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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 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: 112:4-9

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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

Deputy Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

Recorder: Bob Hathaway

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Trustee One Year: Tom Eddy, PGK*

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*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.

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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
Family Service Advisor—Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 29, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:1-12a*

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading

that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favored. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are

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!

Today Jesus said in the Gospel, "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Matthew 5:12) He commanded us to rejoice in our persecution. Jesus doesn't ask us to rejoice in pain for pain's sake. As he faced his agony, Jesus himself asked that the cup of suffering "might pass from me." Jesus shares our very human and very good desire to avoid pain when it makes sense to do so. He commanded us to rejoice when in pain for his sake. "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you," he candidly reminded those following him (John 15:20). Pain comes to those who follow him. That's the bad news. The good news is it will eventually be okay—more than OK. We will possess him in perfect beatitude one day. It's worth anything this valley of tears can throw at us because the valley has an end. Today, Jesus entrusts our parish with the mission to help local Christians make it there. With your help, our Annual Diocesan Appeal will enable us to reach those Jesus asks. Jesus is meek, merciful, pure of heart, and himself persecuted like no one else. Please help us to shine as brightly as Jesus' face did when he first revealed the beatitudes. Jesus is the way, and he will show you which way to help.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$486.50	(\$398.12)
Respect Life:		\$198.00	

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 22nd
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Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio *Mateo 5:1-12a*

La lectura de hoy es el comienzo del Sermón del Monte de Jesús, que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Mateo. La forma de las Bienaventuranzas que se encuentran aquí no es exclusiva de Jesús. Las bienaventuranzas se encuentran en el Antiguo Testamento, en los salmos y en la literatura de sabiduría, por ejemplo. Son una manera de enseñar acerca de quién encontrará el favor de Dios.

Rápidamente notamos en esta

lectura que las personas a quienes Jesús llama "bienaventuradas" y "felices" no son personas que consideramos bendecidas o felices. . . los pobres de espíritu, los mansos, los perseguidos. Este Evangelio es uno de reversiones. El plan de Jesús para la felicidad refleja poco de lo que el mundo podría llamar felicidad.

"Bendito" a veces se traduce como feliz, afortunado o favorecido. En otras palabras, Jesús está diciendo que el favor divino está sobre los pobres, los que lloran, los que son

perseguidos. Esta noticia podría haber sido bienvenida, y sorprendente, para las multitudes que escucharon a Jesús ese día. Las Bienaventuranzas pueden entenderse como un marco para la vida cristiana. Nuestra vocación como cristianos no es ser los primeros en este mundo, sino ser los primeros a los ojos de Dios. Al referirse a las cosas buenas que experimentarán los fieles, Mateo nos recuerda que aquellos que actúan de la manera descrita en las Bienaventuranzas encontrarán su recompensa con Dios.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

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!

Hoy Jesús dijo en el Evangelio: "Regocíjate y alégrate, porque tu recompensa será grande en el cielo". (Mateo 5:12) Él nos mandó que nos regocijáramos en nuestra persecución. Jesús no nos pide que nos regocijemos en el dolor por causa del dolor. Mientras enfrentaba su agonía, Jesús mismo pidió que la copa del sufrimiento "pasara de mí". Jesús comparte nuestro deseo muy humano y muy bueno de evitar el dolor cuando tiene sentido hacerlo. Él nos ordenó que nos regocijáramos cuando tuviéramos dolor por su causa. "Si me persiguieron a mí, también te perseguirán a ti", recordó cándidamente a los que lo seguían (Juan 15:20). El dolor llega a aquellos que lo siguen. Esa es la mala noticia. La buena noticia es que eventualmente estará bien, más que bien. Algún día lo poseeremos en perfecta bienaventuranza. Vale la pena cualquier cosa que este valle de lágrimas pueda arrojarnos porque el valle tiene un final. Hoy, Jesús confía a nuestra parroquia la misión de ayudar a los cristianos locales a llegar allí. Con su ayuda, nuestra Campaña Diocesana Anual nos permitirá alcanzar a aquellos que Jesús pide. Jesús es manso, misericordioso, puro de corazón, y él mismo perseguido como nadie. Por favor, ayúdanos a brillar tan intensamente como lo hizo el rostro de Jesús cuando reveló por primera vez las bienaventuranzas. Jesús es el camino, y él te mostrará qué camino ayudar.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Maria LeVazquez	David Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Melanie Sanchez		Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam dRamirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	