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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: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a
Responsorial Psalm: 85:9-14
Reading II: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

August Birthdays

- 3 **Brayn Gonzalez**
Joseduardo Plascencia
- 5 **Gabriel Amarillo**
- 7 **Luis Castro**
- 21 **Alejandra Alonso**
Sonia Fitzgerald
- 23 **Miryam Ramirez**
- 26 **Anayeli Verduzco**
- 30 **Jennifer Rosales**

Happy Anniversary

- Rosemary & George Seif**
August 13, 1966
- Mary Anne & Lane Newsome**
August 20, 1977
- Margaret & John Jones**
August 21, 1065



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:

Aug 26-Sept 16-NO SPANISH MASS

Aug 23-Sept 20-NO MASS AT SVMC

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

Deputy Grand Knight: John Husson

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

Recorder: Bob Hathaway

Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*

Financial Secretary:
Tom O'Neill, PGK*

Advocate: Bob Oravits

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

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George McCall

Trustee Three Years:

Bobby Berndt, *PGK

*PGK-Past Grand Knight

Catholic men 18 years or older are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Mark Fracassa (804) 305-6175 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

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday: 12:00 pm at SVMC

Weekend Masses:

Saturday—1:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday—10:30 am

Rosary:

Wednesday—11:45 am at SVMC

Sunday—10:00 am

Reconciliation:

Sunday—10:00 am

Pastoral Council—Brenton Gorman: 801-682-0892

Finance Council—Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185

Religious Formation—

Music Coordinator— Francis Mendoza

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

Family Service Advisor—Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord—August 6, 2023

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases:

high mountain, shone like the sun, white as light, well pleased, listen to him, Jesus ... touched, raised from the dead

To the point:

What high mountain must we climb for us to witness Jesus' transfiguration? We must climb the high mountain of listening to Jesus, the high

mountain of being pleasing to him, the high mountain of opening ourselves to the touch of his Presence. When we climb this mountain, we forsake our own agenda of pitching the tent of satisfaction with our own works to enter into the glory of the Life Jesus offers us. The mountain is steep; the climb is ours to choose; the vision at the top is divine—"white as light," because it is shining "like the sun." Can we see him?

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to experience:

No matter how insightful or imaginative, all human vision is limited by the boundaries of human experience. The vision of Jesus' transfiguration explodes the boundaries of human experience yet is very real and attainable. Jesus shows us the glory that is ours to come, a glory attainable because it is God's gift to those who are faithful.

PARISH NEWS

The feast The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15th, which celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are **Holy Days of Obligation** for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. **Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm on August 15th.**

We need volunteers for Faith Formation teachers. New volunteers will need to be VIRTUS compliant before the first day of class. We also need parents to enroll their children into our faith formation program. Enrollment forms are on the St. Richard website under "Christian Formation". Classes will begin in October. Registration is necessary now to purchase materials and determine if there are enough teacher volunteers for our parish to continue our faith formation program. Volunteer teachers may contact Timmy Gorman. Parents, please give your registration forms to Father Jong.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$1,170.25 \$256.21

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

July 30th
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Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor

Estudio de las lecturas

Enfocando el Evangelio

Palabras y frases claves:

alta montaña, brillaba como el sol, blanco como la luz, complacido, escúchalo, Jesús... tocado, resucitado de entre los muertos **Al punto:** ¿Qué montaña alta debemos subir para presenciar la transfiguración de Jesús? Debemos subir a la alta montaña de la escucha de Jesús, a la alta montaña de agradecerle a Él, a la montaña de abrimos al toque

de su Presencia. Cuando subimos a esta montaña, abandonamos nuestra propia agenda de armar la tienda de la satisfacción con nuestras propias obras para entrar en la gloria de la Vida que Jesús nos ofrece. La montaña es empinada; la subida es nuestra para elegir; La visión en la parte superior es divina: "blanca como la luz", brillando "como el sol". ¿Podemos verlo?

Conectando al Evangelio

... experimentar: No importa cuán perspicaz o imaginativa sea, toda visión humana está limitada por los límites de la experiencia humana. La visión de la transfiguración de Jesús explota los límites de la experiencia humana, pero es muy real y alcanzable. Jesús nos muestra la gloria que es nuestra por venir, una gloria alcanzable porque es el regalo de Dios para aquellos que son fieles.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

La fiesta de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María es el 15 de agosto, que celebra la Asunción de María al cielo. Es una de las tres fiestas de María que son Días Santos de Obligación para los católicos en los Estados Unidos. El 1 de enero es la fiesta de María, la Madre de Dios, y el 8 de diciembre es la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. La asunción de la Santísima Virgen María al cielo se ha mantenido durante mucho tiempo como una importante creencia católica. La creencia no fue definida como dogma, sin embargo, hasta 1950 por el Papa Pío XII. El dogma enseña que María, que estaba sin pecado, fue llevada, en cuerpo y alma, a la gloria del cielo. La misa se celebrará a las 5:30 pm el 15 de agosto.

Necesitamos voluntarios para los maestros de Formación en la Fe. Los nuevos voluntarios deberán cumplir con VIRTUS antes del primer día de clase. También necesitamos que los padres inscriban a sus hijos en nuestro programa de formación en la fe. Los formularios de inscripción están en el sitio web de St. Richard bajo "Formación Cristiana". Las clases comenzarán en octubre. La inscripción es necesaria ahora para comprar materiales y determinar si hay suficientes maestros voluntarios para que nuestra parroquia continúe nuestro programa de formación en la fe. Los maestros voluntarios pueden ponerse en contacto con Timmy Gorman. Padres, por favor entreguen sus formularios de inscripción al Padre Jong.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Susan Price-LaSalla	George Seif	Elizer Carillo	Louise Nery
Toni Ferris	Janet McKenzie	Dave Thomas	Carlos Nery
			Jayden Nery

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	