

Mass Intentions from March 1-7, 2025

Sat. Mar 1/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Mar 2/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	-Teresa Baird
	Nelson Odal	- Connie Odal
	Phil Palucci	- Palucci family
	Neville Gouveia	- Yvonne Gouveia
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott family
	Anna & Giovanni Bellini	- Domenic Bellini & family
	Deceased members of Chung family - Jacqueline & Jeanine Chung	

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AND BLESSING WITH ASH AT...

Wed. Mar 5/10:00 a.m. Carolina Ciallella - Anna Muzzo
7:30 p.m. Mass

Thu. Mar 6/10:00 a.m. Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni - E Nardi

World Day of Prayer

Fri. Mar 7/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross after the 10:00 am mass.

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

“For what is in the heart, the mouth speaks.”

First Reading (Sirach 27.4-7)

Do not praise a man before hearing his message.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

God has given us victory through Jesus Christ.

Gospel (Luke 6:39-45)

Jesus advises his followers to be more aware of the darkness in their own lives before they criticize others. We are called to do the same.

Reflection:

We must be aware of how GOD has blessed us.

Faith in action takes a consciousness on our part.

Every day we can change just a little – striving gradually to put our own house in order. If we truly want to change our lives and the lives of those around us then it's best to be positive rather than critical and negative.

Challenge unkindness with kindness and love. If we honestly live the Gospel we will inspire others so that they, too, will want to have their lives shaped and molded by the goodness of that message.

May you continue to reflect on your motives for words and deeds, and may that lead you to say and do what GOD intends for you.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for safe travels for Ernest & friends & special intentions for Pabillo family.

By - Pabillo family.



BRUNCH

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

Tourtiere with salad & sides. Cake & Irish Coffee.

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

**Limited seating 150 adults & 50 Children.
Last minute tickets may not be available for purchase.**

**St. Monica's Parish Fundraiser event Friday March 7 at 7pm
in the Church Hall! 6405 rue de Terrebonne**

Live music coffeehouse featuring an impressive lineup of local Montreal musicians of incredible acoustic entertainment.

Tickets are \$20 each – Can be purchased at the door.

This is a byob event. Free coffee and tea.

Snacks for sale, a cash 50/50 raffle, and door prizes.

Please invite your friends and family for a wonderful evening.

Tax Receipt for 2024 is available for pickup at the back arranged in alphabetical order.

Collection & other income for February 23 : \$927.05

Thank you for your continued support to your parish.



What Lent means to me

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to GOD.

Lent is an important season in the Church's year. Every year Christians use Lent to prepare themselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, On Easter Sunday.

Lent is the forty days before Easter. Christians do not include Sundays in the forty days because they celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on March 5th.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but we want to be ready to really take off on that day. Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations.

"What does GOD want to give me this year?"

This question may require that I slow down a bit and *listen* to my inner spirit. "What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?

The anticipation and the preparation are transformed with the companionship of family and close friends. We shouldn't be deterred by the fear that our spouse or children or friends "won't be into it." Jesus said, "Fear is useless; what's needed is trust." Imagine what we could all receive from GOD in these days.

Ash Wednesday is a great place to start with our planning. "What are we going to eat?" We can plan to *intentionally* have only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. We can make that meal very meaningful and it doesn't take a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. It just takes desire and focus. GOD can do so much with that. We could wake up each morning, and for half a minute to a minute, stand by the edge of our beds, and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent. Whatever we try to say, our Lord can understand the Spirit trying to speak through our simple words. Each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to GOD before we go to bed. This simple pattern, in the morning and evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent, as a season of grace.

May our Lord bless us all on our journey ahead.