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# May Birthdays *Our Lady of the Lake*



**Council 9309**

- 3 Rosemary Buskirk**
- 12 Janely Leon**
- Jose Verduzco**
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- 24 Kirk Cook**
- 28 Juan Gonzales**

### Officers for 2022-2023

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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## Mass Intention



**Marie Methot**

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 8:5-8, 14-17  
 Responsorial Psalm: 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
 Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18  
 Gospel: John 14:15-21



*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:

- May 11-12-Office Closed**
- May 21-Diocesan Home Mission**
- May 21-Pastoral Council**
- May 23-Knights Meeting**
- May 29-Office Closed**

# 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**—Brenton Gorman: 801-682-0892  
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# Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 7, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

Do not ... be troubled, I am going, I am the way, know my Father, how can we know the way?, do the works

**To the point:** Jesus' words in this gospel from the Last Supper discourse are reassuring ones: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Yet Thomas and Philip, who hear Jesus also tell them that he is leaving, are not reassured and question him anxiously. The leap from the Jesus at the Last Supper to the

Jesus after the resurrection is one giant step, one the disciples have not yet taken. But we have taken this leap. We are an Easter people. We have received the Holy Spirit who empowers us to know Jesus, through him to know the Father, and to do the works of Jesus. Believing this mitigates all troubles, all anxiety.

#### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the Second Reading:** Peter can confidently invite people to "Come to [Christ]" and name them "a people of

[Christ's] own" because he is writing from an Easter faith; he has encountered the risen Lord. He has made the leap that the troubled and anxious disciples in the gospel have not yet made.

#### ... to experience:

Being troubled and anxious is a fact of our stress-filled lives. "Do not be troubled" the surgeon says to someone before major surgery; "Do not be troubled" a parent says to a child wakened by a nightmare; "Do not be troubled" ...The only way we can truly not be troubled.

## PARISH NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Masses next weekend and invite all mothers to attend and be recognized for the very special people they are. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

On Saturday, May 20th at 9 am the Knights of Columbus will participate in the Walk for Life sponsored by The Pregnancy Support Center at 1026 Roanoke Ave., Roanoke Rapids, NC. We invite everyone to join us to show our support of Pro Life. Our goal is to raise \$3000.00 in support of this cause. Please contact Tom O'Neill at 252-578-3361 or oneilltomandanne@gmail.com for more information.

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains where he's taking us: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2). What security to know that the good shepherd has prepared homes unique for each of us. Such knowledge gives us the freedom to let go of worry since he's already taken care of our needs. With that freedom, we can serve his kingdom first. Even more exciting is that he gave us power in his service: "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). He gave our parish the gift of a mission to carry out his works here. Through our Annual Appeal, we can do His works! He gave us the power to draw souls into his eternal family through Baptism, the ability to offer forgiveness through Confession, and the power to fill souls with peace, warmth, and strength through the Eucharist. Please help us continue to accomplish these works by supporting our Appeal.

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$589.25 (\$295.37)

### Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**April 30th**  
**60**

# Quinto Domingo de Pascua

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

No... turbados, yo voy, yo soy el camino, conoce a mi Padre, ¿cómo podemos conocer el camino?, haz las obras

**Al punto:** Las palabras de Jesús en este evangelio del discurso de la Última Cena son tranquilizadoras: "No se turbe vuestro corazón". Sin embargo, Tomás y Felipe, que escuchan a Jesús también decirles que se va, no se tranquilizan y lo interrogan ansiosamente. El salto del Jesús en la Última Cena al Jesús después de la resurrección

es un paso gigante, uno que los discípulos aún no han dado. Hemos dado este salto. Somos un pueblo de Pascua. Hemos recibido el Espíritu Santo que nos da poder para conocer a Jesús, a través de él para conocer al Padre y para hacer las obras de Jesús. Creer esto mitiga todos los problemas, toda ansiedad.

#### Conectando al Evangelio

##### ... a la Segunda Lectura:

Pedro puede invitar con confianza a las personas a "Venir a [Cristo]" y llamarlas "un pueblo de [Cristo]" porque está escribiendo desde una fe

pascual; se ha encontrado con el Señor resucitado. Él ha dado el salto que los discípulos atribulados y ansiosos en el evangelio aún no han hecho.

#### ... experimentar:

Estar preocupado y ansioso es un hecho de nuestras vidas llenas de estrés. "No se preocupe", le dice el cirujano a alguien antes de una cirugía mayor; "No te preocupes", le dice un padre a un niño despertado por una pesadilla; "No te preocupes" ... La única forma en que realmente no podemos estar preocupados.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Caballeros de Colón patrocinará sus Misas anuales del Día de la Madre el próximo fin de semana e invitará a todas las madres a asistir y ser reconocidas por las personas tan especiales que son. Todos los feligreses son bienvenidos a asistir.

El sábado 20 de mayo a las 9 a.m., Caballeros de Colón participará en la Caminata por la Vida patrocinada por el Centro de Apoyo para el Embarazo en 1026 Roanoke Ave., Roanoke Rapids, NC. Invitamos a todos a unirse a nosotros para mostrar nuestro apoyo a Pro Life. Nuestro objetivo es recaudar \$ 3000.00 en apoyo de esta causa. Comuníquese con Tom O'Neill al 252-578-3361 o oneilltomandanne@gmail.com para obtener más información.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús explica a dónde nos lleva: "En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas moradas" (Juan 14:2). Qué seguridad saber que el buen pastor ha preparado hogares únicos para cada uno de nosotros. Tal conocimiento nos da la libertad de dejar de preocuparnos, ya que él ya se ha ocupado de nuestras necesidades. Con esa libertad, podemos servir a su reino primero. Aún más emocionante es que nos dio poder en su servicio: "El que cree en mí, hará las obras que yo hago, y hará mayores que estas" (Juan 14:12). Le dio a nuestra parroquia el don de una misión para llevar a cabo sus obras aquí. ¡A través de nuestra Campaña Anual, podemos hacer Sus obras! Él nos dio el poder de atraer almas a su familia eterna a través del Bautismo, la capacidad de ofrecer perdón a través de la Confesión y el poder de llenar las almas con paz, calor y fuerza a través de la Eucaristía. Por favor, ayúdenos a continuar realizando estos trabajos apoyando nuestro llamamiento.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	Steve Brophy	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Toni Ferris		Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

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