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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

At the Procession with the  
Palms: Luke 19:28-40

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9,

17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

## April Birthdays *Our Lady of the Lake*



### Council 9309

- 1 **Katherine Abernathy**
- 2 **Lane Newsome Gloria Vazquez Rodriguez**
- 14 **Liam George Quejado**
- 15 **Timmy Grace Gorman**
- 18 **Geronimo Moleno**
- 22 **Hilmer Martinez Vazquez**
- 23 **Ruby Santes**
- 27 **Monica Deluna-Hawkins Omar Ramirez**

### Officers for 2021-2022

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Mark Fracassa

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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

Please contact the office with  
updates.

## St. Richard Catholic Church

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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

**Religious Formation**—John Holtkamp: 937-935-4516

**Music Coordinator**—Luz Zapanta: 434-430-6092

**Altar Ministry**—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

## Fifth Sunday of Lent—April 3, 2022

### Study of the Readings

#### Focusing the Gospel

##### Key words & phrases:

woman ... caught in adultery, stand in the middle, one ... without sin, went away one by one, woman before him, do not sin any more

**To the point:** The scribes and Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Jesus and “made her stand in the middle.” In their self-righteousness they wished to make an example of her as a grave sinner deserving of

death. Ironically, Jesus makes an example of them as sinners: they turned away from him and “went away one by one.” The woman, however, remained with Jesus. Our own work during Lent is like that of the adulterous woman: truthfully face our sinfulness and faithfully remain with Jesus. Though we sin, Jesus only wishes new life for us.

#### Connecting the Gospel

... **to the Second Reading:**

Paul admonishes us not to be prisoners of our sinfulness but to strain forward to the new life that lies ahead. This new life is the “supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus” and remaining with him (“be found in him”).

... **to experience:** When we focus exclusively on our own sinfulness we can easily lose sight of our goodness and God's mercy. Jesus responds even to profound sin with even more profound mercy.

## PARISH NEWS

Jesus doesn't just save us from death—he calls us to new life. We see this clearly in today's Gospel, when he not only intervenes to save the life of the woman caught in adultery, but also invites her to a life free of sin and lived for God. Life in Christ, then, isn't primarily about avoiding bad things. It really is an invitation to live a life of abundance by embracing what is good. It's more of a positive proposal for our lives, less of a list of “do not's.” Lent is a time of embracing this invitation to fullness of life by engaging in practices that free us from self-reliance and

attachment to sin. Prayer helps us to depend upon God more fully. Penance helps us to loosen the hold of things and habits that can compromise our freedom. And almsgiving frees us from self-preoccupation by taking on the needs of another. How are you doing in each of these areas? If you're looking for an opportunity to engage in almsgiving, please consider supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal. You'll not only be contributing to our very real needs—you'll also be enabling us to continue Christ's work of inviting others into the fullness of life he offers.



### Join us after Mass Easter Sunday for the Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt

All children 12 and under bring your Easter baskets to Mass!

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
March 20, 2022		
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$613.25 <b>\$194.45</b>

MASS ATTENDANCE:  
**March 27th**  
**86**

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## Quinto domingo de Cuaresma

### Estudio de las lecturas

#### Enfocando el Evangelio

##### Palabras y frases claves:

mujer... atrapado en adulterio, párese en el medio, uno ... sin pecado, se fue uno por uno, mujer delante de él, no peques más

**Al punto:** Los escribas y fariseos trajeron a una mujer adúltera a Jesús y "la hicieron estar en el medio". En su justicia propia deseaban dar un ejemplo de ella como una pecadora grave merecedora de muerte. Irónicamente, Jesús hace un ejemplo de ellos como

pecadores: se alejaron de él y "se fueron uno por uno". La mujer, sin embargo, permaneció con Jesús.

#### Conectando al Evangelio

... **a la Segunda Lectura:**

Pablo nos amonesta a no ser prisioneros de nuestra pecaminosidad, sino a esforzarnos hacia la nueva vida que nos espera. Esta nueva vida es el "bien supremo de conocer a Cristo Jesús" y permanecer con él ("encontrarse en él"). Nuestro propio trabajo durante la

Cuaresma es como el de la mujer adúltera: enfrentar sinceramente nuestra pecaminosidad y permanecer fielmente con Jesús. Aunque pecamos, Jesús sólo desea una nueva vida para nosotros.

... **experimentar:** Cuando nos enfocamos exclusivamente en nuestra propia pecaminosidad, podemos perder fácilmente de vista nuestra bondad y la misericordia de Dios. Jesús responde incluso al pecado profundo con una misericordia aún más profunda.

## 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

Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo
Toni Ferris		Dave Thomas

### Upcoming Events:

**April 8-**Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm  
**April 10-**Easter Flowers Collection  
**April 14-**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:30 pm  
**April 17-**Easter Egg Hunt after Mass