

Mass Intentions from March 29-April 4, 2025

Sat. Mar 29/4:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Fahey	- Erin Shannon
Sun. Mar 30/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Jean Haddad Roberto Patrizi Eileen Shanahan	-Teresa Baird - Samia Cassar - Phil Forlini - Shanahan & Scott family
Wed. Apr 2/10:00 a.m.	Henry & Lily Seneviratne	- Kahawita family
Thu. Apr 3/10:00 a.m.	Joseph & Clinton Seneviratne	- Kahawita family

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

Fri. Apr 4/10:00 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

“The story of the prodigal son – a story of repentance and mercy”.

First Reading (Joshua 5:9-12)

Having entered the Promised Land, the people of God celebrated the Passover.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself.

Gospel (Luke 15:1-3.11-32)

This brother of ours was dead, and has come to life.

Reflection

Disasters in the scriptures are seen by Jesus not as punishment. Today's parable is one of the best-known and best-loved stories in the Bible. While it is generally called the parable of the prodigal son, the focus is not only on the prodigal son and his repentance but on the father and his mercy.

The prodigal son is that part of us which is rebellious and irresponsible with the gifts God has placed in our lives. Perhaps we are takers who gather everything we can to ourselves, or squander what we have.

Perhaps we don't show appreciation for our parents and families. What can we learn from the older brother's jealousy? Are you carrying a resentment that is stealing your joy? Have you tried to be less judgmental? How willing are you to reflect on this story for the rest of Lent, and do something about it so that Easter joy can be yours?

Today's parable teaches that God offers people a second chance. Jesus calls for repentance and assures us that it is never too late to turn around our lives and bear fruit in God's eyes. God doesn't give up on us when we do things that are wrong and will always forgive us if we truly repent.

May you experience the newness of life (both physical and spiritual) which comes from God and may it lead to an even greater improvement in your life.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOSEPH'S FUND RAISER BRUNCH A SUCCESS.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS, WHO HELPED SETUP, COOK, PICK UP THE SUPPLIES, SOLD OR BOUGHT TICKETS, MADE A DONATION. WE EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO TERESA BAIRD FOR LEADING THE TEAM.

THE NET INCOME WAS \$5000.00.

Come and Join Fr. Lou Cerulli AND EACH OTHER For a Time of PRAYER AND CELEBRATION TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S POWER, LOVE, HEALING AND FREEDOM THROUGH THE MASS

Theme: Forgiveness, Eucharist and Healing Prayer
Sacred Scripture encourages us to **ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK**
Do you believe that really works?
DON'T WORRY, GOD HAS A PLAN!

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025 10:30am - 12:30pm
Sunday, April 6, 2025 9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Parish Hall & Church

The Mission will include: - Preaching by Fr. Lou
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Time for quiet personal prayer
- Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Celebration of Holy Mass on Saturday & Sunday

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.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace (Lent 2025) Theme : “TURN DEBT INTO HOPE”

The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for collection to assist the Global South. Normally this collection is held on the 5th Sunday in Lent for Development & Peace. (April 6th, 2025)

Next Sunday, April 6th, a second collection will be taken after Communion to assist the Global South.

Please use the envelope provided in your box.

CALENDAR AND PRAYER CARDS ARE AT THE BACK.



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:

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.

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 the Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families.
By -Teresa Baird.

Collection for March 23 was \$ 919.10
Thank you for your contribution.