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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 intenciones de misa al Padre.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10  
Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-7,  
8-9, 9-10  
Reading II: James 5:7-10  
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

## December Birthdays

- 3 Angel Leon
- 4 Emily Felip-Segundo
- 8 Carlos Nery
- 11 Fitzgerald Marcelin
- 14 Maribel Garcia
- 21 Cindy Vallejo
- 22 Emily Plascenia
- 23 Brenton Gorman
- 25 Cynthia Baux
- Vanessa Carillo
- 29 Magdalena Alston
- 31 Eli Henry Smith

## Happy Anniversary

**Ma. Socorro & Victor Conte**

**Dec. 20, 2008**



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, Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family

Please contact the office with updates.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**November 27th**  
**55**

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2022-2023

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt

Deputy Grand Knight: 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.

# 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—**  
**Finance Council—**Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185  
**Religious Formation—**Dr. Santiago Gasalao-Epps: 434-594-8023  
**Music Coordinator—**Francis Mendoza  
**Altar Ministry—**Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713  
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## Second Sunday of Advent—December 4, 2022

### Study of the Readings

#### Focusing the Gospel

##### Key words & phrases:

Repent, Prepare the way of the Lord, thrown into the fire, baptizing ... for repentance, one who is coming, baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

**To the point:** John the Baptist prepared “the way of the Lord” by calling the people to repentance so they would not be “thrown into the fire” of “the coming wrath.” John announced impending judgment and offered a baptism of repentance. John also announced One to come

who would enact that judgment and bring a baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire of judgment will destroy those who are fruitless; the fire of the Spirit will help the faithful bear good fruit. Advent is, in the end, about jumping into the fire.

#### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the First Reading:** During Advent the readings from Isaiah are prophecies of the Messiah. Thus, the “sprout from the stump of Jesse” is the Christ. The “spirit of the Lord” that rested upon Jesus bringing

him wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord is the same Spirit we are given at baptism bringing us the same gifts enabling us to be faithful and fruitful.

**... to experience:** The misuse of fire, arson, is considered a very heinous crime because it destroys more than property; it is an invasion of personal space. In this gospel John refers to fire as a destructive force but also as a gift that brings personal worth—new Life.

## Segundo Domingo de Adviento

### Estudio de las lecturas

#### Enfocando el Evangelio

##### Palabras y frases claves:

Arrepentíos, preparad el camino del Señor, arrojados al fuego, bautizando... para arrepentimiento, uno que viene, bautizarte con el Espíritu Santo y fuego

**Al punto:** Juan el Bautista preparó “el camino del Señor” llamando al pueblo al arrepentimiento para que no fueran “arrojados al fuego” de “la ira venidera”. Juan anunció un juicio inminente y ofreció un bautismo de arrepentimiento. Juan también anunció que

vendría uno que promulgaría ese juicio y traería un bautismo en el Espíritu Santo y fuego. El fuego del juicio destruirá a los infructuosos; el fuego del Espíritu ayudará a los fieles a dar buenos frutos. El Adviento es, al final, saltar al fuego.

#### Conectando al Evangelio

**... a la Primera Lectura:** Durante el Adviento las lecturas de Isaías son profecías del Mesías. Por lo tanto, el “brote del muñón de Isaí” es el Cristo. El “espíritu del Señor” que descansó sobre Jesús trayéndole sabiduría y comprensión, consejo

y fortaleza, conocimiento y temor del Señor es el mismo Espíritu que se nos da en el bautismo que nos brinda los mismos dones que nos permiten ser fieles y fructíferos.

**... experimentar:** El uso indebido del fuego, el incendio provocado, se considera un crimen muy atroz porque destruye más que la propiedad; Es una invasión del espacio personal. En este evangelio, Juan se refiere al fuego como una fuerza destructiva, pero también como un regalo que trae valor personal: una nueva vida.

## PARISH NEWS

### Bambinelli Blessing

There is a Vatican tradition of blessing Nativity scene figures of the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli in Italian). The tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and ever since, the Bambinelli blessing has been given by the Pope during the Third Sunday of Advent. We ask every household in our parish to bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to church to be blessed on Sunday, December 11th at Mass.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 5:30 pm.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Hay una tradición vaticana de bendecir figuras de belenes del Niño Jesús (Bambinelli en italiano). La tradición fue iniciada por el Papa Pablo VI en 1969 y desde entonces, la bendición Bambinelli ha sido dada por el Papa durante el tercer domingo de Adviento. Pedimos a cada hogar en nuestra parroquia que traiga al Niño Jesús de su escena de la Natividad a la iglesia para ser bendecido el domingo 11 de diciembre en la Misa.

La solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, el 8 de diciembre, es un día santo de obligación. La misa es a las 5:30 pm.

Novena a Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe  
Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

La novena empezará el 3 de diciembre hasta el 10 de diciembre a las 7 de la noche.  
El 11 de diciembre se celebrará la misa a las 7 de la noche y la última novena se rezará a las 11 de la noche.

The novena will begin on December 3 through December 10 at 7 p.m. On December 11, there will be a mass celebration at 7 p.m. The final novena will be prayed at 11 p.m.

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
<b>11/20/2022</b>			
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$890.25	\$5.63
<b>11/27/2022</b>			
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$602.50	(\$282.12)

### Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 8-Immaculate Conception Mass at 5:30pm
- Dec. 11-Pastoral Council
- Dec. 19-Office Closed

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

- Monica Ramirez Perez
- Miryam de Luna Ramirez
- Montserrat de Luna Ramirez
- Maria Elba LeVazquez
- Manuel de J. Vazquez

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Dave Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Louise Nery
Melanie Sanchez		Dave Thomas	Carlos Nery
			Jayden Nery