

Mass Intentions from Feb 15-21, 2025

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| Sat. Feb 15/4:30 p.m. | Nick Baird | - Teresa Baird |
| Sun. Feb 16/10:00 a.m. | Nick Baird Vito Fundaro Doreen Chartier Michael Joseph Eileen Shanahan Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino | -Teresa Baird - Fundaro family - Yvonne Gouveia - Avice Roberts Joseph - Shanahan & Scott family - Nick Cicchino |
| Wed. Feb 19/10:00 p.m. | Rosaria Bertucci, Bruno Roti & Vito Andreacchi | - E Nardi |
| Thu. Feb 20/10:00 a.m. | Gaetano Parissi | - Velia |
| Fri. Feb 21/10:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family | - Teresa Baird |

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

**Blessedness is the theme of today's readings.
True blessedness can only be described in similes and allegories.**

First Reading (Jeremiah 17.5-8)

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals;
blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Second Reading (1. Cor: 15.12, 16-20)

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Gospel (Luke 6.17, 20-26)

Blessed are the poor, but woe to you who are rich!

REFLECTION

We all have choices to make in life, choices about how we are to live our lives. Today's gospel encourages us to reflect upon the values we choose to live by. In an age where a great deal of status is attached to material wealth it is challenging to hear Christ's words, "how happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of GOD." When we spend time reflecting on our lives most of us discovers that they are far too complicated. We are working all hours for the "luxuries" of live we may find that many of these luxuries are unnecessary. Inspired by the gospel, we should choose the values we live by – values which will restore simplicity and fulfillment to our lives and to the lives of others.

May you share the love that GOD has given you and help enrich the lives of those who touch your life.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families.

By - Teresa Baird.

BLESSED are you....

**who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
who weep now, for you will laugh.
when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man.**

Woe to you...

**who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
who are full now, for you will be hungry.
who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestor did
to the false prophets.**

LUKE 6:20-26 (NRSV)

Blessed are You, LORD GOD, our eternal resting place. Through Your Goodness, You not only put a desire within us to be with You, but also You provide the graces and the wherewithal to journey to You. Yet, at times, we have lost sight of our calling and have let other forces drive us along our life paths. For our failures to keep You ever in mind and sink our roots down to Your life-giving flow, we ask Your pardon and forgiveness. Through the continued power of Your Holy Spirit and the example of Your Son, Jesus, help us to keep our eyes on You and eagerly do what we can to proclaim life with You as our goal. Let the Good News of Your love be the driving force in our lives and helps us to inspire others to seek You until that time when our hearts can rest in You. We make this prayer of thanks and praise to You, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, our Brother and Savior, Who is 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.

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.**



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 Linda Alfonso.
St. Patricks Square please see Patricia Legault.**

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 the usher. 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.

Collection & other income for February 2 : \$796.00

Thank you for your continued support to your parish.