

Mass Intentions from Jan 4 - 10, 2025

Sat. Jan 4/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Jan 5/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Eileen Shanahan Carlo, Francesco & Valentina Cicchino Deceased members of Liganor - Chan family - Liganor - Chan family	-Teresa Baird - Shanahan & Scott family - Nick Cicchino
Sat. Jan 8/4:30 p.m.	Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi	- Elisabetta Nardi
Thu. Jan 9/10:00 a.m.	Pasqualina Di-Murro	- Velia
Fri. Jan 10/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family	- Teresa Baird

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR C)



First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6) The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6)

Now the mystery has been revealed:
now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

The wise men represent us all, and their symbolic gifts enable Matthew to explain this manifestation of GOD: Christ is priest, prophet and king.

Reflection:

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word, *Epiphania*, which is compound of two Greek words (*epi* - “upon”) and (*phania* - “shining”), thus it means “a shining upon” and it is sometimes translated as “manifestation” or “revelation.” The more exact translation is a “shining upon.” For it fits in well with the theme of the Light shining upon the world.

In today’s world the invitation to you and me is to be ever conscious of the need to reach out to everyone and embrace all people as God’s precious children. With so many displaced people travelling across the world to avoid persecution, warfare and violence, Pope Francis always appeals to us to see in them the face of Christ and make them welcome. This feast of the Epiphany of the Lord provides a wonderful opportunity for us to think again about the expansive and all-embracing nature of GOD’S revelation to the world, embodied in Jesus, and above all of what it means for us to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

May you continue to be enlightened by the Light of Christ and shine the Light upon others.

Blessed are You, LORD GOD almighty and all powerful. You have shone Your Light – Your Son – upon the world. You have manifested Your presence in the person of Jesus. He truly is the Light which/Who shines upon us in the darkness. You have allowed us, and called us, to come into the Light and to let the Light shine upon us. We have experienced the Light, been enlightened, and energized, so we can go out and let Your Light shine upon others through us. May we continually be charged up (empowered) by the Light, so we will have the strength to shine Your Light upon others and so that they may experience Your Light as they walk in the dark times of their lives. We ask for Your forgiveness for the times we have failed to shine Your Light upon others. We thank You for Your shining upon us and allowing us to shine upon others with Your Light. We give You all the praise and glory and honor through Jesus Your Son, the Light of the world, and in unity of the enlightenment that comes from Your Holy Spirit, You Who are our one and only GOD, shining upon us forever and ever. Amen.

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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intentions and Giving thanks to the Lord.

By: Ernest Clump & family.

December 29 collection & other income: \$1607.15

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OF ST. RICHARDS AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH. JOB WELL DONE!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED WARDENS

Fr. George & the parishioners, wish to **WELCOME** our 3 New Wardens starting 2025 are: Silvio Forlini was re-elected for his second three year term. Rene Kahawita and Marc Ricci were elected for their First three year term.

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.**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning mass at 10 a.m.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Every Friday 9:30 am followed by EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at 9:50 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation can be heard every Sunday 30 minutes before and after mass.