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Mass Intention



Our Parishioners

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

Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth
para programar una misa o si tiene
alguna pregunta. Por favor, den inten-

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-

3, 4, 5-6

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

December Birthdays

- 1 **Kaesy Zapanta**
- 3 **Angel Leon**
- 8 **Carlos Nery**
- 11 **Paolo Malabanan
Fitzgerald Marcelin**
- 14 **Maribel Garcia**
- 21 **Cindy Vallejo**
- 22 **Emily Plascenia**
- 25 **Cynthia Baux
Vanessa Carillo**
- 28 **Luz Zapanta**
- 29 **Magdalena Alston**
- 31 **Eli Henry Smith**

Happy Anniversary

**Ma. Socorro & Victor
Conte
Dec. 20, 2008**



Please use this list to pray for
those who are in need. May we
all lift one another up in prayer.

**Steven Goellner; Rosemary
Buskirk, Robert Taylor,
Mary Frances Kramer**

Please contact the office with
updates.

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2021-2022

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt

Deputy Grand Knight:

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

Recorder: Bob Hathaway

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Financial Secretary:

Tom O'Neill, PGK

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Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK

Outside: Richard Rumprik

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Mark Fracassa

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Tom Eddy, PGK

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Chuck Youse

If you are a Catholic man 18
years or older and wish to join
our Council, please contact
Bobby Berndt (434)636-2565
or Tom O'Neill (252)308-0493.

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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.

Mission Statement:

We, the Church of Saint Richard, have been anointed by Jesus Christ to continue His Mission. For us to participate in the mission of Jesus, we are challenged by the Gospel to a daily conversion to God, leading to spiritual growth and holiness. We invite others to join us at the Eucharistic table. Mindful of our neighbors, we will work to bring about a just and peaceful society. At every opportunity, we will work with other faith communities to further God's Kingdom.

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Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday—1:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday—10:30 am

Rosary:

Sunday—10:00 am

Reconciliation:

Sunday—10:00 am

Pastoral Council—Jenny Holtkamp: 515-201-3761

Finance Council—Dr. Fitzgerald Marcelin: 804-984-0277

Religious Formation—John Holtkamp: 937-935-4516

Music Coordinator—Luz Zapanta: 434-430-6092

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

The Second Sunday of Advent—December 5, 2021

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

repentance, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight, shall be filled, made low, made straight, made smooth, all flesh shall see the salvation of God

To the point: John proclaims that we must “prepare the way of the Lord” by

repenting. Isaiah and John both describe repentance as a leveling and a straightening out of the uneven and crooked shape of our lives. They call us to ask whether our path is taking us closer to God as well as opening up for others the way to God. Then “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading:

Isaiah gives us a vision of the eschatological end times when the full flowering of repentance is made visible.

... to experience: GPS devices have taken the meandering out of our road trips and guaranteed smooth travel toward our destination. Repentance is the “GPS” of our Gospel journey toward final glory.

El Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Estudio de las Lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

arrepentimiento, prepara el camino del Señor, endereza, será llenado, bajado, recto, suavizado, toda carne verá la salvación de Dios

Al punto: Juan proclama que debemos “preparar el camino del Señor” arrepintiéndonos. Isaías y Juan describen el arrepentimiento como una nivelación y un

enderezamiento de la forma los tiempos finales desigual y torcida de nuestras escatológicos cuando se hace visible el pleno florecimiento del arrepentimiento.

... **experimentar:** Los dispositivos GPS han eliminado el meandro de nuestros viajes por carretera y han garantizado un viaje sin problemas hacia nuestro destino. El arrepentimiento es el “GPS” de nuestro viaje evangélico hacia la gloria final.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura: Isaías nos da una visión de

PARISH NEWS

Required Class for Faith Formation Teachers

The required class for volunteering with children in the Diocese of Richmond, Protecting God’s Children for Adults, will be offered at St. Richard Catholic Church on December 12th and December 19th following Mass. Please sign up online for one of these sessions at www.virtusonline.org.

Christmas Season Schedule

Dec. 25-Christmas Day
Mass at 10:30 am
Dec. 26-The Feast of the Holy Family Mass -10:30am
Jan. 1-NO MASS/NOT a holy day of obligation

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Clase requerida para maestros de formación en la fe

La clase requerida para ser voluntario con niños en la Diócesis de Richmond, Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios para Adultos, se ofrecerá en la Iglesia Católica St. Richard el 12 y 19 de diciembre después de la Misa. Por favor, regístrese en línea para una de estas sesiones en www.virtusonline.org.

No hay misa en español el 25 de diciembre y el 1 de enero. La misa en español se reanudará el 8 de enero.

Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$807.70	\$480.00 (\$327.70)

Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strichardemporiava>
OR
Text GIVE to
434-603-6341

MASS ATTENDANCE:
November 28th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHER
John Holtkamp	Jenny Holtkamp	Elizer Carillo
Melanie Sanchez		Dave Thomas

December 8-Mass at 10:30 am for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 9-Parish Advent Reconciliation Service (at St. Peter's)
December 12-VIRTUS Class after Mass
December 19-VIRTUS Class after Mass