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Our parishioners

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass
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give Mass intentions to Father.

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 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 104:1, 24,

29-30, 31, 34

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-

7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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

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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
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Diocesan Appeal



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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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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The Ascension of the Lord—May 29, 2022

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

witnesses of these things, clothed with power from on high, blessed them, did him homage, great joy

To the point: Jesus' last earthly gesture toward the disciples was to bless them. In response, the disciples "did him homage" and experienced "great joy." This response was not to Jesus' departure from them, but was an expression of a new relationship to him, the risen One. Now instead of accompanying

him in his ministry, they were "clothed with power from on high" to be his presence and do his ministry. In essence, Jesus' last gesture toward the disciples was to empower them to be "witnesses of these things."

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading:

The "power from on high" with which Jesus promised his disciples would be clothed before his ascension is made explicit in the first reading. It is the Holy

Spirit whom they receive and who empowers them to be faithful witnesses "to the ends of the earth."

... to experience: When a strong cultic leader is present, a cult thrives and grows. In the absence of such a leader, a cult most often diminishes. This is not so with Christianity. The ascension of Jesus prepares the way for the powerful and enduring presence of the Holy Spirit in the disciples who continue his ministry and witness to his risen presence.

PARISH NEWS

"You are witnesses of these things." That's part of Christ's parting message to the early Church, and therefore, to us. The truth of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, and His salvation of the world, can only be communicated to the world through His witnesses, through us, the Church. It's a pretty incredible responsibility. But it's also one that Christ equips us for: "Behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you." Even so, it's one that we need respond to. If the Church doesn't witness to Christ, then no one will. Obviously, a significant part of our responsibility to be Christ's witnesses is to individually tell about Jesus and the Good News with those around us—in our families, friend groups, and work places. But another part of this mission of evangelization is to support the Church, the community of witnesses. We're currently in the midst of our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Donate today, and support this vital mission.

Last Week's Offertory

To be reported for the month of May next weekend.

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

May 22nd
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La Ascensión del Señor

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

testigos de estas cosas, revestidos de poder de lo alto, los bendijeron, le hicieron homenaje, gran alegría

Al punto: El último gesto terrenal de Jesús hacia los discípulos fue bendecirlos. En respuesta, los discípulos "le rindieron homenaje" y experimentaron "gran alegría". Esta respuesta no fue a la partida de Jesús de ellos, sino que fue una expresión de una nueva relación con él, el Resucitado.

Ahora, en lugar de acompañarlo en su ministerio, fueron "revestidos de poder de lo alto" para ser su presencia y hacer su ministerio. En esencia, el último gesto de Jesús hacia los discípulos fue empoderarlos para ser "testigos de estas cosas".

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura: El "poder de lo alto" con el que Jesús prometió a sus discípulos sería vestido antes de su ascensión se hace explícito en la primera lectura. Es el Espíritu

Santo a quien reciben y quien les da poder para ser testigos fieles "hasta los confines de la tierra".

... experimentar: Cuando un líder de culto fuerte está presente, un culto prospera y crece. En ausencia de tal líder, un culto con mayor frecuencia disminuye. Esto no es así con el cristianismo. La ascensión de Jesús prepara el camino para la presencia poderosa y duradera del Espíritu Santo en los discípulos que continúan su ministerio y dan testimonio de su presencia resucitada.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

"Ustedes son testigos de esto." Eso es parte del mensaje de despedida de Cristo a la Iglesia primitiva y por ende para nosotros. La verdad de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús y su salvación del mundo, solo puede ser comunicada al mundo a través de Sus testigos. A través de nosotros, la Iglesia. Es una responsabilidad asombrosa. Pero para eso también Cristo nos prepara: "yo les voy a enviar al que mi Padre les prometió." Pero, somos nosotros los que necesitamos responder. Si la Iglesia no es testigo de Cristo, entonces nadie lo será. Obviamente, una parte significativa de nuestra responsabilidad al ser testigos de Cristo es hablar acerca de Jesús y de las Buenas Nuevas con todos los que están a nuestro alrededor, con nuestras familias, grupo de amigos y colegas de trabajo. Sin embargo, otra parte de esta misión evangelizadora es apoyar a la Iglesia, a la comunidad de testigos. Actualmente nos encontramos en medio de nuestra Campaña Anual Diocesana. Done hoy y apoye a esta misión vital.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS
Elsie Moleno	John Jones	Elizer Carillo
Esther Zepeta		Dave Thomas

Upcoming Events:

May 30-Office Closed
June 5-First Holy Communion