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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: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm: 85:9-14
Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

December Birthdays

- 3 **Angel Leon**
- 4 **Emily Felipe-Segundo**
- 6 **Lucas Torres**
- 8 **Carlos Nery**
- 11 **Fitzgerald Marcelin**
- 14 **Maribel Garcia**
- 21 **Cindy Vallejo**
Emily Plascenia
Brenton Gorman
- 25 **Cynthia Baux**
Vanessa Carillo
- 29 **Magdalena Alston**
- 31 **Eli Henry Smith**

Happy Anniversary

Ma. Socorro & Victor Conte
Dec. 20, 2008



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, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 3-11**-Novena
- Dec. 8**-Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec. 10**-Pastoral Council Meeting
- Dec. 12**-Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 15**-Simbang Gabi

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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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

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—Timmy Grace Gorman: 757-561-6046

Music Coordinator— Francis Mendoza

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

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

First Sunday of Advent—December 3, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 13:33-37

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. This week and next, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples, who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus

answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face. Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes. Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering. Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. It is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Primer Domingo de Adviento

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Marcos 13:33-37

Esta semana y la próxima, nuestras lecturas del Evangelio de Marcos presentan dos temas importantes de Adviento: el regreso del Señor al final de los tiempos y la preparación de Juan el Bautista para Jesús. El Evangelio de hoy está tomado del final del Evangelio de Marcos, el capítulo que precede inmediatamente al relato de Marcos sobre la Pasión de Jesús. Después de haber sido interrogado repetidamente por los escribas y los fariseos, Jesús es ahora interrogado por sus discípulos, que quieren detalles sobre su predicción de la destrucción del Templo. Jesús responde con muchas advertencias sobre las dificultades que

enfrentarán los discípulos. El pasaje de hoy llega al final de las advertencias de Jesús a sus discípulos. Jesús enfatiza la necesidad de estar vigilantes. El Hijo del Hombre vendrá sin previo aviso; sólo el Padre sabe la hora exacta. Los discípulos no deben ser tomados desprevenidos cuando llegue este momento. Los eruditos creen que el Evangelio de Marcos fue escrito alrededor de la época de la destrucción de Jerusalén por los romanos en el año 70 d.C. La audiencia de Marcos consistía en cristianos que vivían en tiempos sociales y políticos difíciles, tiempos de conflicto. Es probable que comenzaran a enfrentar persecución como seguidores de Jesús. En este momento difícil, ayudó a recordar que Jesús había predicho tales dificultades. Las primeras comunidades cristianas se animaron con la advertencia de Jesús de permanecer alerta y vigilantes, y encontraron en sus palabras una manera de perseverar a través del sufrimiento. El Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda que el Adviento es más que nuestra preparación para la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo por parte de la Iglesia en Navidad. También se trata de prepararnos para el regreso de Cristo en gloria al final de los tiempos. Al igual que los discípulos y los fieles de la comunidad de Marcos, también nosotros debemos permanecer alerta y vigilantes. Nuestra fidelidad a Dios, tanto en los buenos tiempos como en los difíciles, nos muestra que estamos listos para la venida del Hijo del Hombre.

PARISH NEWS



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 5:30 pm.

Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service is December 11th at 7 pm at St. Peter the Apostle. We will have 3 visiting priests. Consider celebrating this sacrament to begin your holy Advent season.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, el 8 de diciembre, es un día de precepto. La misa es a las 5:30 pm.

Nuestro Servicio Parroquial de Reconciliación de Adviento es el 11 de diciembre a las 7 pm en San Pedro Apóstol. Tendremos 3 sacerdotes visitantes. Considere la posibilidad de celebrar esta Santa Cena para comenzar su santa temporada de Adviento.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$629.50 (\$284.54)

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

November 26th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Jeromil Enoc	David Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Monserrat Ramirez
Tom Valencia	John Jones	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez