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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: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,
12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2,
3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Reading II: 1 Corinthians
15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



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.

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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our Council, please contact
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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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Music Coordinator—Luz Zapanta: 434-430-6092

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 13, 2022

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

Blessed are you, kingdom of God, on account of the Son of Man, woe, now

To the point:

Luke seems in this Gospel to be exalting the downtrodden simply because they are downtrodden and cursing the comfortable simply because they are comfortable. What really is at the heart of this Gospel is the manner of life

that makes present the kingdom and assures us that our “reward will be great in heaven.” The model of this manner of life and the source of the blessedness it brings is Jesus himself.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading:

Blessedness, by its very nature, bears good things because it is of God. For Jeremiah, blessedness brings the lushness that water can bring to a desert. For Jesus, blessedness brings the

unimaginable reward of belonging to God.

... to experience:

Although we in our society are proud that we do not have classes or castes that separate, in fact we do have distinctions that separate, not least among them being the rich and the poor, the have and the have-nots. We discover the presence of God’s kingdom when people come together across what divides and share both gifts and needs, so that everyone is on “level ground.”

PARISH NEWS

Scripture can sometimes be confusing. We know that God created everything, and called it all “good.” But in today’s Gospel reading, Jesus seems to suggest that partaking in this good creation—having enough to eat, being able to provide for our material needs, and enjoying ourselves and the earth—is somehow bad, even a curse. What’s going on? None of these things—wealth, good food, laughter, or praise—are bad in their own right. The problem is when we are

satisfied by these earthly things—when we’re so filled up with them that we lose the desire for God. In contrast to this, Jesus praises those who are empty—the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the excluded—again, not because poverty or hunger or any of these things are good in their own right, but because when we find ourselves in these conditions, we’re more open to God. We know that nothing here will ultimately satisfy us, and so we turn to Him. The Church calls this the virtue of

spiritual poverty—and it can transform the way we think about wealth. Instead of wealth becoming a kind of ball and chain, that holds us down and holds us back, spiritual poverty allows us to see that whatever we have is a gift—a gift God has entrusted to us, and asks us to use prudently as His stewards. Let’s keep the virtue of spiritual poverty in mind as we discern—as a community and as families—how we can support our Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$1,533.50
Building Fund:		\$279.00
Diocesan Newspaper:		\$113.00
		\$725.50

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:
February 6th
80

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las Lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

Bendito eres tú, reino de Dios, a causa del Hijo del Hombre, ay, ahora

Al punto:

Lucas parece en este Evangelio estar exaltando a los oprimidos simplemente porque son oprimidos y maldiciendo a los cómodos simplemente porque están cómodos. Lo que realmente está en el corazón de este Evangelio es la forma de vida que hace presente el reino y

nos asegura que nuestra Dios.

"recompensa será grande en el cielo". El modelo de esta forma de vida y la fuente de la bienaventuranza que trae es Jesús mismo.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura:

La bienaventuranza, por su propia naturaleza, lleva cosas buenas porque es de Dios. Para Jeremías, la bendición trae la exuberancia que el agua puede traer a un desierto. Para Jesús, la bendición trae la recompensa inimaginable de pertenecer a

... **experimental.** Aunque en nuestra sociedad estamos orgullosos de no tener clases o castas que se separen, de hecho tenemos distinciones que separan, sobre todo entre ellos los ricos y los pobres, los que tienen y los que no tienen. Descubrimos la presencia del reino de Dios cuando las personas se reúnen a través de lo que divide y comparten tanto dones como necesidades, de modo que todos están en "terreno nivelado".

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Las escrituras a veces pueden ser confusas. Sabemos que Dios creó todo, y lo llamó "bueno". Pero en la lectura del evangelio de hoy, Jesús parece sugerir que participar de esta buena creación -tener suficiente para comer, poder satisfacer nuestras necesidades materiales y disfrutar de nosotros mismos y de la tierra- es de algún modo malo, incluso una maldición. ¿Qué es lo que ocurre? Ninguna de estas cosas -la riqueza, la buena comida, la risa o la alabanza- es mala en sí misma. El problema es cuando nos satisfacen estas cosas

terrenales -cuando estamos tan llenos de ellas que perdemos el deseo de Dios. En contraste con esto, Jesús alaba a los que están vacíos -los pobres, los hambrientos, los afligidos y los excluidos- de nuevo, no porque la pobreza o el hambre o cualquiera de estas cosas sean buenas por sí mismas, sino porque cuando nos encontramos en estas condiciones, estamos más abiertos a Dios. Sabemos que nada de lo que hay aquí nos satisfará en última instancia, y por eso nos dirigimos a Él. La iglesia llama a esto la virtud de la pobreza espiritual, y puede

transformar el modo en que pensamos en la riqueza. En lugar de que la riqueza se convierta en una especie de bola y cadena, que nos sujeta y nos frena, la pobreza espiritual nos permite ver que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo, un regalo que Dios nos ha confiado y que nos pide que utilicemos con prudencia como sus administradores. Tengamos presente la virtud de la pobreza espiritual mientras discernimos -como comunidad y como familias- cómo podemos apoyar nuestro Llamamiento Diocesano Anual.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS BODY OF CHRIST USHER

Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo
George Seif		Dave Thomas

Upcoming Events:

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