



**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year A)**

**“He saw and he believed.”**

**First Reading** (Acts 10:34a. 37-43)

Peter and the apostles witness to the resurrection, bring the good news to others.

**Second Reading** (Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8)

Christians are called to a new life as the beloved of the Lord.

**Gospel** (John 20:1-18) St John entered the tomb; he saw and he believed.

**Reflection:**

Today we solemnly celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus the Christ. Our readings remind us that it is not just a historical fact that Jesus rose from the dead, but it is a life-transforming event, not only for Jesus, but also for all who believe in Him.

As we transition from the death of Jesus to the nothingness of Saturday, to the joy of the Lord Jesus’ rising, we see a glimpse of our own transition from earthly existence to joyful, heavenly relationship with GOD for all eternity. Jesus has provided the Way for us to move into the fullness of life which awaits us with GOD, since Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. This new life invites us to model our attitudes and actions on those of Christ: to love the weakest member of the community, to be generous to those who are poor, to forgive wrongs, to heal those who hurt, to continue to sing a song of joy and celebrate the day of resurrection. We rely on the Holy Spirit to bring to fulfillment our lives in Christ. We pray that God who has begun this good work in us may bring it to fulfillment.

Let us continue to celebrate our renewed relationship with the GOD Who is relationship of Abba-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**May you continue to celebrate the Shalom of the Risen Lord in your life and may that empower you to be a faithful witness of the relationship GOD has re-established with all of humanity through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.**



Dear Parishioner,

It is my pleasure to thank you for your spirit filled faith journey especially during this Lenten Season. And this Easter Season invites us to proclaim our living faith which we have experienced. This proclamation is to be lived in our everyday lives. Through the everyday life, we are raised to share that God is always with us. In his self-giving, and resurrection he opened to us a way of freedom and peace.

The place where we encounter the Risen Christ today is not the empty tomb but the hidden recesses of our deepest self, our searching, our prayers, our pain, and our love lead us to Him and to our neighbours.

Our regular presence in Sunday Eucharistic celebration is the greatest proclamation of our faith. More than just a canonical requirement, it is a necessity to guard our identity and to have growth as a faith community at St. Richard’s Parish. According to a recent survey taken by our diocese, among thirty-six English speaking parishes on the Island of Montreal, we are at the midpoint for Sunday attendance. *Thank you for your valuable presence. This is a wakeup call for me if I have not been to church.* The pandemic has changed our lives in many ways; one of them is virtual mass. Pope Francis and Archbishop Christian Lépine have taken away the option of virtual Holy Mass and now it is a mandate for all Catholics to join in-person for Sunday Celebrations. We are blessed with more pews in the church to have a comfortable seat with distance.

If anyone is unable to come to church and need Holy Communion or a home visit by a priest, please call 514 488-0778.

Please visit our website for our regular bulletin and other information. [www.strichard.ca](http://www.strichard.ca)

May God bless and protect you and your families and may the risen Lord be a constant source of hope for you in the days to come.

**We wish you and your loved ones a blessed, peaceful, and joyful Easter.**

Fr. George Joseph  
Parochial Administrator

NB: If you wish to make your contribution to the parish charity fund, please make a cheque or E-transfer to [strichards@videotron.ca](mailto:strichards@videotron.ca)



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
For the People.**

**Mass Intentions (April 12-14, 2023)**

Wed. Apr 12 -	Benedetta Di – Muro	- Daughters
Thur. Apr 13 -	Gino Alfonso	- Teresa Baird
Fri. Apr 14 -	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird	

**Easter Message from the Archbishop Christian Lépine**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Life is full of rendezvous: rendezvous with love, with joy, rendezvous with suffering and pain. There is also death, which looms on the horizon, appearing to us as the end of life. Every year we are graced with the celebration of Easter, which reminds us that death itself is not the final word on life and love, but rather a passage into eternal life.

Jesus Christ never stops knocking on the door of our hearts. He lives, and He comes to us, calling us to himself, so that we may know his Love, which is more powerful than death. Jesus Christ died on the cross, in prayer and with love. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and opened for us the way to eternal life, thus revealing the power of Divine Love.

In the same way that death could not keep Jesus Christ from being raised to life, nothing that befalls us in life, neither pain, sickness nor suffering, can prevent Him from transforming our death into a passage to eternal life.

Trust in Him. Commend your life to Him, surrender your illness and the hour of your death to Him. Your final destination is not death, but eternal life.

May we learn to surrender to God, with our eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ crucified. He is risen.

I bless you with my whole heart:

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Happy Easter,**

+ Christian Lépine  
Archbishop of Montreal

**Churches today have continued the mission, but many still face difficulties in developing their churches, and St. Richards Parish is no different. As generations pass on, people have less interest in the traditional ways. The reality is churches must grow to survive and spread the Gospel. The benefits of growing a church come with reaching more people, sharing God’s message, and making a difference in people’s lives. Fr. George wishes with every parishioner’s help to build a vibrant parish community for St. Richards Parish. He humbly request we all make an effort to invite and bring family and friends to Sunday mass. We can only succeed with your help. Thank you for making an effort.**

