

Mass Intentions from June 1 - 7, 2024

Memorial – St. Justin

Sat. Jun 1 /4:30 p.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Sun. Jun 2/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Henry Haddad - Samia Cassar
Tony Broccolini - Robert Broccolini
Michael Joseph - Kahawita family
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family

Memorial – St. Boniface

Wed. Jun 5/10:00 a.m. Michael Joseph - St. Richards Parishioners

Thur. Jun 6/10:00 a.m. Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni - Elisabeth Nardi

Solemnity –The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri. Jun 7/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - (Year B)

“This is my body... this is my blood.”

First Reading (Exodus 24:3-8)

God makes a new covenant with his people;
the covenant is ratified in blood and the people are joined to God.

Second Reading (Hebrews 9:11-15)

Jesus makes a new and everlasting covenant between God and the people.
By his sacrificial death he fulfills and surpasses all previous covenants.

Gospel (Mark 14:12-16.22-26)

At the Last Supper Jesus establishes the holy sacrifice and sacred meal which is the Eucharist.

Reflection:

Eating and drinking is central to all human life.

It is thus that Jesus gave us a way to relive and celebrate what He did once for us. We are able to come together and re-enact the saving choice He made to lay down His life so that we could be re-linked to the intimate bond with Himself and His Abba-Father.

This is what we celebrate when we gather for Eucharist. We give thanks to God for all Jesus did through His life, ministry, death, and resurrection. We feast on the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation – the Body and Blood of Jesus Himself. We make ourselves present with Jesus as He celebrates the Last Supper and He comes to us as our Food and Drink.

May you remember all that God has done for you, especially in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, and may you lift up your thanks to God as often as possible.

What is the message of Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes:

It is three feasts in one: **the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament.**

The three purposes are:

- 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him there;
- 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and
- 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

The historical development: Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of *Corpus Christi*. In the reforms of Vatican II, *Corpus Christi* was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord*. We celebrate today Christ's gift to us of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563), declared that we must honor Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist publicly so that those who observed the faith of Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in this great Sacrament. *"The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with his soul and divinity by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass."*

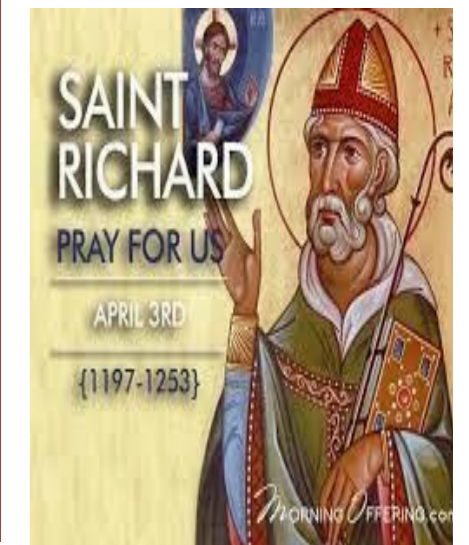


**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
In memory of Nelson Odal.**

By – Concepcion Odal.

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priest - June 7

Catholics worldwide are urged to prayer for Priest today on the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. The day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all catholic faithful join in prayer for the Sanctification of Priest coincides with the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 16TH

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

**The 60th Anniversary luncheon will take place on
June 16th after the 10am mass.
The ticket cost 10\$ for adults and children over 12
years old. Children under 12 enjoy for free. If you
cannot attend, please make a donation.
Please see Teresa Baird for your tickets.
This year, consider celebrating Father's Day at St.
Richard's with your parish family!**

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, and modest about his own powers, cheerful, courageous and highly ethical individual. He loved people and was greatly beloved by them.

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

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.