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Parishioner of St. Richard 5-10-20

Mass Intentions This Week:



The Parishioners of St. Richard Catholic Church

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

Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
 Reading II: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

LECTOR SCHEDULE

12-06 Elsie Moleno
 12-08 Toni Ferris
 12-13 George Seif
 12-20 Fred Maldonado
 12-25 George Seif
 12-27 George Seif
 01-01 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

Knights of Columbus Council 9309
 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020



Focusing the Gospel
Key words and phrases: from God, The Lord is with you, conceive in your womb
To the point: God comes. In this annunciation **Gospel**, God establishes a divine dwelling place in a most unexpected place—in the womb of Mary. The Word is made flesh by God's initiative—it is God-given. By fixing a place (see first reading) for divinity in human flesh and blood, God

fixes a place for us within the divine embrace. Truly, the Lord is with us.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to **First Reading**: In the **First Reading**, David takes the initiative in providing God a suitable dwelling place among the chosen people. God's response to David is that God will do more for David (build an everlasting dynasty) than David could ever do for God (build a temple). What humans would confine to stones and mortar, God plants in human flesh and blood.

... to **experience**: We sense that David's instinct was good: he lived in a fine house, and he wanted to build the same for God. But our ways are not God's ways. Nothing we do for God can ever surpass what God does for us.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

de Dios, el Señor está con ustedes, conciben en su vientre

Hasta el punto:

Dios viene. En esta anunciación, Dios del Evangelio establece una morada divina en un lugar más inesperado, en el seno de María. La Palabra se hace carne por iniciativa de Dios, es dada por Dios. Al fijar un lugar (véase la primera lectura) para la divinidad en la carne y la sangre humanas, Dios nos fija un lugar dentro del abrazo divino. Verdaderamente, el Señor está con nosotros.

Conectando el Evangelio...

... a la primera lectura: En la Primera Lectura, David toma la iniciativa de proporcionar a Dios un lugar de residencia adecuado entre el pueblo elegido. La respuesta de Dios a David es que Dios hará más por David (construir una dinastía eterna) que David podría hacer por Dios (construir un templo). Lo que los humanos se limitarían a las piedras y el mortero, Dios plantaría en carne y sangre humanas.

... para experimentar: Sentimos que el instinto de

David era bueno: vivía en una hermosa casa, y quería construir lo mismo para Dios. Pero nuestros caminos no son los caminos de Dios. Nada de lo que hagamos por Dios puede superar lo que Dios hace por nosotros.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

The church is being decorated for Christmas after mass on December 20th if you are able to assist.

The office will be closed from noon, December 23rd through December 28th and January 1st.

Please pick up your 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars after mass.

Advent and Christmas Schedule

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



Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

Joseph Comorat

Frank Derring

Mary Derring

Don Gilliard

Kelli Gownley

Timothy Gownley

Sammy Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Jones

Mr. Bob Lucas, Jr.

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Weekly Offerings:

December 13th

Offertory: \$307

Christmas Flowers: \$10

Building Fund: \$1000

Immaculate Conception: \$10

Our Lady of Guadalupe: \$214

Votive Stand: \$310

Diocesan Egiving: \$100

ParishSoft Egiving: \$0

Mass Attendance for 12/13:

Adults 20

Children 10

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1st Kasey Zapanta
7th Earnest Thomas
8th Carlos Nery
11th Paolo Malabanan
Fitzgerald Marcellin
14th Maribel Garcia
22nd Emily Plascenia
25th Cynthia Baux
Vanessa Carillo
28th Luz Zapanta
29th Magdalena Alston
31st Eli Henry Smith



Ma. Socorro & Victor Conte
December 20, 2008

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THE GOSPEL Christmas Day John 1:1-18

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

What is Love?
Where does it come from?
Who can create it?

Before anything else,
Love is there,
wanting to share.

So in Love's own image
and likeness, we
were created.

But our Creator knew we
couldn't walk this path
alone.

So
Love came as a babe
to Bethlehem and
he walked right
with us,

holding our hands,
teaching us all
the ways of love.

"We can only
stand in awe-struck silence
and wonder at this love
that is beyond all
telling."*

* Rahner, Encounters with
Silence