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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: Sirach 15:15-20
Responsorial Psalm: 119:1-2,
4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Reading II:
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

February Birthdays

- 1 Andres Zepeta Gonzalez**
- 2 Jayden Nery**
- 15 Agatha Pascal**
- 19 Fernanda Segundo-Ilanas**
- 22 Stephen Abernathy**
- 27 Maria Felipe-Segundo**



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:

- Feb. 20**-Office Closed
- Feb. 22**-Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 28**- Knights Meeting

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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Advocate: Bob Oravits

Warden: Paul Kurilla

Guards:
Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
Outside: Richard Rumprik

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year: Tom Eddy, PGK*

Trustee Two Years: Chuck Youse

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.

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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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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 5, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:13-16*

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity

in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that

Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio *Mateo 5:13-16*

Siguiendo la enseñanza de las Bienaventuranzas, Jesús usa las metáforas ahora familiares de sal y luz para describir la vida de discipulado. Damos por sentado la sal y la luz en nuestra sociedad, pero estos productos eran más preciosos en las culturas antiguas. Al igual que ahora, la sal se usaba en el tiempo de Jesús para dar sabor, como conservante y como agente curativo. Del mismo modo, el uso generalizado de la electricidad en

el mundo moderno nos hace menos conscientes del valor y la importancia de la luz en nuestras vidas.

Aún así, nuestra familiaridad con este pasaje del Evangelio de Mateo habla bien del poder permanente de las imágenes que Jesús presentó. El llamado de Jesús a ser sal para la tierra y luz para el mundo declara poderosamente nuestra misión como Iglesia y como cristianos. Nuestro compromiso con la justicia social fluye de la

exhortación que Jesús nos da en el Evangelio de hoy. Algunas de las actividades a las que nos lleva este compromiso tienen una expresión más concreta como las Obras de Misericordia Corporales y Espirituales. Cuando alimentamos a los hambrientos, vestimos a los desnudos, consolamos a los que lloran, etc., nos mostramos como la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo. Cuando hacemos estas cosas con la comunidad de fe, la Iglesia, estamos actuando como "una ciudad situada en una montaña" que no se puede ocultar!

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 world can get inside us, often affecting how we feel. Living in the 21st century involves wading through a spiritual slog. The world is filled with as many opportunities for vice as virtue. We swim in a sea of ads, agendas, and social pressures. It subtly wears on us. Jesus says that we, his followers, are the world's way out. "You are the light of the world" is a weighty metaphor to describe us (Matthew 5:14). Jesus' description of his followers might energize us, sober us, or make us want to run away, like Jonah the prophet. Jesus believes that when we work through him we are the world's best hope. Our parish takes him seriously. We trust that his words in today's Gospel carry power. We're going to draw from it. We know from experience that we can shine the light of Christ through good deeds. We need your help to be able to continue doing that for our local community. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal is a significant opportunity for you to help us advance our mission to bring the light of hope to our little corner of the world. Maybe, with your help, our Annual Appeal will be a link that will get at least one soul to the light of Christ. We hope for more than one. Give without counting the cost, and watch how God outdoes you. May he bless us!

Lent & Holy Week

Feb 22-Ash Wednesday
Mass 5:30 pm

Station of the Cross all
Fridays of Lent 5:30 pm

Reconciliation Service
March 9, 7 pm, St. Peter

Apr 6-Holy Thursday
Mass 5:30 pm

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!

A menudo el mundo puede adentrarse en nuestro interior, afectando como nos sentimos. Vivir en el siglo 21 involucra vadear a través de un arduo trabajo espiritual. El mundo esta lleno de oportunidades tanto para el vicio, como para la virtud. Nadamos en un mundo de propagandas, agendas y presiones sociales. Nos desgasta sutilmente. Jesús dice que nosotros sus seguidores somos la solución del mundo. "Ustedes son la luz del mundo" es una metáfora importante que nos describe (Mateo 5:14). La descripción de los seguidores de Jesús nos energiza, nos vuelve más serios, o nos hace escapar como el profeta Jonás. Jesús cree que nosotros somos la mejor esperanza del mundo cuando trabajamos a través de Él. Nuestra parroquia lo toma en serio. Nosotros confiamos que su palabra en el Evangelio de hoy tiene poder. Nos sentiremos atraídos. Sabemos por experiencia que podemos hacer brillar la luz de Cristo a través de nuestras buenas acciones. Lo necesitamos para que nos ayude a continuar haciendo lo mismo en nuestra comunidad local. La Campaña Anual Diocesana es una oportunidad significativa para que nos ayude a que nuestra misión promueva a traer la luz de esperanza a esta pequeña esquina del mundo. Tal vez con su ayuda nuestra Campaña Anual Diocesana será el vinculo para atraer por lo menos a un alma a la luz de Cristo. Tenemos esperanza que será más de uno. Done sin contar el costo y observe como Dios lo supera. ¡Que Él nos bendiga!

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$555.25	(\$329.37)
Votive Stand:		\$330.00	

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 29th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	Steve Brophy	Elizer Carillo	Louise Nery
Toni Ferris		Dave Thomas	Carlos Nery
			Jayden Nery

Next Week's Cleaning Group

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