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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: Exodus 17:3-7
Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,
6-7, 8-9

Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

March Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 1 **Valeria Verduzco**
- 3 **Tiffany Geonzon**
- 4 **Christine Brophy**
Niurka Verduzco
- 5 **Kenji Carillo**
Matthew Conte
- 7 **Janet McKenzie**
- 9 **Usiel Morales**
Jerome Moleno
- 11 **Venise Carillo**
Maribel Gomez
Milaide Arguelles
Vanessa Ramirez
Stanley Hanhauser
Kelly Plascencia
- 28 **Stella Hanhauser**



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:

- Mar. 9-**Reconciliation Service
- Mar. 10-**Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 12-**Pastoral Council
- Mar. 15-**Lenten Luncheon

Officers for 2022-2023

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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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.

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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

Second Sunday of Lent—March 5, 2023

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases: high mountain, shone like the sun, white as light, well pleased, listen to him, Jesus ... touched, raised from the dead

To the point: What high mountain must we climb for us to witness Jesus' transfiguration? We must climb the high mountain of listening to Jesus, the high mountain of being pleasing to him, the high mountain of opening ourselves to the touch of his Presence. When we climb this mountain, we forsake our own

agenda of pitching the tent of satisfaction with our own works to enter into the glory of the Life Jesus offers us. The mountain is steep; the climb is ours to choose; the vision at the top is divine—"white as light," shining "like the sun." Can we see him?

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: God commanded Abram to leave the homeland he knew and to seek an unknown homeland that God would show him. "Abram went as the Lord directed him," and for this he was greatly blessed. Jesus'

transfiguration bids us to let go of where we are (the "homeland" we know) to climb a high mountain (an unknown "homeland") that leads to new, risen, transfigured, Easter Life.

... to experience:

No matter how insightful or imaginative, all human vision is limited by the boundaries of human experience. The vision of Jesus' transfiguration explodes the boundaries of human experience yet is very real and attainable. Jesus shows us the glory that is ours to come, a glory attainable because it is God's gift to those who are faithful.

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

alta montaña, brillaba como el sol, blanco como la luz, complacido, escúchalo, Jesús... tocado, resucitado de entre los muertos

Al punto: ¿Qué montaña alta debemos subir para presenciar la transfiguración de Jesús? Debemos subir a la alta montaña de la escucha de Jesús, a la alta montaña de agradecerle a Él, a la alta montaña de abrirnos al toque de su Presencia. Cuando subimos a esta montaña, abandonamos nuestra propia agenda de armar la tienda de la satisfacción con nuestras propias

obras para entrar en la gloria de la Vida que Jesús nos ofrece. La montaña es empinada; la subida es nuestra para elegir; La visión en la parte superior es divina: "blanca como la luz", brillando "como el sol". ¿Podemos verlo?

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura: Dios le ordenó a Abram que dejara la patria que conocía y que buscara una patria desconocida que Dios le mostraría. "Abram fue como el Señor le indicó", y por esto fue grandemente bendecido. La transfiguración de Jesús nos invita a dejar ir donde estamos (la "patria"

que conocemos) para escalar una montaña alta (una "patria" desconocida) que conduce a una vida pascual nueva, resucitada y transfigurada.

... experimentar: No importa cuán perspicaz o imaginativa sea, toda visión humana está limitada por los límites de la experiencia humana. La visión de la transfiguración de Jesús explota los límites de la experiencia humana, pero es muy real y alcanzable. Jesús nos muestra la gloria que es nuestra por venir, una gloria alcanzable porque es el regalo de Dios para aquellos que son fieles.

PARISH NEWS

Lent & Holy Week

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

In a profound moment, Jesus offered a taste of his divinity to Peter, James, and John in the Gospel today. Jesus made known the glory he had with the Father before the world began. These three disciples were privileged to witness the manifestation of the Transfiguration. As powerful as the Transfiguration must have been (Peter was so awed, he didn't even know what he said), that encounter can't equal receiving the Eucharist! Receiving an image of God through one's eyes can't rival the privilege of taking God himself into one's body through the Eucharist. Our community needs to know about this. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help our parish can get the word out: God is here! He lives in our little tabernacle! It's a secret that shouldn't be kept. God doesn't want to overpower us with his transfigured divinity every day. God's care is manifest in the Eucharist: its humble appearance enables the fragile human heart to "fill that gap" with faith. As Saint Thomas Aquinas says, where "our feeble senses fail," faith rises (the Tantum Ergo). Please help our parish facilitate these privileged encounters by supporting the Appeal. Through your generosity, you'll help us provide the Eucharist to all who seek it in the quiet, human way our Lord seems to prefer.

St. Richard is hosting the **Lenten Ecumenical Service & Luncheon** on March 15th at noon. If you would like to assist that day or make a dessert for the luncheon contact Toni Ferris at 804-247-4348.

San Ricardo será el anfitrión del Servicio Ecueménico y Almuerzo de Cuaresma el 15 de marzo al mediodía. Si desea asistir ese día o hacer un postre para el almuerzo, comuníquese con Toni Ferris al 804-247-4348.

En el Evangelio de hoy, en un momento profundo Jesús ofreció una muestra de su divinidad a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Jesús hizo conocer la Gloria que tenía con el Padre antes de que el mundo comenzara. Estos tres discípulos tuvieron el privilegio de ser testigos de la manifestación de la Transfiguración. ¡Así tan ponderosa como debió haber sido la Transfiguración (Pedro estaba tan asombrado que no sabía ni que decir), ese encuentro no se puede igualar en recibir la Eucaristía! Recibir una imagen de Dios a través de los ojos no puede ganarle al privilegio de recibir a Dios mismo en nuestro cuerpo a través de la Eucaristía. Nuestra comunidad necesita saber sobre esto. Cuando usted apoya a la Campaña Anual Diocesana, usted ayuda a nuestra parroquia a dar a conocer que: ¡Dios esta aquí! ¡El vive en nuestro pequeño tabernáculo! Es un secreto que no debe ser guardado. Dios no quiere abrumarnos con su Divinidad transfigurada cada día. El amor de Dios se manifiesta en la Eucaristía: su apariencia humilde permite que el frágil corazón humano "llene los espacios" con la fe. Así como Santo Tomas de Aquino dijo, donde "los débiles sentidos fallan" surge la fe (el Tantum Ergo). Por favor ayude a nuestra parroquia a facilitar estos encuentros privilegiados apoyando la Campaña. A través de su generosidad, usted podrá ayudarnos a proveer la Eucaristía a aquellos que la buscan en el silencio, una manera humana que el Señor parece preferir.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



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Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$1,154.50	\$269.88



MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 26th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	David Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Monserrat Ramirez
Toni Ferris		Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

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