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Parishioner of St. Richard 5-10-20

Mass Intentions This Week:



The Parishioners of St. Richard

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please give Mass intentions to Father.

Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
 Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

LECTOR SCHEDULE

11-01 Toni Ferris
 11-08 George Seif
 11-15 Elsie Moleno
 11-22 Fred Maldonado
 11-29 Toni Ferris

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. If you would like your loved one to go back on the list for the following month please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need: Steven Goellner, Earnest Thomas, Franklin Epps, Rosemary Buskirk & Norma Vacca.

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 If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older and wish to join our Council please contact: Jerry Beil (252-586-0635) ncjib2@gmail.com or Thomas O'Neill (252-308-0493) oneilltomandanne@gmail.com

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:
SUNDAY: 10:30AM
SPANISH MASS:
Wednesday: 6:00PM
ROSARY: 10am Sunday
CONFESSIONS: 10am Sunday
 Holy Days - As Announced.

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We welcome all visitors and guests to our parish family and wish you safe travels and a happy visit to Emporia.

**First Sunday of Advent
 November 29, 2020**

Focusing the Gospel
Key words and phrases: Be watchful, be alert, when the Lord ... is coming
To the point: Jesus' admonition "Be watchful! Be alert!" was spoken to hearers holding heightened expectation that the Messiah was about to come to restore Israel to its former power, wealth, and glory. This limited expectation prevented them from recognizing Jesus as the Messiah already among them. In our Advent watchfulness, what are we looking for, and whom do we expect? To answer these questions in all their implied fullness, we must broaden

our limited expectations not only about Advent but even about God's presence to us in our daily living.

Connecting the Gospel ...
 ... to **First Reading:** Both the first and second readings affirm God's utter faithfulness in gifting us with "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ," "awesome deeds we could not hope for," and continued loving care: God delivers us from guilt and sin and enriches us in every way in Christ.
 ... to **experience:** When we have expectations, we are watchful and alert; without expectations, we easily become faint and lackluster. This Sunday's gospel reminds us that if we want to be watchful and alert for Christ's coming, we must develop heightened expectation for God's continuing gift of divine Presence.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

Estén atentos, estén alerta, cuando el Señor... viene

Hasta el punto:

La amonestación de Jesús "¡Cuidado! ¡Esté alerta!" se pronunció a los oyentes que tenían una mayor expectativa de que el Mesías estaba a punto de llegar a restaurar a Israel a su antiguo poder, riqueza y gloria. Esta limitada expectativa les impidió reconocer a Jesús como el Mesías ya entre ellos. En nuestra vigilancia de Adviento, ¿qué buscamos y a quién esperamos? Para responder a estas preguntas en toda su plenitud implícita, debemos ampliar nuestras limitadas expectativas no sólo sobre el Adviento, sino incluso sobre la presencia de Dios para nosotros en nuestra vida diaria.

Conectando el Evangelio...

... a la primera lectura:

Tanto la primera como la segunda lectura afirman la absoluta fidelidad de Dios al darnos "la revelación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo", "las acciones impresionantes que no podíamos esperar" y el cuidado amoroso continuo: Dios nos libera de la culpa y el pecado y nos enriquece en todos los sentidos de

Cristo.

... para experimentar:

Cuando tenemos expectativas, estamos atentos y alerta; sin expectativas, fácilmente nos desmayamos y nos deslucemos. El evangelio de este domingo nos recuerda que si queremos estar atentos y alerta para la venida de Cristo, debemos desarrollar una mayor expectativa para el don continuo de Dios de la Presencia divina.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements



There will be mass Saturday, December 12th at 1:00 pm for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Habrá misa el sábado 12 de diciembre a la 1:00 pm para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Advent and Christmas Schedule

11/29 1st Sunday of Advent Blessing of Advent Wreath

12/6 2nd Sunday of Advent

12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 6 pm

12/10 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service 7pm at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church-Lake Gaston

12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 1 pm

12/13 3rd Sunday of Advent Bambinelli Blessing

12/20 4th Sunday of Advent

12/25 Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 am

January 1, 2021 Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary Mass at 10:30 am

Bambinelli Blessing

There is a Vatican tradition of blessing Nativity scene figures of the Baby Jesus (*Bambinelli* in Italian). The tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and ever since, the *Bambinelli* blessing has been given by the Pope during Third Sunday of Advent. We ask every household in our parish to bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to church to be blessed December 13th during mass.

Bendición Bambinelli

Existe una tradición vaticana de bendecir las figuras de la escena de la Natividad del Niño Jesús (*Bambinelli* en

italiano). La tradición fue iniciada por el Papa Pablo VI en 1969 y desde entonces, la bendición *Bambinelli* ha sido dada por el Papa durante el Tercer Domingo de Adviento. Pedimos a todos los hogares de nuestra parroquia que traigan al Niño Jesús de su escena de la Natividad a la Iglesia para ser bendecidos el 13 de diciembre.

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Mass Attendance for 11/22:

Adults	16
Children	8

Weekly Offerings:

November 22, 2020

Will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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St. Andrew Christmas Novena

This unique Advent/Christmas Novena is a beautiful way to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons prayerfully.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena, a unique 26 day novena, runs through the entirety of Advent. The short

St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer is recited 15 times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve (December 24).

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires. (Mention your intentions here) Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother. Amen.



4th Usiel Gomez
8th Jenny Holtkamp
9th Novie Minguez
11th Leida Diaz
14th Kathy Kantor
14th Teresa Verduzco
20th Rosemary Seif
21st Yamila Amarillo
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