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# Happy Easter!

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## St. Richard Resources

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### Welcome

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter from myself, Deacon Cordier, and the entire staff and volunteer team here at Saint Richard! I hope and pray that this Easter Octave and season is filled with Our Risen Lord's countless blessings and graces for you, your family, relatives, and friends!

I would like to welcome any visitors to Saint Richard during this most holy of seasons. We invite you to use any or all of the rich resources included in this insert that our staff has worked very hard to assemble, so that you may deepen your faith and strengthen your connection to and participation in our parish family.

Your presence here makes the light of Christ shine bright for Our Lord, Lady, our Holy Mother Church!

He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

In the Peace and Joy of the Risen Christ,



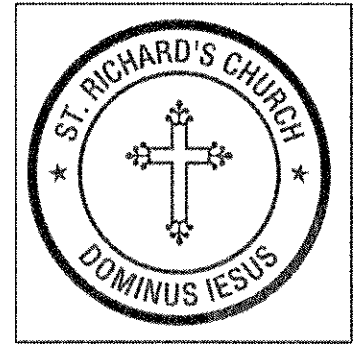
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There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. We are Catholic. Welcome home. [~catholiccomehome.org](http://catholiccomehome.org)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### May 4

Cinco de Mayo Dinner 6:00 PM

#### May 5

Classical Violinist Concert 3:00 PM

#### May 5

Adoration 6:00 PM

#### May 11

1<sup>st</sup> Communion 4:30 PM Mass

### ST. RICHARD SMARTPHONE APPS

**myParish** – stay up to date with what's going on at St. Richard with messaging and connect with Catholic life every day. Text the word, App, to the phone number 88202, or visit [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) to download, free.

**Flocknote** – receive notifications and communicate via text and/or email with the ministry groups you want to be involved in. Text the word, Rich, to the phone number 84576 and select the ministry groups you want to participate in, free.

## Why Wait Until Next Week to Come Back?

Today, information about the Catholic faith are available at your fingertips for adults and children. St. Richard, with the help of generous sponsors, have made them available for you. Join now, it's FREE

**STRICHARD.FORMED.ORG** - FORMED, is Catholic resources for entertaining movies, enlightening study series, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular eBooks—all in one place! These digital resources teach the truths of Christ and present the goodness and beauty of the faith, empowering every member of our parish.

**STRICHARDSPARISH.ORG** – St. Richard's own website is full of information, especially our FAITH page. Here you can find the daily readings, up-to-date news feeds from the Vatican, Christian culture that's fun, informative, and inspirational on CHURCHPOP, an online Catholic newsfeed from around the world on Catholic Register Online, stories of lives lived boldly that transform the world and renew hope in someone greater than ourselves from the Grotto Network and videos from Bishop Robert Barron and the Word on Fire. Our MINISTRIES pages enable you to sign up, stay informed and help serve our parish through Flocknote. A few ministry pages to look at are the Adult Faith Formation and the Elementary Religious Education. Our weekly bulletins and inserts can be found under the ABOUT page and you can always find updated news, parish mass times and events on our HOME page.

**CATHOLICSCOMEHOME.ORG** – A Catholic website to answer all of your questions about how to return to the Catholic faith.

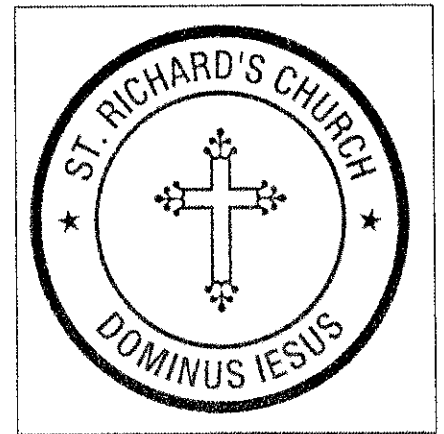
## Marriage Matters

How can Easter impact your marriage?

After the sacrifice of Lent and the gloom of Holy Week, we can sometimes arrive at Easter like someone who has finished a dreaded chore, and we resume regularly scheduled life. However, if this is our approach, we miss the gift Easter can be for our marriages.

The first message of the Resurrection is "Don't be afraid!" This phrase is proclaimed to all who approach the empty tomb, and to us as married people as well. We should not be afraid:

- ♥ ...of serious illness, financial or relationship problems. He has conquered even death, so He can bring good out of any evil we face.
- ♥ ...Of facing our own or our spouse's sin. He loved his disciples after they abandoned him. He can help us love each other with that same love.



## CATHOLIC SMARTPHONE RESOURCES

**iMissal Catholic** - considered the #1 Catholic App. The only app that does not require WIFI/cellular to access Mass readings and missal content, \$4.99

**Laudate** - read passages from the New American Bible, access the rosary, enjoy daily mass readings and listen to podcasts for your faith, free

**Pray.com (the Catholic Novena app)** - a complete prayer app that includes a number of novenas, including the Catholic Rosary, St. Benedict, St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi and many more, \$4.00/year

**Daily Readings for Catholics** – a clean and simple app that lets you follow the daily mass while at church or even on your own from anywhere, bonus, your device can read it out loud to you, free.

**iBreviary** - eliminates the need to carry a breviary around, cues up the prayers for the day, provides the Mass readings of the day, includes a short saint biography on feast days, and TONS of prayers and blessings, free.