

JESUS IS *Alive!*

Forever may You be
HONORED, GLORIFIED, and EXALTED!

Dear Parishioner,

Christ is risen!

Cristo è risorto!

Christus resurrexit!

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 our 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.

The Holy Week mass schedule is attached. Please visit our website for our regular bulletin and other information.: 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 Lenten almsgiving to the parish charity fund, please make a check or transfer to strichards@videotron.ca