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Our Parishioners

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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: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2,

2-3, 4-5, 6

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11



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
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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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Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 27, 2022

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases: squandered his inheritance, dying from hunger, treat me as ... hired workers, father ... filled with compassion, come to life again

To the point: This parable is a familiar one and is often referred to as the parable of the prodigal son. On the one hand, the younger son is prodigal when he squanders his inheritance. On the other hand, the real

prodigality of the son lay in that he loved his life enough to swallow his pride, return home, and throw himself on the mercy of his father. The father, too, is prodigal: he welcomes him as son (not

hired worker), clothes him in the finest array, and throws a lavish feast. He gave him new life. This is the most prodigal act possible: to give new life.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the Second Reading: Paul reinforces what the

gospel parable points to: sureness in the Father's prodigiousness—"new things have come." As the younger son is reconciled with his father, we are all reconciled to God "through Christ."

... to experience: Good parents spare nothing for the sake of their children. Sometimes they are prodigious even beyond their means. How much more so is our loving Father prodigious with us!

PARISH NEWS

We've all heard the parable of the Prodigal Son, the focus of today's Gospel, several times before. We know how it begins—the younger son squandering his inheritance—and we know how it ends—the son being welcomed back into his father's house with open arms and a celebratory feast. But do we know what happens next? Do we stop to consider how the Prodigal Son's life might have been transformed through that encounter with his father's love and mercy? It's likely that he experienced a sense of gratitude he never had before, when he had taken what his father had for granted.

And it's likely that this experience of gratitude transformed the way he lived and served on his father's estate. Humbled by his great need and insufficiency, but also uplifted by his father's love and providence, it's easy to imagine that the once-Prodigal Son became a loyal and dependable partner in his father's work, eager to give of himself. Like the Prodigal Son, we've all experienced profound mercy from God our Father. Despite our sinfulness, He has redeemed us through Jesus and invites us to eternal life with Him. How has this radical and undeserved gift of mercy transformed us? Has it

made us more humble, more grateful, and more willing to generously give of ourselves? Because it should! If we don't feel or act upon this gratitude, now might be an appropriate time to reflect on why that is and how we can grow in this virtue. And once we've rekindled this gratefulness for all that God has given us, it might be a good time to consider how we can give of ourselves in turn. Supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal is one concrete way that we can respond in gratitude. Reflect upon your own experience of God's loving, unmerited mercy and see how it prompts you to give.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$807.70	unavailable

MASS ATTENDANCE:
March 20th
83

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Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

desperdió su herencia, muriendo de hambre, trateme como ... trabajadores contratados, padre... lleno de compasión, vuelve a la vida

Al punto:

Esta parábola es familiar y a menudo se la conoce como la parábola del hijo pródigo. Por un lado, el hijo menor es pródigo cuando derrocha prodigiosamente su herencia. Por otro lado, la verdadera

prodigalidad del hijo radicaba en que amaba su vida lo suficiente como para tragarse su orgullo, regresar a casa y arrojar a la misericordia de su padre. El padre también es pródigo: lo acoge como hijo (no como trabajador contratado), lo viste con la mejor variedad y le da una lujosa fiesta. Le dio nueva vida. Este es el acto más pródigo posible: dar nueva vida.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Segunda Lectura:

Pablo refuerza lo que señala la

parábola del evangelio: seguridad en la prodigiosidad del Padre: "han venido cosas nuevas". A medida que el hijo menor se reconcilia con su padre, todos nos reconciamos con Dios "por medio de Cristo".

... experimentar. Los buenos padres no escatiman nada por el bien de sus hijos. A veces son prodigiosos incluso más allá de sus posibilidades. ¡Cuánto más es nuestro amoroso Padre prodigioso con nosotros!

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



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Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua

17 de abril después de la misa

Horario de Cuaresma

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

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHER
Elsie Moleno	Dave Thomas	Elizer Carillo
Esther Zepeta		Dave Thomas

Upcoming Events:

April 1-Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm
April 8-Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm
April 14-Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:30 pm
April 17-Easter Egg Hunt after Mass