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Mass Intentions This Week:



Kirk Cook

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

Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

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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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; 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:

Saturday: 1:00PM

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.

Thomas, I will not believe, believe

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2021



He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." (Gospel)

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

Jesus came, peace be with you, I send you, forgive,

To the point: In face of Thomas's obstinate unbelief, Jesus is remarkably serene and understanding when he returns a week later and meets Thomas where he is. Jesus incarnates the Peace with which he greets the disciples and manifests forgiveness in his encounter with Thomas. He sends disciples forth with firsthand experience of the ministry with which he entrusts them: granting forgiveness and spreading peace.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the Second Reading: The Second Reading spells out in more detail what believing in the risen Jesus enables us to do: love God and others, obey God's commandments, and conquer the world.

... to *experience*: Anyone living in family or community knows the experience of forgiveness both given and received. They also know the peace such forgiveness engenders.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

Jesús vino, la paz está contigo, te envío, perdono, Tomás, no voy a creer, Jesús vino, cree

Hasta el punto: Ante la obstinada incredulidad de Tomás, Jesús es notablemente sereno y comprensivo cuando regresa una semana después y conoce a Tomás donde está. Jesús encarna la Paz con la que saluda a los discípulos y manifiesta perdón en su encuentro con Tomás. Envía discípulos con experiencia de primera mano del ministerio con el que él los confía: conceder perdón y difundir la paz.

Conectar el Evangelio

... a la **Segunda Lectura**: La Segunda Lectura detalla con más detalle lo que la creencia en Jesús resucitado nos permite hacer: amar a Dios y a los demás, obedecer los mandamientos

de Dios y conquistar el mundo.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

Spanish Mass (Misa en español) – Saturdays at 1:00 PM



For most of us, the Christian life is so “routine” that we often don’t stop to think about how radical it is; selflessly loving God and others in imitation of Christ, who gave Himself on the Cross. In fact, if we really took seriously its demands, we’d probably be struck by how impossible it all seems; for man to love as God loves. That’s likely what the Apostles were thinking when the Risen Lord, with the nailmarks still fresh in his hands, sends them on mission “as the Father has sent” Him. And yet, it’d be a mistake to only focus on the seemingly impossible demands of this mission. Because if we’re sent as

Christ was sent by the Father, we’re also called to live in the same relational mode that He did and does, in complete dependence upon the Father. This is why Christ’s sending of the Apostles on mission is inherently connected with their reception of the Holy Spirit—the love between the Father and Son. If we’re not in relationship with God, the Christian life is truly impossible.

But of course, God invites us into relationship with Him today: in prayer, in the sacraments, and in Christian community. And when we’re relying on Him, the mission He sends us on can seem less impossible. Here at St. Richard, we’ve discerned that part of our mission is to build up our parish community through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. During this Easter season, let’s ground ourselves deeply in our relationship with God, so that we can generously respond to this and the entirety of our mission.

Para la mayoría de nosotros, la vida cristiana es tan “rutinaria” que a menudo no nos detenemos a pensar en lo radical que es; amar desinteresadamente a Dios ya los demás a imitación de Cristo, que se entregó a sí

mismo en la Cruz. De hecho, si realmente nos tomáramos en serio sus demandas, probablemente nos sorprendería lo imposible que parece todo; para que el hombre ame como Dios ama.

Eso es probablemente lo que pensaban los Apóstoles cuando el Señor Resucitado, con las marcas de los clavos aún frescos en sus manos, los envía en misión “como el Padre lo ha enviado”. Y, sin embargo, sería un error centrarse únicamente en las demandas aparentemente imposibles de esta misión. Porque si somos enviados como Cristo fue enviado por el Padre, también estamos llamados a vivir en el mismo modo relacional que Él hizo y hace, en completa dependencia del Padre. Es por eso que el envío de los apóstoles por parte de Cristo en misión está intrínsecamente relacionado con la recepción del Espíritu Santo, el amor entre el Padre y el Hijo. Si no estamos en relación con Dios, la vida cristiana es verdaderamente imposible.

Pero, por supuesto, Dios nos invita a relacionarnos con Él hoy: en la oración, en los sacramentos y en la comunidad cristiana. Y cuando confiamos en Él, la misión a la que nos envía puede parecer menos

imposible. Aquí en San Ricardo, hemos discernido que parte de nuestra misión es construir nuestra comunidad parroquial a través de la Campaña Diocesana Anual. Durante este tiempo pascual, entrémonos profundamente en nuestra relación con Dios, para que podamos responder generosamente a esto y a la totalidad de nuestra misión.



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April 4th

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Adults	51
Children	28



- 1 Katherine Abernathy
- 2 Lan Newsome
- Gloria Vazquez Rodriguez
- 14 Liam George Quejado
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- 18 Geronimo Moleno
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