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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: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Responsorial Psalm: 1:1-2, 3,
4 and 6
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12,
16-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

February Birthdays

- 1 Andres Zepeta
Gonzalez**
**22 Stephen
Abernathy**

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.



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

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updates.

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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

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Music Coordinator—Luz Zapanta: 434-430-6092

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 6, 2022

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

Getting into one of the boats, at your command, I am a sinful man, left everything and followed him

To the point:

In the Gospel Peter begins by allowing Jesus to take command of his boat. He moves to allowing Jesus to take command of his heart, openly confessing the truth

about himself (“I am a sinful man”). Then he allows Jesus to take command of his whole life (“left everything and followed him”). Like Peter, we are to allow Jesus to take command of us—our possessions, our hearts, our lives.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading:

Isaiah and Peter declare themselves to be sinful people. But the call of God

comes to sinful people and in diverse places (Temple, boats). The call depends not on the person or the place, but on the graciousness of God.

... to experience:

Often we feel the burden of discipleship rests solely on our own shoulders. The gospel depicts Jesus initiating the call—He comes to Peter at his boat; He invites Peter to follow. Our discipleship rests upon Jesus long before we begin to follow.

PARISH NEWS

Have you ever done a “trust fall”? It’s a pretty crazy concept. With your eyes closed and arms folded over your chest, you fall straight backwards. Of course, there’s a very important element that hasn’t yet been mentioned: someone is standing behind you, ready to catch you. The “trust fall” illustrates such an important truth: we are only willing to take a risk, to “fall,” when someone we trust is with us. In our Gospel today, Peter commits to his own “trust fall,” casting in

his nets after a whole night of fruitless fishing, all because he trusts the Lord and the Lord instructs him to. As a parish, we’re doing a “trust fall” right now, as we strive to respond to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. It can feel like a big risk to ask to be vulnerable and ask our community members to help meet our diocesan needs, but we do it because we trust—both in the Lord, but also in all the people who make up this parish community—including you. Maybe contributing to the

Annual Diocesan Appeal feels like a risk for you. Which is fine! The key, however, is to never forget that we’re not doing this alone. We’re taking part in the Annual Diocesan Appeal as part of a diocesan community we trust, and with the love and support of a Lord who never leaves us. When we change our perspective from “fear” to “trust,” how does our willingness to give change? Take some time today to ground yourself in trust of the Lord, and see how your heart responds.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$497.00 (\$310.70)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:
January 30th
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Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las Lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

Al subirme a uno de los barcos, a tus órdenes, soy un hombre pecador, lo dejé todo y lo seguí.

Al punto:

En el Evangelio, Pedro comienza permitiendo que Jesús tome el mando de su barca. Él se mueve para permitir que Jesús tome el mando de su corazón, confesando abiertamente la verdad sobre sí mismo (“Soy un hombre pecador”). Luego permite que Jesús tome el

mando de toda su vida (“dejé llamado no depende de la persona o del lugar, sino de la gracia de Dios. Pedro, debemos permitir que Jesús tome el mando de nosotros: nuestras posesiones, nuestros corazones, nuestras vidas.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura:

Isaías y Pedro se declaran a sí mismos como personas pecaminosas. Pero el llamado de Dios llega a las personas pecadoras y en diversos lugares (Templo, barcos). El

... **experimental:** A menudo sentimos que la carga del discipulado descansa únicamente sobre nuestros propios hombros. El evangelio representa a Jesús iniciando el llamado: viene a Pedro en su barca; Él invita a Pedro a seguir. Nuestro discipulado descansa en Jesús mucho antes de que comencemos a seguir.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

¿Has hecho alguna vez una “caída de confianza”? Es un concepto bastante loco. Con los ojos cerrados y los brazos cruzados sobre el pecho, caes directamente hacia atrás. Por supuesto, hay un elemento muy importante que aún no se ha mencionado: alguien está de pie detrás de ti, listo para atraparte. La “caída de confianza” ilustra una verdad muy importante: sólo estamos dispuestos a arriesgarnos, a “caer”, cuando alguien en quien confiamos está con nosotros. En nuestro Evangelio de hoy, Pedro se compromete a su propia “caída de confianza”, echando las redes

después de toda una noche de pesca infructuosa, todo porque confía en el Señor y el Señor le ordena hacerlo. Como parroquia, estamos haciendo una “caída de confianza” ahora mismo, mientras nos esforzamos por responder a nuestra Campaña Diocesana Anual. Puede parecer un gran riesgo pedir ser vulnerables y pedir a los miembros de nuestra comunidad que nos ayuden a cubrir nuestras necesidades diocesanas, pero lo hacemos porque confiamos, tanto en el Señor, como en todas las personas que componen esta comunidad parroquial, incluido usted. Tal vez

contribuir a la Campaña Diocesana Anual le parezca un riesgo. Lo cual está bien. La clave, sin embargo, es no olvidar nunca que no estamos haciendo esto solos. Estamos participando en el llamado a compartir del Obispo como parte de una comunidad diocesana en la que confiamos, y con el amor y el apoyo de un Señor que nunca nos abandona. Cuando cambiamos nuestra perspectiva de “miedo” a “confianza”, ¿cómo cambia nuestra disposición a dar? Tómame un tiempo hoy para basarte en la confianza en el Señor, y observa cómo responde tu corazón.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 13-Pastoral Council Meeting
Feb. 20-Finance Council Meeting
Feb. 21-Office Closed