

Mass Intentions from April 20 to 26, 2024

Sat. Apr 20/4:30 p.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Sun. Apr 21/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Renato Orsini - Agata Orsini
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott Family
Eugenio, Sirmia, Quinto & Martini Fiori - Nick Cicchino
Corason Ynalvez, Jocelyn & Roselyn Turico - Lucia Ynalvez

Feast: Saint Mark

Wed. Apr 24/10:00 a.m. Salvatore & Maria Rosaria Nardi - Elisabetta Nardi

Thur. Apr 25/10:00 a.m. Pasqualina Di-Murro - Velia & Franca

Fri. Apr 26/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - (Year B)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep."

First Reading (Acts 4:8-12)

Peter and John have spent a night in jail after causing a disturbance by healing a paralyzed beggar. Peter tells the judges the following day that the healing was by the name of Jesus. His boldness, attributed to the Holy Spirit, amazes the Jewish leaders.

Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2)

If we seriously follow Jesus, we will not be popular in mainstream society, yet we shall be children of God.

Gospel (John 10:11-18)

Jesus emphasizes the self-sacrificing element in his own life. He contrasts the good shepherd to someone who is simply hired to look after the sheep. The hired man thinks primarily of his own welfare. Jesus, on the other hand, will always be there with the sheep.

Reflection:

People see a sheep as a mindless animal that aimlessly grazes in the field. Yet, many people seem to aimlessly go through their lives without paying attention to others, particularly to those who are most concerned for their overall good. In reality, sheep seem to sense closeness to the shepherd who truly cares for the flock. They trust in the one who leads them and follow the shepherd wherever the shepherd goes. We must have the same trust in the Good Shepherd Who cares for us above and beyond what is expected of Him. We must sense the comfort and peace of Him Who leads us through the dark valley and provides abundantly for us, even to the point of His willingness to lay down His own life for us.

May you enjoy the comfort and peace which come from knowing that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is caring for you at all times.



The religious initiation of children starts with Baptism and once baptized they grow in communion with Christ and each other. Next Sunday April 28, 7 children who have been prepared to a better understanding and meaning of the Eucharist will be celebrating their First Holy Communion.

Please keep them in your prayer.



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving thanks to the Lord and
for special intentions.**

By: Kahawita family.

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:

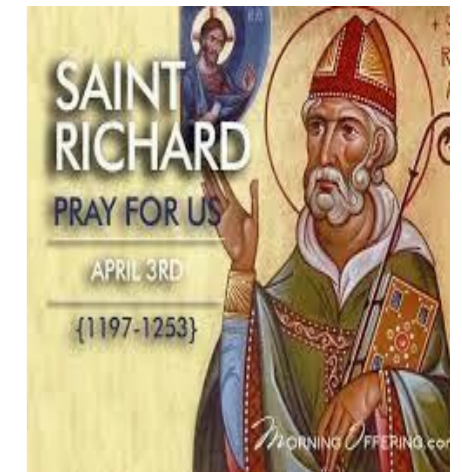
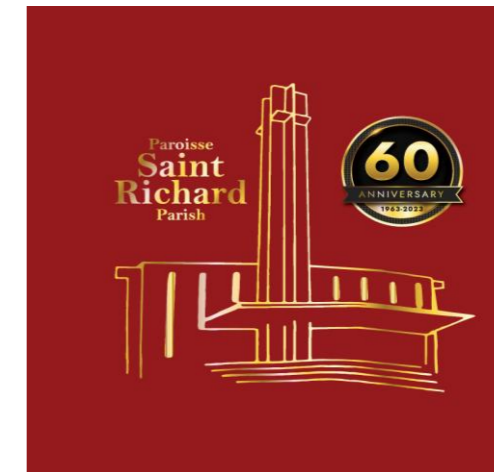


WE REQUEST YOU SUBMIT ONLY ONE PER PERSON.

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.



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, who became **Saint Richard**, was a man of strong character, an accomplished scholar, energetic, kind, modest about his own powers, cheerful, courageous and highly ethical individual. He loved people and was greatly beloved by them.

6/15 Elected Bishop

In 1244 the Bishop of Chichester died; the canons elected Richard as their bishop. When King Henry III heard of Richard's election he was furious, and refused to give up the property and revenues of the See. Richard traveled to Lyons, where, the next year, with other Bishops, he was consecrated by Pope Innocent IV, who supported his claim.

For several years, however, "like a stranger in a strange land," Richard became a wanderer in his own diocese. He was entirely dependent on the charity and hospitality of the people and clergy, who defied the King.

7/15 Justice at Last

At last, in 1247, the King relented and, amid the rejoicing of the people, Richard came to his cathedral at Chichester. Richard's personal life was very simple, but he considered it his duty to keep the state proper to a bishop, and particularly to offer hospitality to rich and poor. Sometimes he was imposed upon, but the people loved him, not only for his almsgiving, but for his caring, preaching and the sweetness of his character. Richard was an able administrator as well as a holy man, and expected high standards from the clergy, although he defended their rights.

8/15 Death of Richard

Richard was bishop for only eight years. With friends, Simon of Tarring; William, his chaplain; and Friar Ralph Bocking, by the bedside, and surrounded by a crowd of priests, religious and laity, Richard de la Wyche, Bishop of Chichester, died at midnight on 3 April 1253. He was about fifty-six. "His venerable body was buried in a humble place in that same church, near the altar of the Blessed Edmund the Confessor which he himself had built on the northern side of the cathedral, where great and wonderful miracles were performed" **To be contd'**