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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: Micah 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-
16, 18-19

Reading II: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

December Birthdays

- 1 **Kaesy Zapanta**
- 3 **Angel Leon**
- 8 **Carlos Nery**
- 11 **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

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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 Third Sunday of Advent—December 12, 2021

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

What should we do?, filled with expectation, one ... is coming, good news

To the point: John's clear and unequivocal answers to "What should we do?" gave direction to people's lives.

John's good news, however, went beyond merely telling the people how to behave toward each other, but also instilled

expectation in them. His good news pointed to the One who is all Good News, "a mighty savior" who is in our midst (First Reading), who is near (see Second Reading). The Good News is not a message but a person—Jesus.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading:

The First and Second Readings both speak of rejoicing and suggest to us

that the cause of our joy is Christ ("in your midst, a mighty savior"; "The Lord is near"). Christ is always being enfleshed in our midst.

... to experience:

All of us have experienced the sheer goodness of another person, the utter joy of an event, the complete surprise of intimacy. With reflection we conclude that we have indeed experienced the nearness of Christ in the flesh among us.

El Tercero Domingo de Adviento

Estudio de las Lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

¿Qué debemos hacer?, llenos de expectativa, uno... está llegando, buenas noticias

Al punto: Las respuestas claras e inequívocas de Juan a "¿Qué debemos hacer?" dieron dirección a la vida de las personas. Las buenas noticias de Juan, sin embargo, fueron más allá de simplemente decirle a la gente cómo comportarse entre sí, sino que también les infundieron

expectativas. Sus buenas nuevas apuntaron a Aquel que es todo Buenas Nuevas, "un poderoso salvador" que está en medio de nosotros (Primera Lectura), que está cerca (ver Segunda Lectura). La Buena Nueva no es un mensaje, sino una persona: Jesús.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura:

La Primera y la Segunda Lectura hablan de regocijo y nos sugieren que la causa de nuestro gozo es Cristo ("en

medio de ti, un poderoso salvador"; "El Señor está cerca"). Cristo siempre está siendo ensatada en medio de nosotros.

... experimentar: Todos nosotros hemos experimentado la pura bondad de otra persona, la alegría absoluta de un evento, la sorpresa completa de la intimidad. Con la reflexión concluimos que ciertamente hemos experimentado la cercanía de Cristo en la carne entre nosotros.

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.

We are in need of volunteers as Eucharistic Ministers of the Sick and Homebound. The responsibility of this ministry is to bring communion to those who are unable to attend Mass on Sunday. Please contact the office if you can serve in this important ministry.

Christmas Flower Donation in Memory/Honor of:

Edwin & Anne Brinser
Madaline Brophy
Joseph Comorat
Kelli Gownley
Timothy Gownley
Ines Jaworski
Russell & Ann K. Newsome
Agnes Pepper
Bob Thomas
Leda & Nelson Thomas

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$844.00	\$36.30
Building Fund:		\$15.00	
Christmas Flowers:		\$195.00	
Votive Stand:		\$362.00	

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:
December 5th
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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.

Necesitamos voluntarios como Ministros Eucarísticos de los Enfermos y Confinados en Casa. La responsabilidad de este ministerio es llevar la comunión a aquellos que no pueden asistir a misa el domingo. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina si puede servir en este importante ministerio.

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

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHER
Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo
George Seif		Dave Thomas

Upcoming Events:

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