



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope and pray that you continue to have a joyful and blessed Easter Season.

With the changing of the seasons, Holly McKenzie has coordinated three successful days of work on the “greenery” around St. Richard. The volunteers that were assembled put in a lot of hours to beautify our parish grounds. If you look around, you’ll see the beautiful “grace notes” that readied the landscape here for the spring and summer. You’ll love the fruition of their labors when it starts to warm up and plants are blooming. Thank you to all involved.

Bishop Vetter is very supportive of the unitive spirit of St. Richard as a true and holy diversity of liturgies are offered here for the faithful. Bishop Vetter whole-heartedly supports the Novus Ordo and the Latin Mass that is offered during the robust offering of Mass times here. Bishop recognizes the needs of all here and has approved a plan to put Communion Rails on the precipice of the Sanctuary, as well as replacing the carpet with beautiful tile in order to more clearly define the Sacred Space near the Tabernacle where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass takes place, where Heaven meets earth, where the Transcendent and Loving Lord gives himself miraculously to all of us. I will be integrating a catechesis on the vision of the Church regarding the meaning and symbolism of the invisible love and Presence of God made visible in the Sacraments.

I will be away for a break from Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Cy Appel will lead Communion Services on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the regular Mass times. I’m most grateful to Cy and to all of you, the Faithful here at St. Richard for all you do.

*Fr. Sean Raptis*