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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 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: 40:2, 4,

7-8, 8-9, 10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

## January Birthdays

- 3 **Mateo Verduzco**
- 6 **Paolo Menjivar**
- 8 **Ma. Socorro Conte**
- 13 **Augustus Williams**
- 15 **Mary Kramer**
- Luzviminda Saavedra**
- 19 **Myla Nery**
- 20 **Melanie DeLuna**
- 23 **Pamela Amarillo**
- 24 **Nina Gendron**
- 31 **Steven Goeliner**

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2022-2023

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta

**Grand Knight:** Bobby Berndt

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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

**Trustee One Year:** Tom Eddy, PGK\*

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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.



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 25th**

**65**

**January 1st**

**75**

# 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

# The Epiphany of the Lord—January 8, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

**Key words & phrases:** Born in Bethlehem, magi ... arrived in Jerusalem, Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

**To the point:** Arriving at Jerusalem, the magi thought they had come to the birthplace of "the newborn king of the Jews," for Jerusalem was the traditional home of the Jewish king. But the "newborn king" was not where they expected to find him. He was in Bethlehem, the home of David before he was made king, when he was still a

simple shepherd boy. This king "who is to shepherd ... Israel" was not born in a palace, but in a simple abode; was not given homage by Jewish elite, but by foreigners; was not given only gifts acknowledging his kingship but also a gift of myrrh pointing to his passion; was not to be limited in his reign to the Jewish nation, but would reign over all peoples. Where do we expect to find this "newborn king," and who do we expect him to be?

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the Second Reading:** The Second Reading makes explicit that Christ came for all peoples: the "Gentiles are coheirs" and "copartners in the promise" of Christ for salvation.

**... to experience:** Expectations shape our attitudes and actions more than we realize. If we expect failure, we will probably fail. If we expect happiness, we have a better chance of finding it. If we limit where and how we expect to encounter Christ, we will miss so many opportunities to find him.

# La Epifanía del Señor

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

Nacido en Belén, los magos ... llegó a Jerusalén, ¿Dónde está el recién nacido rey de los judíos?

**Al punto:** Al llegar a Jerusalén, los magos pensaron que habían llegado al lugar de nacimiento del "rey recién nacido de los judíos", porque Jerusalén era el hogar tradicional del rey judío. Pero el "rey recién nacido" no estaba donde esperaban encontrarlo. Él estaba en Belén, el hogar de David antes de ser hecho rey, cuando todavía era un simple pastor. Este rey "que ha de

pastorear... Israel" no nació en un palacio, sino en una simple morada; no recibió homenaje de la élite judía, sino de los extranjeros; no sólo se le dieron regalos reconociendo su realeza, sino también un regalo de mirra que apuntaba a su pasión; no debía limitarse en su reinado a la nación judía, sino que reinaría sobre todos los pueblos. ¿Dónde esperamos encontrar a este "rey recién nacido"?

### Conectando al Evangelio

**... a la Segunda Lectura:** La segunda lectura hace explícito

que Cristo vino por todos los pueblos: los "gentiles son coherederos" y "coparticipes de la promesa" de Cristo para la salvación.

**... experimentar:** Las expectativas moldean nuestras actitudes y acciones más de lo que nos damos cuenta. Si esperamos el fracaso, probablemente fracasaremos. Si esperamos la felicidad, tenemos una mejor oportunidad de encontrarla. Si limitamos dónde y cómo esperamos encontrar a Cristo, perderemos muchas oportunidades de encontrarlo.

## PARISH NEWS

The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem is a group that supports the Catholic community in Bethlehem, The Holy Land. George and Katherine Awwad will be at our parish on January 15th selling olive wood carvings made by the Catholic families after all Masses.

Since the beginning of March of 2020, ahead of the busy Easter season, that draws thousands of visitors and worshipers to the city, The City of Bethlehem and the Nativity Church has been closed due to the coronavirus, thus this created a huge burden on the local Christian families because they depend greatly on tourism and the olive wood sales.

Please support this ministry by purchasing a gift for you or a loved one. It is important that we show our support to our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem during these very difficult times.



Our parish is has an immediate need for a volunteer to launder the altar linens. Please contact Father Jong or the office to assist in this very important ministry for our church.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Los Buenos Pastores de Belén es un grupo que apoya a la comunidad católica en Belén, Tierra Santa. George y Katherine Awwad estarán en nuestra parroquia el 15 de enero vendiendo tallas de madera de olivo hechas por las familias católicas después de todas las misas.

Desde principios de marzo de 2020, antes de la ajetreada temporada de Pascua, que atrae a miles de visitantes y fieles a la ciudad, la ciudad de Belén y la Iglesia de la Natividad han estado cerradas debido al coronavirus, por lo que esto creó una gran carga para las familias cristianas locales porque dependen en gran medida del turismo y las ventas de madera de olivo.

Por favor, apoye este ministerio comprando un regalo para usted o un ser querido. Es importante que mostremos nuestro apoyo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Belén durante estos tiempos tan difíciles.



Nuestra parroquia tiene una necesidad inmediata de un voluntario para lavar la ropa de altar. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Padre Jong o la oficina para ayudar en este ministerio tan importante para nuestra iglesia.

## 12/25/22 Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$555.50	(\$329.12)
<i>Offertory and Christmas Offering combined</i>			
Catholic Charities:	\$143.00		

### Online Giving

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

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 15**-Finance Council  
**Jan. 16**-Office Closed  
**Jan. 24**-Knights Meeting

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Fernanda Segundo	Elizer Carillo	Montserrat Ramirez
Melanie Sanchez		Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

Teresa Verduzco	Nélida Rosales
Ester Zepeda	Jennifer González
Concepcion Mendoza	Juan Carlos González