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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: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,  
10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14  
Gospel: John 9:1-41

# 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. 15**-Lenten Luncheon
- Mar. 17**-Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 19**-Catholic Relief Services Collection

### Officers for 2022-2023

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt

Deputy Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:  
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Chuck Youse

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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.

# 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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## 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 of Lent—March 12, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

**Key words & phrases:** Give me a drink, the gift of God, living water, What you have said is true, Messiah is coming, the Christ, woman who testified, savior of the world

**To the point:** When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, she completely misunderstood what Jesus was really asking: to understand the "gift of God" already given to her. What he was offering her was the gift of his very Self: the

living water that would lead her from chance meeting to divine encounter, from being a woman who attempts to deceive Jesus to becoming one who gives true testimony to "the Christ," from her expectation of the Messiah to her belief that the "savior of the world" has come. True encounters with Jesus never leave anyone the same.

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the Second Reading:** The Second Reading spells out explicitly what the "gift of God" is: "the love of God has been

poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." The Holy Spirit empowers us to recognize Jesus for who he is and be changed by him.

### ... to experience:

How often in daily life do we simply "talk at" one another! Genuine conversation is harder work, but it opens up encounter with the other and brings life-giving transformation. In fact, transforming encounters with others are encounters with Jesus.

## PARISH NEWS

### Lent, Holy Week, & Easter Schedule

Station of the Cross all Fridays of Lent 5:30 pm  
Apr 6-Holy Thursday Mass 5:30 pm  
Apr 8-Easter Vigil Mass 8 pm; St. Peter  
Apr 9-Easter Sunday Mass 10:30 am

In today's Gospel story, the woman at the well meets Jesus. Jesus moves her so much that she goes into the village, no longer abashed by her bad reputation, and tells everyone that she found the Messiah. Dramatic, to be sure. Others in the town immediately began to believe in Jesus because of her. The Samaritan woman's stark transformation gave her words credibility. Soon after, the townspeople deepened their faith in Jesus by directly encountering him. Jesus used the Samaritan woman's words to introduce a whole village to him. Our parish can spread faith in the same way through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This Lent, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help meet the mission of our Church and be a light for others through your heartfelt support. Together, we can demonstrate to our local neighborhood how wonderful He truly is. Through our actions, they will believe our word that He is alive. Jesus, lead us!



### Lenten Ecumenical Service & Luncheon

March 15th  
12 pm  
Hosted by St. Richard  
Please join us.

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$1,241.25	\$356.63
Building Fund:		\$235.00	



MASS ATTENDANCE:

**March 5th**  
**82**

# Tercero Domingo de Cuaresma

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

Dame de beber, el don de Dios, agua viva, Lo que has dicho es verdad, el Mesías viene, el Cristo, mujer que testificó, salvadora del mundo

**Al punto:** Cuando Jesús le pidió a la mujer samaritana un trago de agua, ella entendió completamente mal lo que Jesús realmente estaba pidiendo: entender el "don de Dios" que ya le había dado. Lo que él le estaba ofreciendo era el regalo de su propio Ser:

el agua viva que la llevaría del encuentro casual al encuentro divino, de ser una mujer que intenta engañar a Jesús a convertirse en una verdadera testimonio de Cristo", de su expectativa del Mesías a su creencia de que el "salvador del mundo" ha venido. Los verdaderos encuentros con Jesús nunca dejan a nadie igual.

### Conectando al Evangelio

**... a la Segunda Lectura:** La segunda lectura explica explícitamente lo que es el "don de Dios": "el amor de Dios ha

Sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo que nos ha sido dado". El Espíritu Santo nos da poder para reconocer a Jesús por lo que es y ser cambiados por él.

**... experimentar:** ¡Con qué frecuencia en la vida diaria simplemente nos "hablamos" unos a otros! La conversación genuina es un trabajo más difícil, pero abre el encuentro con el otro y trae una transformación vivificante. De hecho, los encuentros transformadores con los demás son encuentros con Jesús.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

San Ricardo será el anfitrión del Servicio Ecuménico 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 la historia del Evangelio de hoy la mujer junto al pozo se encuentra con Jesús. Jesús la conmueve tanto que ella va al pueblo sin sentir vergüenza por su mala reputación y les dice a todos que ella encontró al Mesías. Dramático, sin duda. Otros en el pueblo inmediatamente comenzaron a creer en Jesús por el testimonio de ella. La completa transformación de la mujer Samaritana dio credibilidad a sus palabras. Poco después, la gente del pueblo profundizó su fe en Jesús al encontrarse con Él directamente. Jesús utilizó las palabras de la mujer samaritana para presentarse a todo un pueblo. Nuestra parroquia puede difundir la fe de la misma manera a través de la Campaña Anual Diocesana. Esta cuaresma le pedimos que considere en oración como puede ayudar a cumplir la misión de nuestra iglesia y ser una luz para otros a través de su apoyo sincero. Juntos, podemos demostrar a nuestro vecindario local lo maravilloso que Él es en verdad. A través de nuestras acciones, ellos creerán en nuestra palabra de que Él esta vivo. ¡Jesús guía nos!



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### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Fernanda Segundo	Elizer Carillo	Jesús Ramirez
Melanie Sanchez		Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez Fibo Espinosa

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Timmy Gorman	Macabodbod
Elsie Moleno	Rosalie Espinosa
Ramis Celedona	Pee Jay Andres
Chona	Belinda Baron