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Mass Intention



Gene Mohr

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 61:1-2a, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

Reading II:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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**

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

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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. 11-Reconciliation Service

Dec. 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 15-Simbang Gabi

Dec. 16/17-Bambinelli Blessing

Dec. 17-Third Sunday of Advent

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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

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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

Second Sunday of Advent—December 10, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 1:1-8

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. His description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness, and come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John

the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. Scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. The four Gospels report on John's preaching and baptizing and emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. They also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him. In today's Gospel we hear John the

Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Marcos 1:1-8

La descripción de Marcos de la aparición de Juan el Bautista resalta la continuidad de Juan con la tradición profética judía. Marcos combina citas de los libros del Antiguo Testamento de Malaquías, Isaías y Éxodo. Su descripción de Juan como un asceta, viviendo en el desierto, vestido con pelo de camello y comiendo langostas y miel silvestre, es una reminiscencia de la descripción del profeta Elías que se encuentra en Segunda de los Reyes. La gente de Judea y Jerusalén acude a él, escuchando su mensaje de arrepentimiento y perdón, y acude a él para ser bautizado. Sin embargo, el Evangelio de Marcos es claro en que el

papel de Juan el Bautista es solo preparar el camino para otro que vendrá, uno que es más grande que Juan. Los eruditos creen que los Evangelios reflejan la tensión que probablemente existía entre los seguidores de Juan el Bautista y los discípulos de Jesús. Los cuatro Evangelios relatan la predicación y el bautismo de Juan y enfatizan la importancia del bautismo de Jesús por Juan. También explican que Juan fue enviado a predicar en preparación para otro. En el Evangelio de Lucas, se plantea la cuestión de si Juan el Bautista era el Mesías. Sin embargo, al igual que en el Evangelio de hoy, Juan habla muy explícitamente de que el Mesías vendría después de él. En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos a Juan

el Bautista contrastar su bautismo de arrepentimiento con el bautismo que Jesús inaugurará. Juan dice que ha bautizado con agua, pero que el que ha de venir bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. El bautismo de Juan no era todavía un bautismo cristiano, sino una preparación para el Sacramento del Bautismo a través del cual se perdonan los pecados y se recibe el don del Espíritu Santo. Juan el Bautista se nos presenta como modelo durante el Adviento. Nosotros también estamos llamados a preparar un camino para el Señor. Al igual que Juan el Bautista, somos mensajeros al servicio de alguien que es más grande que nosotros. Nuestro Bautismo nos encarga llamar a otros a la vida como discípulos de Jesús.

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

Timothy Gownley

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Ann & Russell Newsome

Anne, Edwin & Allyson

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Romeo Gasalao

Franklin Epps

Gloria & Santiago Besares

James J. McConnell, Jr.

On December 24th at 10:30 in the morning, we will have the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock, we will have the Christmas Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve Mass.)

There is no Mass on December 25 in our church. Please do not come on the 25th.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$884.25 (\$29.79)
Christmas Flowers:	\$191.00	
Building Fund:	\$250.00	

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

December 3rd
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NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

(El 24 de diciembre a las 10:30 de la mañana, celebraremos la santa misa del cuarto domingo de Adviento. Por la tarde, a las 4, celebraremos la misa de la Vigilia de Navidad (Misa de Nochebuena).

No hay misa el 25 de diciembre en nuestra iglesia. Por favor, no vengas el día 25.)

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.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Fred Maldonado	Janet McKenzie	Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Teresa Verduzco	Nélida Rosales
Ester Zepeda	Jennifer González
Concepcion Mendoza	Juan Carlos González