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Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass
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Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth
para programar una misa o si tiene
alguna pregunta. Por favor, den inten-
ciones de misa al Padre.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: 100:1-2,

3, 5

Reading II: Revelation 7:9,

14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

May Birthdays

- 3** Rosemary Buskirk
12 Janely Leon
Jose Verduzco
15 Alison Vallejo
24 Kirk Cook
28 Patrick Rillio
Juan Gonzales

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE:

April 24th
75



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

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Third Sunday of Easter—May 1, 2022

Thoughts on Today's Gospel

The Gospel Reading today describes the meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection. When Jesus was captured and bound before his crucifixion, Peter betrayed Jesus three times. In his betrayal of Jesus, Peter is no different from Judas. But Peter is the rock on which Jesus founded his church, and Judas is the villain of the Christian story. How does Peter differ from Judas? The difference isn't that Peter repented his betrayal of Jesus and Judas didn't because the Gospel of Matthew says that Judas confessed his sin and repented. (Mt 27:3-4) The difference is answered in the Gospel Reading. If you had written the story of this meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection, what would Jesus have said to Peter? Maybe...Jesus: "Peter, you know, don't you, that I love you anyway, even though you betrayed me. Nothing you do, however sinful, can stop my love for you, which is boundless." Peter: "Yes, Lord, and I am so grateful that you can somehow still love me, when I am as much a traitor as Judas was." But that is not the way the Gospel Reading goes. What Jesus actually asks Peter—and asks him three times—is... "Peter, do you love me?" If you were in Peter's shoes, what would you have said? Maybe... Peter: "Lord, I don't know what to say. You know that I want to love you, or else maybe I should say that I want to want to love you. I don't know. What I did is so terrible! How could I have the shamelessness to say I love you after what I did?" But what Peter actually says is "Yes, Lord, I do love you"—and he says it three times, once for each betrayal of his. Finding himself sinful, Judas killed himself. Finding himself similarly sinful, Peter cleaved to Christ. Peter let nothing, not even his own sins, introduce any distance between him and the Lord he loved. That is the difference between Peter and Judas and why Peter is the rock on which the church is founded.

PARISH NEWS

True love wants to prove itself. To demonstrate its sincerity through action, it isn't content to just rest on its word or a verbal statement. It looks for ways to love in deed. We see this in today's Gospel. Jesus gives Peter, who betrayed Him three times before, three opportunities to restate his love for the Lord. But He doesn't let Peter rest with just a verbal affirmation. He also gives him commands, concrete ways the Lord wants Peter to demonstrate his love for Jesus. This is as much a gift for Peter as it is anything else. After having failed the Lord before, we can imagine that he is open to, even eager for, these concrete opportunities for him to put his love into action. We're the same way. We're really not content to just say we love God. If we're honest, we probably really want those moments and opportunities where we can really show it. We know that love's not complete through words alone. So, are you ready for an opportunity to show your love for God? Here it is: give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. It may not be the most glamorous way to show your love, but it makes a significant impact. Our local Church is one concrete way that God's love is shared with the world today. And it's one way that you can take part in that same mission Jesus entrusted to Peter: "Feed my sheep." Thank the Lord for this opportunity to put love in action and pray about how He wants you to respond.



On May 14, 2022 the Knights of Columbus will be participating in the Walk for Life sponsored by The Pregnancy Support Center of Roanoke Rapids. For further information please contact Tom O'Neill at 252-578-3361 or visit our Facebook page to register to walk and/or donate to this worthy cause.

April 17th Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$756.25	\$51.45
Easter Offering:		\$290.00	

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$591.50	\$216.20
Ukraine Collection:		\$319.00	

Tercero Domingo de Pascua

Reflexiones sobre el Evangelio de hoy

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy describe el encuentro entre Pedro y Jesús después de la resurrección. Cuando Jesús fue capturado y atado antes de su crucifixión, Pedro traicionó a Jesús tres veces. En su traición a Jesús, Pedro no es diferente de Judas. Pero Pedro es la roca sobre la que Jesús fundó su iglesia, y Judas es el villano de la historia cristiana. ¿En qué se diferencia Pedro de Judas? La diferencia no es que Pedro se arrepintió de su traición a Jesús y Judas no lo hizo porque el Evangelio de Mateo dice que Judas confesó su pecado y se arrepintió. (Mt 27:3-4) La diferencia se responde en la lectura del Evangelio. Si hubieras escrito la historia de este encuentro entre Pedro y Jesús después de la resurrección, ¿qué le habría dicho Jesús a Pedro? Quizás... Jesús: "Pedro, ya sabes, no, que te amo de todos modos, a pesar de que me traicionaste. Nada de lo que haces, por pecaminoso que sea, puede detener mi amor por ti, que es ilimitado". Pedro: "Sí, Señor, y estoy tan agradecido de que de alguna manera todavía puedas amarme, cuando soy tan traidor como lo fue Judas". Pero esa no es la forma en que va la lectura del Evangelio. Lo que Jesús realmente le pregunta a Pedro, y le pregunta tres veces, es... "Peter, ¿me amas?" Si estuvieras en los zapatos de Pedro, ¿qué habrías dicho? Quizás... Pedro: "Señor, no sé qué decir. Sabes que quiero amarte, o de lo contrario tal vez debería decir que quiero querer amarte. No sé. ¡Lo que hice es tan terrible! ¿Cómo podría tener la desvergüenza de decir que te amo después de lo que hice?" Pero lo que Pedro realmente dice es "Sí, Señor, te amo", y lo dice tres veces, una por cada traición suya. Al encontrarse pecaminoso, Judas se suicidó. Encontrándose igualmente pecaminoso, Pedro se adhirió a Cristo. Pedro no permitió que nada, ni siquiera sus propios pecados, introdujera ninguna distancia entre él y el Señor que amaba. Esa es la diferencia entre Pedro y Judas y por qué Pedro es la roca sobre la que se funda la iglesia.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

El verdadero amor quiere probarse a si mismo. Para demostrar su sinceridad a través de la acción. No se contenta con tan solo palabras o una declaración verbal. Busca la manera de amar verdaderamente. Nosotros vemos en el Evangelio de hoy que Jesús le da a Pedro, quien antes lo traicionó tres veces, tres oportunidades para reiterar su amor por el Señor. Pero El no deja a Pedro descansar con solo una afirmación verbal. El le da mandatos, maneras concretas que el Señor quiere que Pedro demuestre su amor por El. Este es tanto un regalo para Pedro como lo es cualquier otra cosa. Después de haberle fallado al Señor, nosotros podemos imaginarnos que el esta abierto e incluso ansioso de tener estas oportunidades concretas para poner su amor en acción. Nosotros actuamos de la misma manera. Tampoco estamos contentos con tan solo decir que amamos a Dios. Si somos honestos, probablemente y realmente queremos tener esos momentos y oportunidades donde podemos demostrarlo. Nosotros sabemos que el amor no se completa solo con palabras. ¿Entonces esta listo por una oportunidad para demostrar su amor por Dios? Aquí la tiene, done a nuestra Campaña Anual Diocesana. Tal vez, no sea la manera mas glamorosa para demostrar su amor por Dios, pero si logrará un impacto significativo. Nuestra iglesia local es una manera concreta que el amor de Dios es compartido hoy en día en el mundo. Y es una manera en la que usted puede formar parte de la misma misión que Jesús encomendó a Pedro: "Apacienta mis ovejas." Agradézcale al Señor por esta oportunidad de poner el amor en acción y ore para saber como El quiere que responda.



El 14 de mayo de 2022, Caballeros de Colón participará en la Caminata por la Vida patrocinada por el Centro de Apoyo al Embarazo de Roanoke Rapids. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Tom O'Neill al 252-578-3361 o visite nuestra página de Facebook para registrarse para caminar y / o donar a esta valiosa causa.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS
Sunday	Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo
	Toni Ferris		Dave Thomas

Upcoming Events:

- May 9-11-Office Closed
- May 22-Pastoral Council Meeting
- June 12-Parish Picnic