

Mass Intentions from Jan 25-31, 2025

Feast- Conversion of St. Paul

Sat. Jan 25/4:30 p.m.	Fred McCaffrey	- Erin Shannan
Sun. Jan 26/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Eileen Shanahan Paul & deceased members of Chung family	-Teresa Baird - Shanahan & Scott family - Jeanine & Jacqueline Chung
Wed. Jan 29/10:00 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Thu. Jan 30/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird

Memorial- St. John Bosco

Fri. Jan 31/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday of the Word of God

“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled, as you listen.”

First Reading (Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10)

The people understood the book of the Law as it was read to them.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:12-30)

Paul writes about the nature of the Body of Christ.
Through Baptism we are all made parts of that body.

Gospel (Luke 1:1-4.4:14-21)

The Gospel is not a story – it is fact.

It is a series of eye witness accounts describing the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Reflection:

Two aspects of being a Christian (*a disciple of Jesus the Christ*) are laid before us today: being part of a community of believers and being attentive to God's Word as revealed in scripture. These two aspects are summarized in our relationship to Jesus, the Head of the Body and the Word of God Incarnate.

The gospels are eye witness accounts of what Jesus said and did. Through his words and actions Jesus revealed that he is the 'good news'. We are called to proclaim the good news in all that we do and say. God has planned that the members of the church take in the same nutrients as other members of the community and then allow it to transform those nutrients into a form which empowers the members of the community to fulfill the function for which they were made. The common food of our community is the Word of God (both the verbally transmitted Word of Scripture and the Incarnate Word of God Whom we receive in the sacrament of the Eucharist). Each of us is then fortified with what we need to do, for the Good of the whole community. We may need to look carefully at our working lives and our home lives: to consider the way that we respond to the poor, to captives, to the blind and to the downtrodden. If we are the good news then all of our words and actions must proclaim that fact.

May you continue to grow in your understanding and appreciation of the Word and may it empower you to be a pro-active member of the faith community.

Blessed are You, LORD GOD, source of unity and truth. Through Your Goodness, You have spoken Your Word to people of old in order to reveal Your Good News. In the fullness of time, You “apostled” (“sent”) Your Son as the Word made flesh. His ministry was to assemble people to Himself, as members of His Body, for the purpose of proclaiming Your Good News to the world. He continues this ministry in the world today by means of the faithful gathering together in His name, hearing the Word, and their going forth as His apostles, evangelists, prophets, and teachers. Through our own sinfulness, we have not always been faithful to Your Word. For our failing to be authentic members of His Body and sharing faithfully in His ministry, we seek Your pardon and forgiveness. By the continuing outpouring of Your Holy Spirit, empower us to be active parts of the Body of Jesus and to fulfill the mission that You have given to us. To You be all glory, honor, and praise, as we make this prayer and put it into action in our lives, united with our Head, Jesus, Your Son, Who is the Word Incarnate, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and Who has died, is risen, and is living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, our one and only GOD, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 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 Michael Joseph,
and for all members ill in the Roberts & Joseph families.**

By: Avice Roberts Joseph.

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.**



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!

TO ALL VOLUNTEERS...

A potluck supper meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd, at 4 pm in the parish hall for volunteers of all committees serving for the Parish Vitality. A family-style pasta dish will be served for all to enjoy.

You are welcome to contribute a beverage, appetizer or dessert of your choice.

Please reply to the office via email if you are attending no later than January 29th, if you have any dietary restrictions and what you plan on bringing.

Thank you!