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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 52:7-10  
Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3,  
3-4, 5-6  
Reading II: Hebrews 1:1-6  
Gospel: John 1:1-18

## 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 11th  
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## 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

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

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# 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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**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

# Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 18, 2022

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

how the birth of Jesus Christ came about, through the Holy Spirit, God is with us

#### To the point:

In this Gospel, the state of affairs is not what it appears to

be. Mary is not unfaithful, but

faithful. Mary is with child, but

a virgin. The infant is not only

an earthly child, but also a

heavenly One. Yet the infant

is not heaven-bound, but an

earth-bound Emmanuel.

Joseph is not the father, but in

a father's role names the Child

Jesus. When the Spirit of God

is at work, and we cooperate

as did Mary and Joseph,

something altogether new

happens: mystery abounds,

"God is with us."

### Connecting the Gospel ...

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

It is the gifts of the "grace of

apostleship" and "obedience

of faith" that enable us to

cooperate with the "Spirit of

holiness," as did Mary and

Joseph. Mystery abounds and

something new happens in us:

"God is with us."

... **to experience:** Mystery

abounds when we are willing

to relinquish control and open

ourselves to the unexpected.



## 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 | Ann & RC        |
| Anne, Edwin &   | Newsome         |
| Allyson Brinser | 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 | \$2,369.75 | <b>\$1,485.13</b> |
| Building Fund:      |          | \$200.00   |                   |
| Immaculate Concept: | \$142.00 |            |                   |

### 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.

# Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

cómo se produjo el nacimiento de Jesucristo, a través del Espíritu Santo, Dios está con nosotros

#### Al punto:

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### Conectando al Evangelio

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

Son los dones de la "gracia

del apostolado" y la

"obediencia de la fe" los que

nos permiten cooperar con el

"Espíritu de santidad", como

lo hicieron María y José. El

misterio abunda y algo nuevo

sucede en nosotros: "Dios

está con nosotros".

#### ... experimentar:

El misterio abunda cuando

estamos dispuestos a

renunciar al control y abrirnos

a lo inesperado.

## 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            |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| George Seif     | John Jones     | Elizer Carillo | Montserrat Ramirez |
| Melanie Sanchez |                | Dave Thomas    | Jesus Ramirez      |
|                 |                |                | Vanessa Ramirez    |

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Timmy Gorman     | Pee Jay Andres |
| Ramis Celedona   | Belinda Baron  |
| Chona Macabodbod | Allan Bagdoc   |
| Rosalie Espinosa |                |