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## Mass Intention



**Gene Mohr (D)**

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 7:10-14  
Responsorial Psalm: 24:1-2,  
3-4, 5-6  
Reading II: Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

## 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:**

**December 4th  
96**

## Our Lady of the Lake



**Council 9309**

### Officers for 2022-2023

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt

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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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Rectory: 434-636-7782

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**  
Elizabeth Martin  
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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  
**Family Service Advisor—**Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

# Third Sunday of Advent—December 11, 2022

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

the works of the Christ, Are you the one who is to come, what you ... see

#### To the point:

The Gospel begins with John questioning who Jesus is and concludes with Jesus extolling who John is. What makes John great is that he recognizes in "the works of the Christ" the person and presence of the Messiah—

"the one who is to come." This salvation is revealed in such is exactly our Advent wonders as making the blind challenge: to see in the see, the deaf hear, and the goodness around us the lame walk. These are exactly works of Jesus and the the works Jesus does, presence of "the Christ." revealing to John and to us Advent calls us to look deeper that Jesus is "the Christ," the and then to trust what we see. Savior.

Whom we discover depends upon what we see.

### Connecting the Gospel ...

#### ... to the First Reading:

Isaiah announces that

**... to experience:** We learn who a person is by observing how that person lives and behaves. We learn who Jesus is by observing how faithful believers live and behave.

## PARISH NEWS

A Culture and Spirit Diocesan Event will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in South Hill on February 4th from 9am-1pm ending with lunch and fellowship. The purpose is to both encounter and celebrate the immigrant indigenous cultures in our diocese through song, dance, expressions, history, etc. While immigrant indigenous communities from Central and South American fall under the umbrella of Hispanic Ministry, the USCCB and our diocese recognizes these communities as Native Americans therefore bridging between both Hispanic Ministry and Native American Ministry. This event is open to everyone! Contact the office if you'd like to be a part of the committee to plan this event.

### Christmas Flower Donation in Memory/Honor of:

Gloria Besares	Romeo Gasalao
Eric Buskirk	Kelli Gownley
Garry Buskirk	Timothy Gownley
Michael Buskirk	Agnes Pepper
Joseph Comorat	Bob & Sandy
Elsie Darland	Thomas
Mary & Frank	Leda & Nelson
Derring	Thomas
Frank Epps	

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$717.25	(\$167.37)
Building Fund:		\$50.00	
Christmas Flowers:		\$309.00	

### Online Giving

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

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 19**-Office Closed  
**Dec. 22**-Office closes at 12 pm and will reopen Jan. 3.

# Tercero Domingo de Adviento

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

las obras del Cristo, ¿Eres tú el que ha de venir, lo que tú ... ver

#### Al punto:

El Evangelio comienza con Juan cuestionando quién es Jesús y concluye con Jesús ensalzando quién es Juan. Lo que hace grande a Juan es que reconoce en "las obras de Cristo" la persona y la presencia del Mesías, "el que

ha de venir". Este es que los ciegos vean, los exactamente nuestro desafío sordos escuchen y los cojos de Adviento: ver en la bondad caminen. Estas son exactamente las obras que Jesús y la presencia de "el Jesús hace, revelando a Juan Cristo". El Adviento nos llama y a nosotros que Jesús es "el a mirar más profundamente y Cristo", el Salvador.

### Conectando al Evangelio

#### ... a la Primera Lectura:

Isaías anuncia que la es Jesús observando cómo la salvación se revela en viven y se comportan los maravillas tales como hacer creyentes fieles.

#### ... experimentar:

Aprendemos quién es una persona observando cómo vive y se comporta esa persona. Aprendemos quién es Jesús observando cómo viven y se comportan los creyentes fieles.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Un evento diocesano de Cultura y Espíritu se llevará a cabo en la Iglesia Católica del Buen Pastor en South Hill el 4 de febrero de 9 a.m. a 1 p.m., terminando con almuerzo y compañerismo. El propósito es encontrar y celebrar las culturas indígenas inmigrantes en nuestra diócesis a través de canciones, danzas, expresiones, historia, etc. Mientras que las comunidades indígenas inmigrantes de América Central y del Sur caen bajo el paraguas del Ministerio Hispano, la USCCB y nuestra diócesis reconocen a estas comunidades como nativos americanos, por lo tanto, tendiendo un puente entre el Ministerio Hispano y el Ministerio Nativo Americano. ¡Este evento está abierto a todos! Póngase en contacto con la oficina si desea ser parte del comité para planificar este evento.

Debido a la fe de nuestros 17 donantes y sus corazones generosos, recaudamos \$ 1290 durante la campaña #iGiveCatholic. Gracias a los que participaron.

Because of our 17 donors' faith and their generous hearts, we raised \$1290 during the #iGiveCatholic campaign. Thank you to those who participated.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Tom Valencia	Fernanda Segundo	Elizer Carillo	Gabriel Amarillo Jesus Ramirez
Elsie Moleno		Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Elsie Moleno	Jaypee Himongala
Rowel Vallier	Baba Obsina
Jessie Mar Sacale	Frances Joyce Acas