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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

Divine Mercy Sunday
 Reading I: Acts 4:32-35
 Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

LECTOR SCHEDULE

04-01 George Seif
 04-04 Elsie Moleno
 04-11 Toni Ferris
 04-18 Ana Verduzco-Rios
 04-25 John Holtkamp

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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; Franklin Epps; Rosemary Buskirk; Robert Taylor

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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.

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: came to the tomb, early in the morning, stone removed from the tomb, taken the Lord from the tomb, came to the tomb, arrived at the tomb, went

into the tomb, arrived at the tomb, had to rise from the dead

To the point: Mary arose "early in the morning" to go to Jesus' tomb. This image of a new day speaks to us of a new beginning, new opportunities, new encounters. Early morning speaks to us of the freshness of new life. By contrast, this gospel uses the word "tomb" seven times, speaking to us about the seeming finality of Jesus' death. By even greater contrast, the gospel ends with the Scripture certitude that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." Death is overcome. Death has no victory. God is the Lord of life. Easter celebrates a new beginning, our certitude of new life. May we choose that Life.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

llegó a la tumba, temprano en la mañana, piedra retirada de la tumba, tomó al Señor de la tumba, llegó a la tumba, llegó a la tumba, entró en la tumba, llegó a la tumba, tuvo que levantarse de entre los Muertos

Hasta el punto:

María se levantó "temprano en la mañana" para ir a la tumba de Jesús. Esta imagen de un nuevo día nos habla de un nuevo comienzo, nuevas oportunidades, nuevos encuentros. La madrugada nos habla de la frescura de la nueva vida. Por el contrario, este Evangelio utiliza la palabra "tumba" siete veces, hablándonos acerca de la aparente finalidad de la muerte de Jesús. Por un contraste aún mayor, el Evangelio termina con la certeza de las Escrituras de que Jesús "tuvo que levantarse de entre los muertos". La muerte está superada. La muerte no tiene victoria. Dios es el Señor de la vida. La Pascua celebra un nuevo comienzo, nuestra certeza de nueva vida. Que elijamos esa Vida.

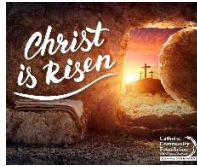


Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

The office will be closed April 5th.

Spanish mass will resume Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 1 PM.

La misa española se reanudará el sábado 10 de abril de 2021 a la 1 p. m.



What would have happened if Mary Magdalene (and, depending on which Gospel account you read, the other women) hadn't come to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning? It's crazy to think, but it seems likely that humanity might've missed out on the Good News of Christ's resurrection and His victory over death. After all, the apostles, those closest to Jesus, those who'd heard him repeatedly speak of His death and resurrection during his ministry, were in hiding—either because they didn't believe in Jesus's promise, or because their fear of punishment by the authorities deterred them from following up on it. Instead, God drew Mary Magdalene to the tomb through her desire to be with Christ—even in His death. This underscores an important point: God draws us to Himself through our desires! Our hearts are made for God, and prayerfully reflecting upon where our deepest desires point is one of the best ways of discerning God's will for us. Our parish has discerned a desire to strengthen our

community through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As we enter into the Easter season, confident that God draws us to Himself through our daily desires, let's generously support this important cause.

¿Qué hubiera pasado si María Magdalena (y, según el relato del Evangelio que leas, las otras mujeres) no hubieran ido a la tumba en la primera mañana del domingo de Pascua? Es una locura pensar, pero parece probable que la humanidad se haya perdido las Buenas Nuevas de la resurrección de Cristo y Su victoria sobre la muerte. Después de todo, los apóstoles, los más cercanos a Jesús, los que lo habían oído hablar repetidamente de su muerte y resurrección durante su ministerio, estaban escondidos, ya sea porque no creían en la promesa de Jesús o porque temían ser castigados por las autoridades les disuadieron de darle seguimiento. En cambio, Dios llevó a María Magdalena a la tumba a través de su deseo de estar con Cristo, incluso en Su muerte. Esto subraya un punto importante: ¡Dios nos atrae hacia Él a través de nuestros deseos! Nuestros corazones están hechos

para Dios, y reflexionar en oración sobre dónde apuntan nuestros deseos más profundos es una de las mejores formas de discernir la voluntad de Dios para nosotros.

Nuestra parroquia ha discernido el deseo de fortalecer nuestra comunidad a través de la Campaña Diocesana Anual. Al entrar en la temporada de Pascua, confiando en que Dios nos atrae hacia Él a través de nuestros deseos diarios, discernimos cómo podemos cada uno de nosotros apoyar generosamente esta importante causa.



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Mass Attendance for 03/28:	
Adults	38
Children	14



- 1 Katherine Abernathy
- 2 Lan Newsome
- Gloria Vazquez Rodriguez
- 14 Liam George Quejado
- 15 Timmy Grace Gorman
- 18 Geronimo Moleno
- 22 Hilmer Martinez Vazquez
- 23 Ruby Santes
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