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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  
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## Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Jeremiah 1:4-5,

17-19

Responsorial Psalm: 71:1-2, 3-4,

5-6, 15-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians

13:4-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



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, Nina  
Gendron & family

Please contact the office with  
updates.

## January Birthdays

- 8 Ma. Socorro Conte  
15 Mary Kramer  
18 Luzviminda  
Saavedra  
19 Myla Nery  
20 Melanie DeLuna  
23 Pamela Amarillo  
24 Nina Gendron  
31 Steven Goeliner

## Our Lady of the Lake



## Council 9309

### Officers for 2021-2022

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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

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# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 23, 2022

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

**Key words & phrases:** have been fulfilled, investigating everything accurately anew, realize the certainty, power of the Spirit, bring glad tidings, fulfilled in your hearing

**To the point:** Luke portrays Jesus as One who had a clear understanding of who he was and his mission. Who he was: the One "in the power of the Spirit." His mission: "to bring glad tidings" to the poor, captives, blind, oppressed. Luke also had a clear understanding of who he was and

his mission: he investigated "everything accurately anew" in order to proclaim the Good News. From the very beginning, what Jesus came to fulfill has been observed, treasured, handed down. Now we ourselves are to be the bearers of the Good News so that others may "realize the certainty" of the story we have received.

### Connecting the Gospel

#### ... to the First Reading:

Nehemiah provides details that assure the people the words proclaimed by Ezra were, indeed, the words of God. As Jesus

proclaimed glad tidings "in the power of the Spirit," so must our proclamation of the Good News come from the Spirit who dwells within us. The details of our daily living must assure others that the words we proclaim are, indeed, from God.

**... to experience:** We are all familiar with the power of words to shape our identity and way of life. Society offers conflicting messages that often pull us in many directions. In the midst of all these competing words, God's word is the true source of our identity as Christian people.

## PARISH NEWS

Today's Gospel is a transformational moment for Jesus. After standing up in the synagogue and reading Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of one who will free the captives, heal the blind, and bring glad tidings to the poor, Jesus tells those gathered: "Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus gives his

listeners any other interpretation: He is the Messiah. He is the one who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies. Do we believe this? Do we believe that Jesus really can bring freedom and healing and spiritual richness, to us and to the world? If so, then how important is His Church? How important is the liturgy, the sacraments, acts of

Christian service, learning the Church's teachings, and all the other good things we do at our parish? Our parish activity is an essential way that Christ continues to fulfill these ancient prophecies, pouring His love out into the world. Help this essential work continue by supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal today.

### Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$807.70	unavailable

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:  
**January 16th**  
**25**

# Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las Lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

se han cumplido, investigando todo con precisión de nuevo, se dan cuenta de la certeza, el poder del Espíritu, traen buenas nuevas, cumplidas en su audición

**Al punto:** Lucas retrata a Jesús como Aquel que tenía una clara comprensión de quién era él y su misión. Quién era: el Único "en el poder del Espíritu". Su misión: "llevar buenas nuevas" a los pobres, cautivos, ciegos, oprimidos. Lucas también tenía una comprensión clara de quién era él y su misión: investigó "todo con precisión de

nuevo" para proclamar la Buena Nueva. Desde el principio, lo que Jesús vino a cumplir ha sido observado, atesorado, transmitido. Ahora nosotros mismos debemos ser los portadores de la Buena Nueva para que otros puedan "darse cuenta de la certeza" de la historia que hemos recibido.

### Conectando al Evangelio

#### ... a la Primera Lectura:

Nehemías proporciona detalles que aseguran al pueblo que las palabras proclamadas por Esdras fueron, de hecho, las palabras de Dios. Así como Jesús proclamó buenas nuevas "en el poder del Espíritu", así también nuestra proclamación de la

Buena Nueva debe provenir del Espíritu que mora dentro de nosotros. Los detalles de nuestra vida diaria deben asegurar a los demás que las palabras que proclamamos son, de hecho, de Dios.

**... experimentar:** Todos estamos familiarizados con el poder de las palabras para dar forma a nuestra identidad y forma de vida. La sociedad ofrece mensajes contradictorios que a menudo nos empujan en muchas direcciones. En medio de todas estas palabras en competencia, la palabra de Dios es la verdadera fuente de nuestra identidad como pueblo cristiano.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

El evangelio de hoy es un momento transformador para Jesús. Después de pararse en la sinagoga y leer la profecía de Isaías sobre la venida de uno que liberará a los cautivos, sanará a los ciegos y traerá buenas nuevas a los pobres, Jesús les dice a los reunidos: "Hoy se ha cumplido el pasaje de las Escrituras en sus oídos". Jesús da a sus oyentes cualquier otra

interpretación: Él es el Mesías. Él es quien cumple todas las profecías del Antiguo Testamento. ¿Creemos esto? ¿Creemos que Jesús realmente puede traer libertad, sanación y riqueza espiritual a nosotros y al mundo? Si es así, ¿qué importancia tiene su iglesia? ¿Qué importancia tiene la liturgia, los sacramentos, los actos de servicio cristiano, el aprendizaje de

las enseñanzas de la iglesia y todas las demás cosas buenas que hacemos en nuestra parroquia? Nuestra actividad parroquial es una forma esencial en que Cristo continúa cumpliendo estas antiguas profecías, derramando Su amor en el mundo. Ayude a que este trabajo esencial continúe apoyando hoy nuestra Campaña Diocesana Anual.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS BODY OF CHRIST USHER

Melanie Sanchez	Dave Thomas	Elizer Carillo
John Holtkamp		Dave Thomas

### Upcoming Events:

**Feb. 6-**Resume Faith Formation Classes  
**Feb. 13-**Pastoral Council Meeting  
**Feb. 20-**Finance Council Meeting