

Mass Intentions from September 21-27, 2024

FEAST- St. Matthew

Sat. Sept 21/4:30 p.m. Patrick O'Gardy - Beverly & Myles Redmond

Sun. Sept 22/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird -Teresa Baird
Pasquale Cerulli - Angela Cerulli
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Lucia & Giulio Massi - Angela & Giuseppe Palmarella
Anna & Giovanni Bellini - Domenic Bellini & family

Wed. Sept 25/10:00 a.m. Francis Henriques - Blandina Henriques

FEAST- St. John De Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

Thu. Sept 26/10:00 a.m. Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni
- Elisabetta Nardi

MEMORIAL – St. Vincent De Paul

Fri. Sept 27/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan,
Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

“If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and a servant of all.”

First Reading (Wisdom 2:12. 17-20)

Those who are just will suffer for their virtuous life.

Second Reading (James 3:16 – 4:3)

Real prayer can overcome the violence that arises in us because of our thwarted desires.

Gospel (Mark 9:30-37)

Jesus tells us that true leadership will only be effective through humble service.

Reflection:

Today's readings could be summarized in the sentence, "Justice is service". Alpha males are men who lead through a ruthless assertion of their own power and brook no opposition.

Jesus realizes that his disciples did not want to suffer but rather to be the greatest; he insists that leadership demands humble service. Jesus wants strong leadership for his Church. But he wants a leadership that does not dominate and insist on rank. It is a leadership that will inevitably come into conflict with alpha-male attitudes and, like Jesus, will have to suffer as it serves the weaker members of the community. In our parishes and homes, welcoming the "little children" will mean giving time for those who are sick, disabled, poor, mentally ill and vulnerable in all sorts of ways

In our competitive and often ruthless society, Christ is more likely to be found at the bottom of the social pile than at the top.

May you know the peace and mercy of GOD as you reach out to those who need your assistance.

Blessed are You, LORD, GOD of all justice. Through Your Goodness we are invited to be disciples of Your Son, Jesus. He calls us to share in His ministry of bringing Your Good News to others by serving them and lifting them up in love, justice, and peace. Because of selfish human nature, we have sometimes failed to be of service to others, seeking our own selfish desires rather than the Good of others. For our lack of caring for others with justice, we seek Your pardon and peace. Continue to fill us with the wisdom which comes from Your Holy Spirit, so that we can focus on others with purity, peace, gentleness, and mercy. Draw us into a closer relationship with Jesus and with You so that we can pray not selfishly and wrongly, but as true co-servants with Jesus. To You be all glory, honor and praise, together with Your Son, Jesus, our Brother and Master-Teacher, and the Holy Spirit, our one and only GOD, for ever and ever. Amen.

WORLD TOURISM DAY - SEPTEMBER 2

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world. Remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person" (Lk 10.5-6).



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving thanks to the Lord.**

By- Yvonne Gouveia.

If you are new to St. Richards Parish, we invite you to fill out a registration form which can be found at the entrance of the Church and drop it in the collection basket.

To receive a tax receipt for your weekly contributions/donations, it is preferred you use an envelope box.

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.

Weekday Mass Timings...

Wednesday, Thursday

Rosary begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by mass at 10:00 a.m.

Friday - Chaplet of The Divine Mercy 9:30 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and 10:00 am mass.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

WELCOME BACK BBQ....

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED
AFTERNOON ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd,
AFTER THE 10 A.M. MASS.
(Weather permitting) ...for**

Hotdogs, burgers, corn & drinks

Tickets are...

Adults \$10.00 each.

Children 10 and under \$5.00 each.

Kids 5 and under enjoy for free!

