

Mass Intentions from March 15-21, 2025

Sat. Mar 15/4:30 p.m.	Christine Gibson	- Cheryl Grainger
Sun. Mar 16/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Vito Fundaro Michael Joseph Eileen Shanahan Maddalena & Nicolino Cicchino Giuseppe & Caterina Romano Rosaria Bertucci, Bruno Roti & Vito Andreacchi	-Teresa Baird - Fundaro family - Avice Roberts Joseph - Shanahan & Scott family - Nick Cicchino - Lina Romano - Elisabetta Nardi

SOLEMNITY - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed. Mar 19/10:00 a.m.	Sarena Yvette	- Eli Levy & family
Thu. Mar 20/10:00 a.m.	Benedetta Di-Murro	- Daughters

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Devotion 9:30 to 10:00 am

Fri. Mar 21/10:00 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. St. Patricks SQ: Stations of the Cross 4 pm.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

“Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.”

First Reading (Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18)

The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Second Reading (Philippians 3:17 - 4:1) Christ will transform our humble bodies, conforming them to his glorious body.

Gospel (Luke 9:28-36)

While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed.

Reflection:

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth.

We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our God. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives. If we make Good use of these 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Within each one of us there is beauty and light. Moments of awe and wonder are to be treasured, so that in times of difficulty we can think back to them and gain strength from them. Peter's experience on the mountain may appear to be short-lived, but it is such a momentous experience that it becomes a part of him, so that when his life later becomes very difficult he is able to remain faithful to his discipleship, knowing that he has experienced the majesty of GOD. Often, because of life's trials and difficulties, we can lose sight of the light within us. At our baptism we were given the light of Christ to share with the world that really needs that light. Perhaps this Lent is a time for us to reflect on our own inner beauty and to ask GOD to heal those areas that overshadow us and might prevent us from reflecting our light and Christ's light in the world.

HELPING THE NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners, through your generosity St. Richards was able to prepare 30 food baskets during Christmas 2024, for the needy and newly arrived families in the Mosaic School in our parish.

These families and a few more with children are still facing hardship. During this Lenten season and all year round,

let us follow Jesus teaching

“What you do unto your brother you do for me”.

Within your means if you can help, St. Richards wishes to give food vouchers to these families for Easter.

*Please use the specially marked brown envelopes at the back of the church for your donation **until Palm Sunday, April 13th**.*

As always ...thank you for helping your fellow parishioners.

**St. Patrick's and St. Josephs Day 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.

In a heartfelt message to the diocesan community, Archbishop Christian Lépine asks for intensified prayers for Pope Francis as he faces health struggles. He encourages personal and communal prayer, as well as offering acts of fasting and abstinence during Lent, with a special plea for intercession from Mary, Our Lady of Ville-Marie, and Saint-Joseph.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I write to you with deep pastoral concern for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As he faces health challenges, our diocesan community in Montreal unites in fervent prayer for him.

Our Holy Father has been a steadfast example of courage and dedication, leading the Church with boldness and compassion. Now, it is our turn to surround him with our filial affection and our spiritual support.

I therefore invite you to intensify your prayers, both personally and as a community, for Pope Francis' recovery. In your parishes, your families and your moments of personal prayer, let us lift him up especially before the Lord.

During this Lenten season, let us offer our acts of fasting and abstinence for his health, uniting our intentions with those of the universal Church. May the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Ville-Marie, and Saint-Joseph, patron of the universal Church and of our country, intercede for him before God.

May God, who is rich in mercy, bless you,

† Christian Lépine
Archbishop of Montreal

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1)”



**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.

The Gospel is GOD's "love letter" to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline.

You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Lord, as the Spirit led you into the desert to face temptation, so may that same spirit guide us this Lent as we seek to follow your way more faithfully.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intention for John Lawrence Villondo.

By – Lilibeth Villondo & family.

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