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March Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 1 Valeria Verduzco**
- 3 Tiffany Geonzon**
- 4 Christine Brophy
Njurka 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. 24**-Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 26**-Easter Lily Collection
- Mar. 28**-Knights Meeting
- April 2**-Palm Sunday

Officers for 2022-2023

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt

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Chancellor: Dave Thomas

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year: Tom Eddy, PGK*

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*PGK-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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117 Laurel Street, Emporia, VA 23847



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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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Rectory: 434-636-7782

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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

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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: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: 130:1-2,

3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 19, 2023

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases: made clay with the saliva, smeared the clay on his eyes, I am, Jesus ... anointed my eyes, you are that man's disciple, I do believe

To the point: In making clay from his own saliva and smearing it on the blind man's eyes, Jesus re-creates the man by transferring something of his own being to the man. The man is anointed by Jesus as "I am" and comes to be a

stalwart, believing disciple. Not even the powerful Pharisees can sway him from his testimony to the work of Jesus in him. In baptism we, too, encounter Jesus and become a new creation in him. Are we as stalwart and believing as the blind man?

Connecting the Gospel ... to the First Reading: By Samuel's anointing, David is re-created from shepherd to king. By Jesus' anointing, the blind man is re-created from unseeing to believing. By our baptism, we are re-created from doing "fruitless works of darkness" to being "children of light."

... to experience: When we are young, we flip-flop about who we are. Only time and experience grant us the wisdom of knowing with sureness who we have grown to become. This sureness enables us to be stalwart in our values and beliefs.

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves: hizo arcilla con la saliva, untó la arcilla en sus ojos, yo soy, Jesús ... ungió mis ojos, tú eres discípulo de ese hombre, creo

Al punto: Al hacer arcilla de su propia saliva y untarla en los ojos del ciego, Jesús recrea al hombre transfiriendo algo de su propio ser al hombre. El hombre es ungido por Jesús como "Yo soy" y llega a ser un discípulo

incondicional y creyente. Ni siquiera los fariseos poderosos pueden desviarlo de su testimonio de la obra de Jesús en él. En el bautismo también nosotros encontramos a Jesús y nos convertimos en una nueva creación en él. ¿Somos tan incondicionales y creyentes como el ciego?

Conectando al Evangelio ... a la Primera Lectura: Por la unción de Samuel, David es recreado de pastor a rey. Por la unción de Jesús, el ciego es

recreado de no ver a creer. Por nuestro bautismo, somos re-creados de hacer "obras infructuosas de tinieblas" a ser "hijos de luz".

... experimentar: Cuando somos jóvenes, cambiamos de opinión sobre quiénes somos. Sólo el tiempo y la experiencia nos otorgan la sabiduría de saber con seguridad en quién hemos llegado a ser. Esta seguridad nos permite ser incondicionales en nuestros valores y creencias.

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

Sight is easy to take for granted. For the Pharisees in today's Gospel, the possibility that they might be missing something, despite having sight, authority, and education bothers them: "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" (John 9:40) When we walk through a house, we automatically look for the light switch if it's dark. It's difficult to do anything in the dark. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day," Jesus said in John 9:4. "Night is coming when no one can work." The works of God cry out to be accomplished, including the ministries supported by our Annual Diocesan Appeal. We must not delay. Christ is here. He is the daylight only by which we can work. We need him, and we need you. We ask him to guide our efforts throughout the Appeal. Please support our Appeal. We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal!



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NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

La vista se hace fácil tomarla por sentada. En el Evangelio de hoy a los fariseos les molesta la posibilidad de que estén perdiéndose de algo, a pesar de tener vista, autoridad y educación. "Entonces también nosotros estamos ciegos?" (Juan 9:40) Cuando nosotros caminamos por una casa y esta oscura, automáticamente buscamos el interruptor de la luz. Es difícil hacer algo en la oscuridad. "Es necesario que yo haga las obras del que me envió, mientras es de día," Jesús dijo en Juan 9:4. "porque luego llega la noche y ya nadie puede trabajar." Las obras de Dios claman para ser cumplidas, incluyendo los ministerios apoyados por la Campaña Anual Diocesana. No debemos demorarnos. Cristo esta aquí. Él es la única luz del día con la cual nosotros podemos trabajar. Lo necesitamos a Él y lo necesitamos a usted. A Él le pedimos que guie nuestros esfuerzos a través de la Campaña. Por favor apoye a nuestra Campaña. Pedimos a Él que ilumine su discernimiento para saber como hacerlo. Él no lo dejará caminar en tinieblas cuando usted esté haciendo las obras de Dios. Él será su luz. ¡Que Dios lo bendiga abundantemente por sus donaciones y oraciones a nuestra Campaña!



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Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$557.25	(\$327.37)

Online Giving

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/
Strichardemporiava OR Text
GIVE to 434-603-6341

MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 12th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Tom Valencia	John Jones	Elizer Carillo	Louise Nery
Elsie Moleno		Dave Thomas	Carlos Nery
			Jayden Nery

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann
Lois Gownley	Newsome