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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: Genesis 15:5-12,
17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 27:1,
7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Reading II: Philippians 3:20-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36



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.

March Birthdays

- 1 **John Holtkamp**
- 3 **Tiffany Geonzon**
- 4 **Christine Brophy**
- 5 **Niurka Verduzco**
- 5 **Kenji Carillo**
- 5 **Matthew Conte**
- 7 **Janet McKenzie**
- 9 **Usiel Morales**
- 10 **Jerome Moleno**
- 11 **Venise Carillo**
- 15 **Maribel Gomez**
- 18 **Milaide Arguelles**
- 18 **Vanessa Ramirez**
- 18 **Stanley Hanhauser**
- 26 **Kelly Plascencia**
- 28 **Stella Hanhauser**

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
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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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Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

First Sunday of Lent—March 6, 2022

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

tempted by the devil, If you are the Son of God, Jesus answered him, Jesus said to him

To the point: Twice the devil entices Jesus to give into temptation by saying, "If you are the Son of God ... " True, Jesus is divine, but he is also fully human. Jesus resists the devil's temptation to put aside his humanity and act like God, thus remaining true to himself and to why he came. But Jesus' resisting the temptations has

implications for us, too. By fully embracing his humanity Jesus lifts us up to be who we are in our relationship with God. Only from this relationship do we have the inner strength and conviction to make right choices in face of the temptations that are an inevitable part of being human.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading: In the Gospel the devil sets himself up as Lord when he tempts Jesus to worship him. Paul reminds us in the second reading of the One whom we are to profess. In the

first reading, Moses declared that he brought the first fruits and set them before the Lord, your God; you shall bow down in his presence. All readings speak to us about worshiping the true God.

... to experience: All temptation presents us with a choice in the face of a perceived good. We are able to see through the ruse of the perceived good to the inherent selfishness of all temptation when we spend our lives deepening our sense of who we are in relation to God.

Primer domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

tentado por el diablo, Si eres el Hijo de Dios, Jesús le respondió, Jesús le dijo

Al punto: Dos veces el diablo atrae a Jesús a ceder a la tentación diciendo: "Si eres el Hijo de Dios... Es cierto que Jesús es divino, pero también es completamente humano. Jesús resiste la tentación del diablo de dejar de lado su humanidad y actuar como Dios, permaneciendo así fiel a sí mismo y a por qué vino. Pero la resistencia de Jesús a las tentaciones también tiene

implicaciones para nosotros. Al abrazar plenamente su humanidad, Jesús nos eleva a ser quienes somos en nuestra relación con Dios. Sólo a partir de esta relación tenemos la fuerza interior y la convicción para tomar decisiones correctas frente a las tentaciones que son una parte inevitable del ser humano.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura:

En el Evangelio, el diablo se establece como Señor cuando tienta a Jesús a adorarlo. Pablo nos recuerda en la segunda lectura a Aquel a quien debemos

profesar. En la primera lectura, Moisés declaró que trajo las primicias y las puso delante del Señor, tu Dios; te inclinarás en su presencia. Todas las lecturas nos hablan de adorar al Dios verdadero.

... experimentar. Toda tentación nos presenta una elección frente a un bien percibido. Somos capaces de ver a través de la artimaña del bien percibido al egoísmo inherente de toda tentación cuando pasamos nuestras vidas profundizando nuestro sentido de quiénes somos en relación con Dios.

PARISH NEWS

It can be easy to read today's Gospel primarily as an account of Jesus saying "no." No to the devil's temptations of earthly comfort, no to idols of power and glory, and no to arrogantly manipulating God's will. But this Gospel passage is as much about what Jesus is saying "yes" to as it is what he's saying "no" to. Each denial of the devil is really a profound affirmation of Christ's identity as the Son of God. Jesus rejects these temptations, not because things like bread or even ruling are bad, but because they're being offered to him on the condition that He turns away from God the Father. In fact, Jesus's relationship with the Father is the source of his resistance to the devil's temptations. He isn't "going it alone." Instead,

he's relying upon the strength of the Father to carry him through. It's relationship, not isolated "willpower," that is the source of His strength. This is such an important lesson for us as we begin our Lenten season. Lenten disciplines are not about proving our "spiritual toughness." They're about abandoning ourselves more fully to the Father, so that we might not "live on bread alone." One way we do this during Lent is through the practice of almsgiving—giving to the poor or to some other worthy cause. One cause our parish is striving to support is the Annual Diocesan Appeal. At the beginning of this Lenten season, let's embrace almsgiving as an opportunity to say "yes" to the Father and our relationship with Him.

Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross—every Friday at 5:30 pm

Lenten Reconciliation Service-March 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter

Mass of the Lord's Supper-April 14 at 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday Mass-April 17 at 10:30 am

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NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Puede ser fácil leer el evangelio de hoy primordialmente como un relato de Jesús diciendo "no". No a las tentaciones del diablo en cuanto a la comodidad terrenal, no a los ídolos del poder y gloria y no a la arrogancia de manipular la voluntad de Dios. Pero este pasaje del Evangelio también trata más de Jesús diciendo "sí" que diciendo "no". Cada negación al diablo es en realidad una afirmación profunda de la identidad de Cristo como hijo de Dios. Jesús rechaza estas tentaciones, no porque el pan o el gobernar sea malo, sino porque estas fueron ofrecidas bajo la condición de que Jesús se aleje de Dios Padre. De hecho, la relación de Jesús con el Padre es la fuente para la resistencia a las tentaciones del diablo. El no lo está "haciéndolo

solo". Sino que cuenta con la fuerza del Padre que lo saca adelante. Esta relación no es una "fuerza de voluntad" aislada, es la fuente de Su Poder. Para nosotros ésta es una lección muy importante ahora que comienza nuestra temporada de Cuaresma. Las disciplinas cuaresmales no son para probar nuestra "fortaleza espiritual" Son para abandonarnos plenamente al Padre, para no "vivir solo de pan". Una forma de hacerlo en esta cuaresma es a través de la práctica de la limosna, ayudando al pobre u otra causa noble. Una causa que nuestra parroquia anhela apoyar es la Campaña Anual Diocesana. Al comenzar esta temporada de Cuaresma, fomentemos la limosna como una oportunidad para decir "sí" al Padre y a nuestra relación con Él.

Horario de Cuaresma

Vía Crucis, todos los viernes a las 5:30 pm

Servicio de Reconciliación cuaresmal -17 de marzo a las 7:00 pm en San Pedro

Misa de la Cena del Señor-14 de abril a las 5:30 pm

Misa del Domingo de Pascua-17 de abril a las 10:30 am

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
02/20/22			
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$486.00	\$321.70
02/27/22			
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$791.25	\$16.45

MASS ATTENDANCE:
February 27th
84

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHER
John Holtkamp	Jenny Holtkamp	Elizer Carillo
Elsie Moleno		Dave Thomas

Upcoming Events:

- March 11-Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm
- March 13-Pastoral Council Meeting
- March 27-Finance Council Meeting