

Mass Intentions from Feb 8-14, 2025

Sat. Feb 8/4:30 p.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Sun. Feb 9/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird -Teresa Baird
Ida Cassar - Samia Cassar
Doreen Chartier - Samia Cassar & family
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family
Immacolata, Antonio & Bruno Nardi - Lina Romano
Lucia I. Liganor & Ricardo T. Liganor Sr. - Liganor & Chan family

Wed. Feb 12/10:00 p.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Thu. Feb 13/10:00 a.m. Rosaria Bertucci, Bruno Roti & Vito Andreacchi - E Nardi

Memorial - St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius

Fri. Feb 14/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

First Reading (Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8) Here I am; send me!

Second Reading (1. Cor: 15:1-11)

I preach what other Apostles preach,
and on our preaching is your faith founded.

Gospel (Luke 5:1-11)

Peter, James and John Left everything, and followed Jesus.

REFLECTION

GOD wants to reveal the essence of the Divinity to mere humans. Life can be quite challenging. We all have those days when we find it hard to get out of bed and face another day. Financial concerns, health issues, relational problems, and various other changes that we have to face, these make it difficult to get moving. How do you handle it when you are burdened? What has helped you get through those trying times? Often it is someone who reaches out to you with a comforting, compassionate hand, and who reminds you that GOD loves you and that GOD is ultimately in control. Spending time with the Lord Jesus in prayer, even if we don't feel any immediate relief, can also strengthen us to deal with our problems. We then realize that we are in touch with the holiness of GOD. It is not what we do or who we are that makes us holy. It is GOD's sharing divine holiness with us, which then empowers us to do what GOD wants us to do. The Lord Jesus wants us to know, love, and serve His **Abba**-Father, the Almighty GOD. We are invited into this process of divine self-revelation even though we are sinful individuals who do not deserve such a gift.

May you know the touching hand of GOD in your life, and may you be an instrument in the Lord's hand as He reaches out to others.

World Day of the Sick - February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (*Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes*) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

BE A VOLUNTEER IN YOUR PARISH!

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!

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.

Collection & other income for January : \$4288.40

Thank you for your continued support to your parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week For Pabillo family's Personal Intentions.

By – Pabillo family



BRUNCH

Sunday March 16, after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

Tickets are 25\$ for adults, 10\$ for kids 10 and under.

Tickets are available for purchase at the back of the Church. Please see Teresa Baird.

St. Patricks Square please see Patricia Legault.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14.

It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Saint Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: tradition maintains Saint Valentine was a priest in third-century Rome who defied Emperor Claudius II after the ruler outlawed marriage for young men believing single men were better able to serve the army than married men with family. St. Valentine would perform marriages in secret for young lovers, ultimately leading to his death. An 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.

The 8th-century Gelasian Sacramentary recorded the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries, when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion for couples to express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").