Survey Box. **TOTAL CONFIDENTIALITY IS ASSURED.**

The survey launched on Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024 and will be closed on April 28, 2024.

Thank you for participating in this important survey to serve you better. God bless you.