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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.

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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 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Reading II:
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23



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 23-Knights Meeting**
- May 29-Office Closed**

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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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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Music Coordinator— Francis Mendoza
Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713
Family Service Advisor—Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

The Ascension of the Lord—May 21, 2023

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

went to Galilee, Jesus had ordered them, Go, all nations, until the end of the age

To the point: On the morning of his resurrection, nearing the end of his earthly life, Jesus orders the disciples back to Galilee where he had inaugurated his saving mission. The disciples are to begin where Jesus did, doing what Jesus did, but without geographical or temporal limits: their mission is to “all nations” and continues

“until the end of the age.” In effect, then, Jesus commissions not only those first disciples but all those through the ages who come to know and believe in him. Jesus chooses to complete his work of salvation through us. We must choose to take up his Great Commission.

... to experience: We mistakenly think that the ascension pertains only to Jesus. The liturgy communicates the ascension’s significance for us: “he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before” (Preface I of the Ascension of the Lord).

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Jesus makes clear in his words to his disciples before the ascension that, far from abandoning them, he will send

PARISH NEWS

Now that significant time has passed since the end of most of the pandemic-related restrictions in the diocese, and we have largely seen the end of the flu season, Bishop Knestout is allowing priests to choose whether or not to reintroduce the distribution of the Precious Blood. Father Jong has decided to reintroduce the distribution of Holy Communion under the form of wine during the celebration of Mass, which will begin June 11, 2023 on the Feast of Corpus Christi. The requirement for becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is to be a practicing Catholic in good standing and, if you are married, you were married in the Catholic church. It is imperative that we have more volunteers in order to provide distribution of Holy Communion under the form of wine. Call Stevie Thomas if you are interested. Thank you for discerning if Christ is calling you to this important ministry.

Today, the Gospel reveals that Jesus’ disciples still struggled with doubt even after He rose from the dead. He didn’t rebuke them this time. Instead, Jesus gave them the mission to “Make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Jesus knew they needed help to believe Him, even after seeing Him rise. He knows us, too. Seeing is not enough! Many of His would-be followers abandoned Him despite miracles. That’s why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen our weak faith. We ask you to make an act of faith by giving to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Like the disciples in today’s Gospel, after worshipping Jesus atop a mountain, we worship Jesus at the “source and summit” of our Eucharistic faith. After worshipping, He sends us out to make disciples. The word Mass comes from the Latin word missa, which means “sending.” We make disciples in our homes, workplaces, and our neighborhoods. We need your prayers and financial contributions to fulfill our commission to make disciples in our community. Help us fulfill it so that he will find us busy with the good work when He comes back. God be with you.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$564.75 (\$319.87)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

May 14th
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La Ascensión del Señor

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

fue a Galilea, Jesús les había ordenado: Ve, todas las naciones, hasta el fin del mundo.

Al punto: En la mañana de su resurrección, cerca del final de su vida terrena, Jesús ordena a los discípulos que regresen a Galilea, donde había inaugurado su misión salvífica. Los discípulos deben comenzar donde Jesús lo hizo, haciendo lo que Jesús hizo, pero sin límites geográficos o temporales: su

misión es "todas las naciones" y ascensión que, lejos de continúa "hasta el fin del mundo". En efecto, entonces, Santo para capacitarlos para ser testigos de su obra salvífica.

Jesús comisiona no solo a esos primeros discípulos, sino a todos aquellos que a través de los siglos llegan a conocerlo y creer en él. Jesús elige completar su obra de salvación a través de nosotros. Debemos elegir asumir su Gran Comisión.

Conectando al Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura:

Jesús deja claro en sus palabras a sus discípulos antes de la

... experimentar: Pensamos erróneamente que la ascensión pertenece sólo a Jesús. La liturgia comunica el significado de la ascensión para nosotros: "ascendió, no para distanciarse de nuestro estado humilde, sino para que nosotros, sus miembros, podamos estar seguros de seguir donde él, nuestra Cabeza y Fundador, ha ido antes" (Prefacio I de la Ascensión del Señor).

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Ahora que ha pasado un tiempo significativo desde el final de la mayoría de las restricciones relacionadas con la pandemia en la diócesis, y hemos visto en gran medida el final de la temporada de gripe, el obispo Knestout está permitiendo que los sacerdotes elijan si reintroducir o no la distribución de la Preciosa Sangre. El padre Jong ha decidido reintroducir la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión bajo la forma de vino durante la celebración de la Misa, que comenzará el 11 de junio de 2023 en la fiesta del Corpus Christi. El requisito para convertirse en un ministro extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión es ser un católico practicante de buena reputación y, si está casado, se casó en la iglesia católica. Es imperativo que tengamos más voluntarios para proporcionar la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión bajo la forma de vino. Llame a Stevie Thomas si está interesado. Gracias por discernir si Cristo te está llamando a este importante ministerio.

El Evangelio de hoy revela que los discípulos de Jesús continuaban luchando con sus dudas aún después de que Él resucitó. Está vez Él no les reprocho. Al contrario, Jesús les dio una misión de “Enseñar a todas las naciones” (Mateo 28:19). Jesús sabía que ellos necesitaban ayuda para creer en Él, aún después de haberlo visto resucitar. Él nos conoce. ¡Ver no es suficiente! Muchos de sus posibles seguidores lo abandonaron a pesar de los milagros. Es por eso que Jesús envió el Espíritu Santo para fortalecer su fe débil. Le pedimos a usted que haga un acto de fe donando a nuestra Campaña Anual Diocesana. Así como los discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy, después de adorar a Jesús en la cima del monte, nosotros adoramos a Jesús en “la fuente y en la cima” de nuestra fe Eucarística. Y luego de adorarlo, Él nos envía a enseñar a todas las naciones. La palabra Misa proviene del latín missa, que significa “enviar”. Enseñamos en nuestras casas, lugares de trabajo en nuestros vecindarios. Necesitamos de sus oraciones y de su contribución financiera para cumplir con nuestra misión de enseñar en nuestra comunidad. Ayúdenos a cumplir esta misión, para que así cuando Él regrese nos encuentre ocupados haciendo Buenas obras. Dios este con ustedes.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Ramirez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Montserrat Ramirez	