

Mass Intentions (May 23-29, 2026)

Sat. May 23/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. May 24/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
	Dr. Nagib Cassar	- Samia Cassar
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott families
	Florance Khoriaty	- Mia & Antoine Khoriaty & family
	Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni	- Elisabetta Nardi
	Honesto, Estela & Ray Angelo Taguinod & Richard Gélinas	- Guia Gélinas
Wed. May 27/10:00 a.m.	Pasquale Di-Murro	- Daughters
Thu. May 28/10:00 a.m.	Giving Thanks to the Lord	- Fesahaye & Leteaulak
Fri. May 29/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families	- Teresa Baird

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A)

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

“As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.”

First Reading (Acts 2:1-11)

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7. 12-13)

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Gospel (John 20:19-23)

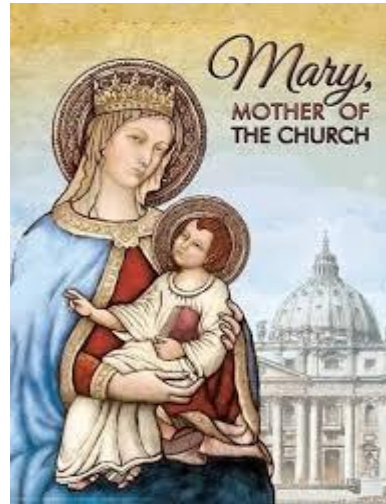
As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

Reflection:

Today we celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church, the end of the Easter Season. Our readings speak of the gift of the Holy Spirit and what that means for the Church, i.e., us.

On this Pentecost Sunday, people throughout the world will gather to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the empowerment of the apostles and disciples so that they can then go out and continue the ministry of the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus. This is truly a special day and a fitting close to the Easter Season. Yet, we do not just celebrate what happened nearly two thousand years ago. We also remember that we are part of the apostolic church and therefore have the privilege and obligation to continue the work of the Lord Jesus by furthering the ministry of Jesus and proclaiming the Good News. Each of us who call ourselves Christian are commissioned to use the gifts which GOD has given us for the spread of the faith. We are also empowered to carry the Gospel to others, to those in our families, to those in our work place/school, to those who are in need of help throughout the world.

May you continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may use the gifts which GOD has given you for the edification (building up) of the community of believers.



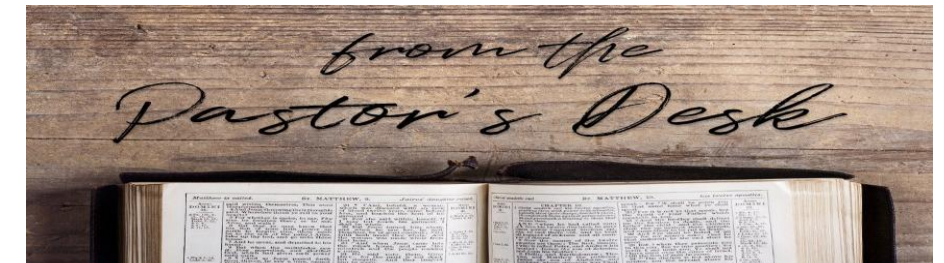
May 25, 2026 - Mary, Mother of the Church
(Celebrated on Mon. after Pentecost, replacing Mon. of the 8th Week in Ord. Time)

On March 3, 2018, Pope Francis approved and announced the new celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. It is a universal, required Memorial to be celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost. Mary is always respected as an excellent role model of what it means to be a loving mother, a devoted woman of faith, a disciple of Jesus, and a servant to others. It seems appropriate that this celebration of Mary being the Mother of the Church, the Body of Christ, is celebrated on the day after Pentecost, the “Birthday of the Church.” In scripture and tradition, Mary has been seen as the person to whom the early Church looked in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus after His ascension into heaven. Let us celebrate with the worldwide Church this day when we call upon Mary as the Mother of the Church.

May you continue to look to Mary, the Mother of the Church, and follow her example of being a disciple of her Son, Jesus.


Blessed are You, LORD GOD, for in Your Divine plan, You chose Mary to be the Mother of Your Son, Jesus. She is the model of discipleship-servant-leadership in her willingness to do Your will and provide loving care for Jesus. From the cross, Jesus gave Mary to John, and all His disciples and all believers to Mary. We honor Mary as the Mother of the Church and call upon her to intercede on our behalf so that we can be faithful followers of Jesus. Help us look to Mary and her loving care and follow her example of humility, obedience, and acceptance of Your will. We make this prayer to You in the name of Jesus, Your Son and the Son of Mary, and through the intercession of Mary. To You, loving Abba-Father, through Jesus, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor, glory, and praise; for You, the Most Blessed Trinity, are our one and only GOD for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Sijo Jose Arikkat will be arriving at the parish on Monday, June 1st. between 12:30 and 1:30 pm. Parishioners who are free can pass by for the reception.
Fr. George will be leaving on Tuesday, June 2 between 8:30 - 9 am.



Dear Parishioners,
I wish extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to St. Richards and St. Josephs Committees and Parishioners for my Farewell Carnival held last Sunday. It was not only an opportunity to celebrate mass together, but also have the opportunity to taste some traditional Indian dishes. It has been a great pleasure to work alongside such dedicated groups. Thank you for the support, collaboration, and shared successes during my tenure. I will deeply miss our weekly interactions, but look forward to seeing the team’s continued growth. Please feel free to stay in touch with me.

Blessings in Christ,
Fr. George Joseph

 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week giving thanks to the Lord.



St. Richards Parish is looking for a volunteer WEB DESIGNER to maintain and keep our parish website updated. We are hopeful a few of our TECH-SAVVY parishioners will be able to help out. Our website is www.strichards.ca

Please contact the parish office 514- 488 0778 or feel free to meet the parish secretary Hannah on Sundays after mass.

Thank you in advance for always supporting your parish.

New office hrs; Wednesday & Thursday - 9 am to 12 pm. Friday - 9 am to 1 pm.