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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. 28**-Knights Meeting
- Mar. 31**-Stations of the Cross
- April 2**-Palm Sunday
- April 6**-Holy Thursday

Officers for 2022-2023

- Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta
- Grand Knight:** Bobby Berndt
- Deputy Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa
- Chancellor:** Dave Thomas
- Recorder:** Bob Hathaway
- Treasurer:** Jay Warfel, PGK*
- Financial Secretary:** Tom O'Neill, PGK*
- Advocate:** Bob Oravits
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- Guards:** Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- Trustee One Year:** Tom Eddy, PGK*
- Trustee Two Years:** Chuck Youse
- Trustee Three Years:** George McCall
- *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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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

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Mass Intention



Susana Celedona
Maria Celedona
Isabel Ligaya

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

At the Procession with Palms:

Matthew 21:1

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9,

17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 26, 2023

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died; everyone who lives and believes in me will never die; began to believe in him

To the point: Both Martha and Mary express great conviction in Jesus' healing power: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Their conviction, however, was tied to their human experience of the fragility of sickness and the finality of

death. Jesus' action surmounts human experience and reveals something entirely new: "everyone who lives and believes in [him] will never die." Belief in Jesus unties us from the limits of human experience and frees us for the eternity of risen Life.

Connecting the Gospel ... to the First Reading: Ezekiel describes God's desire to untie Israel from the grave of their captivity and lead them back to the freedom of their land where they can renew their

covenantal relationship with God. In the gospel Jesus commands the bystanders concerning the raised Lazarus to "Untie him and let him go [free]." **... to experience:**

Our experiences of living can sometimes limit us. For example, when a friend has hurt us, we can become leery of deep relationships. In other words, "once bitten, twice shy." But if we never allow Jesus to break open the limits of our human experiences, we can never receive the unexpected gifts of freedom and Life he offers.

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

Señor, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto; Todos los que viven y creen en Mí nunca morirán; comenzó a creer en él

Al punto: Tanto Marta como María expresan una gran convicción en el poder sanador de Jesús: "Señor, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto". Su convicción, sin embargo, estaba ligada a su experiencia humana de la fragilidad de la enfermedad y la finalidad de la muerte. La acción

de Jesús supera la experiencia humana y revela algo completamente nuevo: "todo el que vive y cree en [él] nunca morirá". La creencia en Jesús nos desata de los límites de la experiencia humana y nos libera para la eternidad de la Vida resucitada.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura: Ezequiel describe el deseo de Dios de desatar a Israel de la tumba de su cautiverio y llevarlos de regreso a la libertad de su tierra donde puedan renovar su relación de pacto con Dios. En el

evangelio, Jesús ordena a los espectadores con respecto al resucitado Lázaro que "lo desate y déjenlo ir [libre]".

... experimentar: Nuestras experiencias de vida a veces pueden limitarnos. Por ejemplo, cuando un amigo nos ha lastimado, podemos desconfiar de las relaciones profundas. En otras palabras, "una vez mordido, dos veces tímido". Pero si nunca permitimos que Jesús abra los límites de nuestras experiencias humanas, nunca podremos recibir los regalos inesperados de libertad y Vida que ofrece.

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, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In doing so, he forecasts two events: his return from the dead and ours. Death, and the events that follow, are challenging and often hide at the edge of our consciousness. It drives us to avoid aggressive drivers, work harder, or hold close the ones we love at goodbyes. As difficult as death is, the Resurrection is our hope and Lent is our time to pray, give and spread the word! "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says Jesus (John 11:25). When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you enable us to deliver this same hope and mercy to those in need.



Join us after Mass Easter Sunday for the Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt

All children 12 and under bring your Easter baskets to Mass!

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús resucita a Lázaro de la muerte. Al hacer esto, Él pronostica dos eventos: Su regreso y el de nosotros de entre los Muertos. La muerte y los eventos que siguen, son desafiantes y a menudo se esconden al borde de nuestra conciencia. Nos lleva a evitar a los conductores agresivos, a trabajar duro y a aferrarnos a nuestros seres queridos en las despedidas. Tan difícil como es la muerte, ¡la Resurrección es nuestra esperanza y la Cuaresma es nuestro tiempo para orar, dar y propagar la palabra! "Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida," dice Jesús (Juan 11:25). Cuando usted apoya a la Campaña Anual Diocesana, usted permite que llevemos esa misma esperanza y misericordia a los más necesitados.



Únase a nosotros después de la Misa del Domingo de Pascua para la Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascua de Caballeros de Colón

¡Todas las niñas menores de 12 años traigan sus canastas de Pascua a Misa!



Escanee aquí para donar a la Campaña Anual Diocesana 2023



Para preguntas acerca de su donación por favor llame a GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$373.25
Catholic Relief Services:		\$216.00
		(\$511.37)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 19th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Maria LeVazquez	Dave Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Montserrat Ramirez
Elsie Moleno		Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Montserrat Ramirez	