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## Mass Intention



**Deceased members of the  
Santes & Medina Families**

*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: Zephaniah 2:3,

3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-10

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

## 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**



*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.*

## Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 24**-Knights Meeting
- Jan. 28**-First Reconciliation
- Feb. 5**-Pastoral Council

## Our Lady of the Lake



## Council 9309

### Officers for 2022-2023

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

**Grand Knight:** Bobby Berndt

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Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK\*  
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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

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**Trustee Three Years:** George McCall  
\*PKG-Past Grand Knight

*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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**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**

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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 in Ordinary Time—January 22, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** *Matthew 4:12-23*

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is

the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they

know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

# Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio

*Matthew 4:12-23*

El Evangelio de hoy describe el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús. En los Evangelios de Mateo, Marcos y Lucas (llamados los Evangelios Sinópticos), el ministerio público de Jesús comienza después de su bautismo por Juan el Bautista y después de su retiro al desierto donde fue tentado por el diablo. Cuando Jesús regresa del desierto, oye que Juan ha sido arrestado. La primera parte del Evangelio de hoy sitúa el ministerio de Jesús en el contexto de los escritos del profeta Isaías. Mateo quiere mostrar que Jesús es el cumplimiento de las profecías dadas al pueblo de Israel, y

se refiere a Isaías para hacerlo. Isaías dice que el Mesías comenzará su ministerio en Galilea, la tierra de los gentiles. Cuando Jesús comienza a predicar en Galilea, Mateo señala su ministerio como un cumplimiento de la profecía de Isaías, prueba de que Jesús es el Mesías.

Cuando Jesús llamó a sus primeros discípulos, el Evangelio nos dice que los pescadores (Pedro y Andrés, Santiago y Juan) dejaron todo para seguir a Jesús inmediatamente. Sin embargo, este Evangelio nos dice poco acerca de la experiencia previa que los pescadores tuvieron de Jesús. ¿Lo conocían? ¿Lo habían oído predicar? ¿Qué clase de

persona debe haber sido Jesús para invocar tal respuesta? Podemos imaginar que Jesús fue una presencia poderosa para provocar una respuesta tan inmediata y completa como la que dieron estos primeros discípulos.

El Evangelio concluye con una descripción del ministerio que Jesús comienza en Galilea. Jesús inaugura el Reino de Dios con su obra. Él enseña en la sinagoga y predica el reino. Su capacidad para curar las enfermedades y dolencias de las personas es un signo del reino. En el ministerio de Jesús, ya comenzamos a ver el Reino de Dios entre nosotros.

## PARISH NEWS

Our Parish Pastoral Council needs a chairperson. The parish pastoral council strives to ensure that the parish is carrying out its stated mission and that the pastoral needs of the parish are met. These include Word, Worship, Community and Service. The chairperson chairs the meetings, develops the agenda, and acts in the name of the council. Contact Father Jong or the parish office for discernment and further responsibilities of this role.

The Diocesan Office of Native American Ministry is celebrating Native American Heritage Month! On Saturday February 4, Good Shepherd Catholic Church in South Hill will be celebrating the different immigrant indigenous communities in the surrounding areas through education and awareness. It will begin with Mass at 9am. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. All are welcome!



Our First Holy Communion students will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 28th at 11:30 am. Please keep them in your prayers.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial necesita un presidente. El consejo pastoral parroquial se esfuerza por garantizar que la parroquia esté llevando a cabo su misión declarada y que se satisfagan las necesidades pastorales de la parroquia. Estos incluyen Palabra, Adoración, Comunidad y Servicio. El presidente preside las reuniones, desarrolla la agenda y actúa en nombre del consejo. Póngase en contacto con el Padre Jong o la oficina parroquial para discernimiento y otras responsabilidades de este papel.

La diócesis está celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Indígena aquí en los Estados Unidos. El sábado 4 de febrero, la parroquia Buen Pastor en South Hill tendrá una celebración para las comunidades inmigrantes indígenas. La celebración comenzará con la misa a las 9am. Se proporcionará desayuno y almuerzo. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Nuestros estudiantes de la Primera Comunión recibirán el Sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación el sábado 28 de enero a las 11:30 am. Por favor, manténgalos en sus oraciones.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

| READERS     | BODY OF CHRIST | USHERS         | SERVERS     |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| George Seif | John Jones     | Elizer Carillo | Louise Nery |
| Toni Ferris |                | Dave Thomas    | Carlos Nery |
|             |                |                | Jayden Nery |
|             |                |                |             |

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Christine Smith | Vanessa Carillo  |
| Stevie Thomas   | Mary Ann Newsome |
| Lois Gownley    |                  |

### Last Week's Offertory

|            | Needed   | Actual   |            |
|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Offertory: | \$884.62 | \$325.25 | (\$559.37) |

### Online Giving

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

**January 15th**  
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