

Parishioner of St. Richard 5-10-21

Mass Intentions This Week:



Steve Barthelemy

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

Next Week's Readings

At the Procession with Palms:
Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or
15:1-39

LECTOR SCHEDULE

03-07	Elsie Moleno
03-14	Ann Thomas
03-21	George Seif
03-28	John Holtkamp



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; Ernest Thomas; Franklin Epps; Rosemary Buskirk; Robert Taylor

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. ([Gospel](#))

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

Son of Man to be glorified, if it dies, produces much fruit, loses, preserve, serves me, honor, lifted up

To the point: The challenge of this gospel is to serve others, lose one's life, and die, all this, to gain new life. Disciples do this in imitation of Jesus. Discipleship therefore, means a lifelong growing into dying and

rising. Learning to serve, we understand what losing our life means. Losing our life, we understand what dying means. Dying, we receive the fruit: fullness of life and a share in Christ's glorification.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the Second Reading: What Jeremiah anticipates ("the days are coming") Jesus fulfills ("Now is the time"). What is anticipated and fulfilled? A new covenant with all people, a new people now drawn to Jesus himself.

... to experience: In our society people often strive to gain glory (self-aggrandizement) for themselves, even if it means hurting others. Followers of Jesus strive to gain glory too. But their glory is a free gift of God granted to those who serve others by dying to self.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

Hijo del Hombre para ser glorificado, si muere, produce mucha fruta, pierde, preserva, me sirve, honra, levantada

Hasta el punto: El desafío de este Evangelio es servir a los demás, perder la vida y morir, todo esto, para obtener una nueva vida. Los discípulos hacen esto en imitación de Jesús.

Discipulado, por lo tanto, significa una vida creciendo en la muerte y el levantamiento. Aprendiendo a servir, entendemos lo que significa perder la vida. Perdiendo la vida, entendemos lo que significa morir.

Moribundos, recibimos el fruto: plenitud de la vida y una parte en la glorificación de Cristo.

Conectando el Evangelio...

... a la Segunda Lectura: Lo que Jeremías anticipa ("los días venciendo") Jesús cumple ("Ahora es el momento"). ¿Qué se anticipa y se cumple? Un nuevo convenio con todas las personas, un pueblo nuevo que ahora se siente atraído por Jesús mismo.

... para experimentar: En nuestra sociedad la gente a menudo se esfuerza por

ganar gloria (auto-engrandecimiento) por sí mismos, incluso si eso significa herir a los demás. Los seguidores de Jesús también se esfuerzan por ganar gloria. Pero su gloria es un don gratuito de Dios concedido a aquellos que sirven a los demás muriendo a sí mismos.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

Resumption of Spanish mass will begin Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 1 PM.

La reanudación de la misa en español comenzará el sábado 13 de marzo del 2021 a la 1 (una de la tarde).



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross is cancelled for March 19th.

Las estaciones de la Cruz se cancelan para el 19 de marzo.

Weekly Offerings:

Marth 7th

Offertory: \$1396

Building Fund: \$230

Easter Flowers: \$50

ParishSoft Egiving: \$491.63

Marth 14th
Offertory: \$379
Building Fund: \$25
ParishSoft Egiving: \$31.63

Mass Attendance for 03/14:
Adults 29
Children 16



What images come to mind when you hear the word "glory"? An American flag flying high as fighter jets streak across the sky? Confetti falling on the winning team as they hoist another trophy? Or perhaps a celebrity all decked out as they accept an award? These are all pretty reasonable representations of glory, on a human level. So when Jesus speaks about glorifying the Father, we might expect him to paint a similar kind of picture: one of power, grandeur, and awe. Instead, the clearest image Christ gives us in today's Gospel is of a grain of wheat falling to the ground and dying. Hm. Not exactly what most of us have in mind when we think "glorious."

In typical fashion, though, Jesus is showing us that the ways of God are not the ways of men. While God's glory does include His power and awesomeness and majesty and might, it also includes something else that we might find a little surprising: the giving of Himself for another, so that they might have life. This is why Christ's Self-Gift on the Cross—perhaps even more so than the Resurrection or the Ascension—is highlighted in John's Gospel as the place of His Glory. And it's why the Cross has been called Christ's

Royal Throne throughout Christian history.

We are called to glorify God, too. And we can't do better than by imitating Jesus, offering generous, fruitful sacrifices in union with Christ. This Lenten season is the perfect time to do so. We can take part in many opportunities for almsgiving. We can also contribute to our Annual Diocesan Appeal, allowing a grain of our wealth to bear much fruit in our parish community. As we go forward this week, let's ask God to show us how we can glorify His name by giving generously in imitation of Christ.

¿Qué imágenes te vienen a la mente cuando escuchas la palabra "gloria"? ¿Una bandera estadounidense volando alto mientras los aviones de combate surcan el cielo? ¿Cuanto cae confeti sobre el equipo ganador mientras levantan un trofeo? ¿O tal vez una celebridad engalanada al aceptar un premio? Todas estas son representaciones bastante razonables de la gloria, a nivel humano. Entonces, cuando Jesús habla de glorificar al Padre, podríamos esperar que pintara un cuadro similar: uno de poder, grandeza y asombro. En cambio, la imagen más clara que Cristo nos da en el evangelio de hoy es la de un grano de trigo que cae al suelo y muere. No es exactamente lo que la mayoría de nosotros tenemos en mente cuando pensamos en "glorioso".

Sin embargo, de manera típica, Jesús nos está mostrando que los caminos de Dios no son los caminos de los hombres. Si bien la gloria de Dios incluye Su poder, asombro, majestad y poder, también incluye algo más que podríamos encontrar un poco sorprendente: la entrega de Sí mismo por otro, para que tenga vida. Es por eso que el auto-darse de Cristo en la cruz —quizá aún

más que la resurrección o la ascensión— se destaca en el Evangelio de Juan como el lugar de su gloria. Y es por eso que a la Cruz se le ha llamado el Trono Real de Cristo a lo largo de la historia cristiana.

También estamos llamados a glorificar a Dios. Y lo mejor que podemos hacer es imitar a Jesús, ofreciendo sacrificios generosos y fructíferos en unión con Cristo. Esta temporada de Cuaresma es el momento perfecto para hacerlo. Podemos participar en muchas oportunidades para dar limosna. También podemos contribuir a nuestra Campaña Diocesana Anual, permitiendo que un grano de nuestra riqueza dé muchos frutos en nuestra comunidad parroquial. A medida que avanzamos esta semana, pidamos a Dios que nos muestre cómo podemos glorificar Su nombre dando generosamente en imitación de Cristo.



1 John Holtkamp
4 Christine Brophy
Niurka Verduzco
5 Kenji Carillo
Matthew Conte
9 Usiel Morales
10 Jerome Moleno
11 Venise Carillo
15 Maribel Gomez
18 Vanessa Deluna-Ramirez
Stanley Hanhauser-Allen
26 Kelly Plascencia
28 Stella Hanhauser



Holy Monday: March 29th
6 PM Chrism Mass at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Maundy Thursday: April 1st
5:30 PM Mass
Adoration until 9 PM
Easter Sunday: April 4th
10:30 AM Mass



A Prayer for the Fifth Week of Lent

Lord of creation, you have designed your earth and us to be fruitful. In your plan we are like the marvelous grains of wheat, sprouting and feeding a hungry world. Bless us and all those we are called to nourish. Teach us how to lose our life so that we may gain eternal life. Amen.

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