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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: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Responsorial Psalm: 16:1-2, 5,
7-8, 9-10, 11
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

April Birthdays *Our Lady of the Lake*



Council 9309

- 1 Katherine Abernathy**
- 2 Lane Newsome Gloria Vazquez Rodrigez**
- 14 Liam George Quejado**
- 15 Timmy Grace Gorman**
- 18 Geronimo Moleno**
- 22 Hilmer Martinez Vazquez**
- 23 Ruby Santes**
- 27 Monica Deluna-Hawkins Omar Ramirez**



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:

- April 23-First Communion**
- April 30-Finance Council**
- May 21-Pastoral Council**

Officers for 2022-2023

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt
Deputy Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa
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.

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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

Sunday of Divine Mercy—April 16, 2023

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases: Jesus came, Receive the Holy Spirit, Unless I see ... I will not believe, have not seen and have believed

To the point: The basic issue in this gospel story is coming to believe that Jesus is risen and alive. What is made clear is that believing is not dependent on physical contact with Jesus (Thomas makes his profession of faith without touching Jesus), but coming to believe does depend on personal encounter.

Authentic encounter between persons only happens through mutual self-giving: Jesus' self-giving is shown through his gift of the Holy Spirit to us; our self-giving is shown when we open ourselves to receive that Spirit. Coming to believe more deeply that Jesus is risen and alive is the work of the Spirit within and among us. What a Gift!

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: In the Gospel Jesus extols those who have not seen him, but we do encounter him and come to believe in him through the words and actions of others.

seen him. In the first reading Peter also extols those who have not seen, yet still love and believe in Jesus. Belief in Jesus' risen Life elicits "incredible and glorious joy." So who would not want to believe?

... to experience: We don't come to belief through proofs; we come to belief through the attestation of others whom we trust. The same is true of our belief in the risen Jesus. We have not seen him, but we do encounter him and come to believe in him through the words and actions of others.

PARISH NEWS

Today Jesus specifically blesses "those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). If you haven't seen Jesus, you have a special potential for blessedness. That's us! It's a special joy that comes from hope. Confidently hoping for the fulfillment of our desire is a joyful state. Enduring in such hope increases our capacity for joy. Oh, joy upon joy! Indeed, "All the way to heaven is heaven," as a saying attributed to St. Catherine of Siena goes. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so we can help others access this joy. As a parish, we rejoice to have such a massive hope for one another. Please help us reach souls who labor in quiet despair because without you, we can't reach them. Pray, donate, and sacrifice for our Appeal. By giving with the confidence that "gifts will be given to you" (Luke 6:38). Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Believe in what Christ can do through our parish for this local community. Believe because "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). Alleluia!

Easter Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:



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| <i>Gloria Besares</i> | <i>Romeo Gasalao</i> |
| <i>Santiago Basares</i> | <i>Timothy Gownley</i> |
| <i>Allyson Brinser</i> | <i>Beatrice Haliburton</i> |
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| <i>Joseph Comorat</i> | <i>Ann & RC Newsome</i> |
| <i>Marie Connelly</i> | <i>Agnes Pepper</i> |
| <i>Elsie Durland</i> | <i>Bob & Sandy Thomas</i> |
| <i>Frank Epps</i> | <i>Leda & Nelson Thomas</i> |

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$1855.25 \$970.63
Easter Offering:		\$280.00

Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/>

MASS ATTENDANCE:

April 6th
46
April 9th
167

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

Jesús vino, Recibe el Espíritu Santo, A menos que yo vea... No creeré, no he visto y he creído

Al punto: El tema básico en esta historia del evangelio es llegar a creer que Jesús ha resucitado y está vivo. Lo que queda claro es que creer no depende del contacto físico con Jesús (Tomás hace su profesión de fe sin tocar a Jesús), sino que llegar a creer depende del encuentro personal. El auténtico encuentro entre las personas sólo se realiza a través de la

entrega recíproca: la entrega de Jesús se manifiesta a través de su don del Espíritu Santo a nosotros; nuestra entrega se muestra cuando nos abrimos para recibir ese Espíritu. Llegar a creer más profundamente que Jesús ha resucitado y está vivo es la obra del Espíritu dentro y entre nosotros. ¡Qué regalo!

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura: En el Evangelio, Jesús ensalza a aquellos que llegan a creer que ha resucitado aunque no lo hayan visto. En la primera lectura, Pedro también ensalza a

aquellos que no han visto, pero aún aman y creen en Jesús. La creencia en la vida resucitada de Jesús provoca "gozo indescriptible y glorioso". Entonces, ¿quién no querría creer?

... experimentar: No llegamos a la creencia a través de pruebas; Llegamos a creer a través del testimonio de otros en quienes confiamos. Lo mismo es cierto de nuestra creencia en Jesús resucitado. No lo hemos visto, pero lo encontramos y llegamos a creer en él a través de las palabras y acciones de otros.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Hoy específicamente Jesús bendice a "los que creen sin haber visto" (Juan 20:29). Si usted no ha visto a Jesús, entonces tiene un potencial especial de bendiciones. ¡Esos somos nosotros! Hay un gozo especial que nace de la esperanza. Esperar con confianza que nuestro deseo se cumpla, es un sentimiento de felicidad. Perseverando en dicha esperanza aumenta nuestra capacidad de gozo. ¡Oh, gozo tras gozo! Sin duda, "Todo el camino al cielo es el cielo." Es una frase atribuida a Santa Catalina de Siena. Por favor apoye a nuestra Campaña Anual Diocesana para que podamos ayudar a otros a acceder a este gozo. Como parroquia nos regocijamos de tener una esperanza tan grande los unos en los otros. Por favor ayúdenos a llegar a aquellas almas que trabajan en un silencio desesperado, porque sin usted, no podemos llegar a ellos. Ore, done y sacrifíquese por nuestra Campaña. Done con la confianza que "se les dará" (Lucas 6:38). Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto. Crea en lo que Cristo puede hacer por esta comunidad local a través de nuestra parroquia. Crea, porque "la Esperanza no quedará frustrada". ¡Aleluya!



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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Tom Valencia	Fernanda Segundo	Elizer Carillo	Montserrat Ramirez
Elsie Moleno		Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	