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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: Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
 Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**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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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](mailto:ncjib2@gmail.com) or Thomas O'Neill (252-308-0493) [oneilltomandanne@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2020**



**Focusing the Gospel**

**Key words and phrases:** child grew and became strong

**To the point:** "The child grew and became strong ..." This simple affirmation about the Child says something about the whole mystery of the Incarnation, about families, and about holiness. Mary and Joseph, no doubt, grew into their role as parents of Jesus, beginning with their fulfilling the

prescriptions of the law. We grow as a human family as we respond to the many different ways God calls us to holiness. This is the meaning of the Incarnation: growth in God's ways.

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

... **to First Reading:** God's promise of salvation comes to fulfillment through the enfleshment of human life: the son born to Abraham and Sarah, the Child parented by Mary and Joseph and tenderly recognized by Simeon and Anna. This promise continues to be enfleshed today as we grow in holiness.

... **to experience:** The point to this feast is not to create a tension between a notion of an ideal nuclear family and our actual experience of family. Growing in holiness is possible no matter what our family situation.

## Centrar el Evangelio

### Palabras y frases clave:

niño creció y se hizo fuerte  
**Hasta el punto:** "El niño creció y se hizo fuerte ..."  
"Esta simple afirmación sobre el Niño dice algo sobre todo el misterio de la Encarnación, sobre las familias y sobre la santidad. María y José, sin duda, se convirtieron en su papel como padres de Jesús, comenzando con el cumplimiento de las prescripciones de la ley. Crecemos como una familia humana a medida que respondemos a las muchas maneras diferentes en que Dios nos llama a la santidad. Este es el significado de la Encarnación: crecimiento en los caminos de Dios."

## Conectando el Evangelio...

... **a la primera lectura:** La promesa de salvación de Dios llega a su cumplimiento a través del enflesado de la vida humana: el hijo nacido de Abraham y Sara, el Niño padre de María y José y tiernamente reconocido por Simeón y Ana. Esta promesa continúa siendo enflesada hoy a medida que crecemos en santidad.

... **para experimentar:** El punto de esta fiesta no es crear una tensión entre la

noción de una familia nuclear ideal y nuestra experiencia real de familia. Crecer en santidad es posible sin importar nuestra situación familiar.

## Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

On Behalf of the Parish Council we would like to thank all that participated in the decorating of the church for Christmas. The Altar looks stunning. We could not have done it without everyone's help and contributions.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~ Parish Council

En nombre del Consejo Parroquial queremos dar las gracias a todos los que participaron en la decoración de la iglesia para Navidad. El Altar se ve impresionante. No podríamos haberlo hecho sin la ayuda y las contribuciones de todos.

¡Esperamos que todos tengan una Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo!

• Consejo Parroquial

The office will be closed December 28<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

La oficina permanecerá cerrada los días 28 de diciembre y 1 de enero.

**There will be mass Friday, January 1, 2021 at 10:30 am for the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary.**

**Habrará misa el viernes 1 de enero de 2021 a las 10:30 am para la solemnidad de la maternidad de María.**

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

**Por favor, recoja sus sobres y calendarios de contribución 2021 después de la misa.**

## Weekly Offerings:

December 20<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$345  
Christmas Flowers: \$25  
Building Fund: \$25  
Immaculate Conception: \$25  
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**Mass Attendance for 12/20:**  
Adults 22  
Children 12



## Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

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**Ma. Socorro & Victor Conte  
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