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Mass Intentions This Week:



Victor Geñosa (D)

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

Next Week's Readings

4th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 4:8-12
 Responsorial Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
 Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2
 Gospel: John 10:11-18

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.

**3rd Sunday of Easter
 April 18, 2021**

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: stood in their midst; Why are you troubled?; Touch me and see; ate it in front of them

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 First Reading: Peter is able to witness to the reality of Jesus' resurrection and call his hearers to repentance because he himself has experienced repentance and forgiveness, and the new life this brings.

... to experience: In our judicial system the most credible witnesses are eyewitnesses close to the event. We are eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Jesus—even though we are far removed from the historical event—when we recognize the risen Lord among and within us, forgive and seek forgiveness of one another, and faithfully feast at his table. He is alive!

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

se puso en medio de ellos; ¿Por qué estás preocupado?; Tócame y mira; se lo comió delante de ellos

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 Primera Lectura: Pedro es capaz de testimoniar la realidad de la resurrección de Jesús y llamar a sus oyentes al arrepentimiento porque él mismo ha experimentado arrepentimiento y perdón, y la nueva vida que esto trae.

... para experimentar: En nuestro sistema judicial los testigos más creíbles son testigos presenciales cercanos al evento. Somos testigos oculares de la resurrección de Jesús — a pesar de que estamos muy

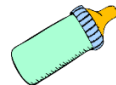
alejados del acontecimiento histórico — cuando reconocemos al Señor resucitado entre nosotros, perdonamos y buscamos el perdón el uno del otro, y nos deleitamos fielmente en su mesa. ¡Está vivo!

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

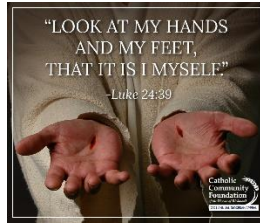
Spanish Mass (Misa en español) – Saturdays at 1:00 PM

There is a Finance Council Meeting April 25, 2021 after mass.

Habrará una junta financiera el 25 de abril del 2021 después de misa.



The recent St Peter/St Richard Baby Bottle Campaign was a resounding success thanks to the generosity of our parishioners! Between the two churches and a donation from the Knights of Columbus, we were able to collect \$1,700 for donation to the Roanoke Rapids Pregnancy Support Center. The Center was presented with a check at their meeting on April 13th and were very thankful for all those who contributed, as will all the mothers and little babies who will benefit from our efforts. This was yet another testament of the heart, soul, and character of our parishioners!



What do we know about the Risen Lord Jesus? Well, we know he can walk through walls, can disappear and reappear in an instant, and can appear in a dazzling light to disguise his appearance. Here, in the wake of the Resurrection, Jesus is reminding us that He is God, and that He has won the victory over death.

And yet, Jesus also chooses to remind His Apostles, and us today, that He is also fully human: He not only eats fish, but he interrupts a post-Resurrection moment of catechesis to ask for it! In doing so, and also showing the wounds of His crucifixion, Jesus is reminding us how close He is to us and our humanity. Because when you love something, you don't hold back; you draw close and are willing to be bold, to have some "skin in the game."

We have an opportunity to follow Christ's lead in our own parish community, by supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We may belong to this parish, but are we really invested? Supporting the parish financially is a great way to put our love into action, to allow it to take flesh, as God did among us through His Incarnation. Let's ask God for the clarity to see how He wants us to "incarnate" our love for this parish.

¿Qué sabemos del Señor Jesús resucitado? Bueno, sabemos que puede atravesar paredes, puede desaparecer y reaparecer en un instante, y puede aparecer con una luz deslumbrante para disfrazar su apariencia. Aquí, a raíz de la Resurrección, Jesús nos recuerda que Él es Dios y que ha ganado la victoria sobre la muerte.

Y, sin embargo, Jesús también elige recordar a sus Apóstoles, y a nosotros hoy, que Él también es plenamente humano: no solo come pescado, sino que interrumpe un momento de catequesis posterior a la Resurrección para pedirlo. Al hacerlo, y también al mostrar las heridas de Su crucifixión, Jesús nos recuerda lo cerca que está de nosotros y de nuestra humanidad. Porque cuando amas algo, no te reprimes; te acercas y estás dispuesto a ser audaz, a tener algo de "piel en el juego".

Tenemos la oportunidad de seguir el ejemplo de Cristo en nuestra propia comunidad parroquial, apoyando la Campaña Diocesana Anual. Podemos pertenecer a esta parroquia, pero ¿estamos realmente comprometidos? Apoyar financieramente a la parroquia es una excelente manera de poner nuestro amor en acción, de permitir que se haga carne, como lo hizo Dios entre nosotros a través de Su Encarnación. Pidamos a Dios claridad para ver cómo Él quiere que "encarnemos" nuestro amor por esta parroquia.



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April 4th

Offertory: **\$2061**

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Easter Flowers: **\$60**

Building Fund: **\$90**

Diocesan Newspaper: **\$25**

Ascension: **\$25**

Catholic Relief Services: **\$25**

Diocesan Home Missions: **\$50**

Peter's Pence: **\$50**

April 11th

Offertory: **\$559**

Easter Offering: **\$55**

Easter Flowers: **\$10**

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Mass Attendance for 04/11:

Adults 39

Children 15



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

27 Monica Deluna-Hawkins

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