

## Mass Intentions from Jan 18-24, 2025

Sat. Jan 18/4:30 p.m.	Gael Shannon	- Erin Shannan
Sun. Jan 19/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Vito Fundaro Dr. Nagib Cassar Eileen Shanahan Settimia, Luigi, Sandra & Antonio Onesi	-Teresa Baird - Fundaro family - Samia Cassar & family - Shanahan & Scott family - Nick Cicchino
Wed. Jan 22/10:00 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Thu. Jan 23/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni	- Elisabetta Nardi

### Memorial- St. Francis De Sales

Fri. Jan 24/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

### Week of Prayer for Chirstian Unity

**"He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him."**

**First Reading** (Isaiah 62:1-5) The Lord rejoices in Israel as his bride.

**Second Reading** (1Cor 12:4-11) The one Spirit gives different gifts to different people.

**Gospel** (John 2:1-11) The first of the signs given by Jesus, when he changed water into wine at Cana.

### Reflection:

Today is a day of joining together. Today we see a link between the Christmas/Epiphany season and that of Ordinary Time. We also hear about Jesus' blessing the union of a man and woman by performing His first public "sign" (Miracle) in Cana of Galilee. Today is also a day in which we see the purpose of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is for the common bonding and Good of the whole of the body of believers, which should produce new life. The wine ran out at Cana. It has a habit of running out in our own lives as well. What happens when the wine of love disappears from marriage, family and friendship? The marriage that began with song and dance and so much promise can end in silent tears and the sense of betrayal. The joyous wine of youth, health and optimism can run out and give way to the bitter taste of emptiness and cynicism. The comforting wine of prosperity can go missing and leave us insecure, fearful of the future and dreading old age. The changes that happen in life can cause people to remain staring at the blank wall of their own personal problems, bewildered, withdrawn and not knowing where to turn.

**Our faith can help us to see our problems against the background of our blessings. When the wine of happiness runs out in our lives we can turn to Jesus with the persevering trust of Mary.**

**May you continue to manifest to the world the love which GOD has for all people and may you use the gifts which GOD has given you for the Good of others.**

## PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25

### Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christina Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates in order to include two Sundays.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together all may be one as Christ desires.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

A resource kit containing program materials for the Week of Prayer may be purchased from the Canadian Council of Churches' website, [www.councilofchurches.ca](http://www.councilofchurches.ca)

### CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDAR 2025

**Beautiful religious calendars for 2025 are available for purchase for \$5.00 each.**

Colourfully illustrated with a suitable Catholic Religious instructional theme and prayer for each month. Includes daily Gospel reading and Saint feast days, liturgical feast days, days of fasting and abstinence, public holidays, lunar cycles, a supplementary section on the ten commandments, preparation for confession, and other precepts and tenets of the church.

It comes with our complete parish address, email, phone & website.

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**

### Please pick up your SUNDAY ENVELOPE BOXES for 2025.

If your box is not available, please continue using a blank envelope with your contribution and 2024 number and leave your name, phone number and box number on the sheet provided on the table. A box will be assigned to you as soon as possible

Should you take the wrong box by mistake, please don't forget to return it.

**All parishioners are requested to please fill out one of your 2025 envelope with your complete address by January 26 for tax receipts.**

### 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.**



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
In memory of Dr. Nagib Cassar.**

By: Samia Cassar & family.



As St. Richards continues to build parish vitality and stewardship in the parish, Fr. George and all parish committees wish to increase the engagement of every parishioner (regardless of age) in the life of the parish as stewards, and is inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God. If you wish to be a volunteer for activities and entertainments, or have ideas on how to build our parish community, please feel free to fill out the form at the back and drop it in the donation box or hand it over to Samia Cassar. Every helping hand is a way to build up St. Richards to be a Vibrant Parish.

Thank 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.**

## Inspirational Quotes to help you overcome...

**"Keep your face always toward the sunshine--and shadows will fall behind you." -- Walt Whitman**

**"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." -- Albert Schweitzer**

**"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." -- Lao Tzu**