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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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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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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Rectory: 434-636-7782

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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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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:

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: 105:1-6,8-9

Reading II: Hebrews 11:8

11-12,17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



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. 24-Christmas Vigil Mass 4pm

Dec. 25-No Christmas Day Mass

Jan. 1-NO MASS

Jan 21-Pastoral Council

Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 24, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 1:26-38

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which

permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us. It is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having

been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God. The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

PARISH NEWS



Bishop Knestout was contacted by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Pontifical Mission. CNEWA is on the ground in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut, and Amman. Their goal is to support high-priority, immediate emergency needs as well as long-term emergency needs. To this end, they have launched a \$500,000 Holy Land Emergency Appeal aimed at helping those most in need.

We will have a special collection for the benefit of CNEWA's Appeal on December 31st. CNEWA will receive 100% of the funds collected.

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$429.25 (\$484.79)
Simbang Gabi:		\$106.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

December 17th
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Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Lucas 1:26-38

Este domingo leemos la historia del anuncio del ángel Gabriel a María sobre el nacimiento de Jesús. Esta historia solo se encuentra en el Evangelio de Lucas. En este cuarto domingo de Adviento, la liturgia desplaza nuestra atención de Juan el Bautista a María. Tanto Juan como María son figuras importantes para nuestra reflexión durante el tiempo de Adviento; ambos desempeñaron un papel decisivo en la preparación del camino para Jesús. La semana pasada reflexionamos sobre el anuncio de Juan el Bautista de que el Salvador estaba entre nosotros, aunque todavía no se reconocía. Esta semana reflexionamos sobre el ejemplo de fe y obediencia a

Dios de María, rasgos que le permitieron recibir el mensaje del ángel de que el Hijo de Dios nacería como una persona humana, como uno de nosotros. Es apropiado que recordemos cómo Dios anunció el nacimiento de Jesús mientras hacemos nuestros preparativos finales para nuestra celebración de la Encarnación. El ángel Gabriel visitó a María, una virgen desposada con un hombre llamado José. María recibió la noticia del ángel con asombro y asombro y le preguntó cómo era posible que pudiera dar a luz a un niño. En su respuesta, el ángel Gabriel anunció la realidad aparentemente imposible: el niño que nacería sería concebido por el poder del Espíritu Santo y sería el propio Hijo de Dios. El ángel informó a María de otro milagro; su pariente Elizabeth también estaba embarazada a pesar de

que se pensaba que no podía tener un hijo. La respuesta de María al ángel, que se llama su fiat, es un ejemplo de completa fe y obediencia a Dios. El relato de la Anunciación llama nuestra atención sobre la maravillosa acción de Dios en la historia humana. Dios escogió a una persona humana para dar a luz a su Hijo para que toda la humanidad conociera la salvación de Dios. María, ya llena de la gracia de Dios, supo cooperar en este gran plan de salvación. Así nació Jesús como uno de nosotros, plenamente humano y también plenamente divino. Este es el misterio que nos preparamos para celebrar en Navidad, el misterio de la Encarnación. En el modelo de María, oramos para que seamos personas de fe que reconozcan el plan salvífico de Dios para nosotros y sean capaces de responder con obediencia.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



El Obispo Knestout fue contactado por la Asociación Católica para el Bienestar del Cercano Oriente (CNEWA) y la Misión Pontificia. CNEWA está sobre el terreno en las regiones clave de Jerusalén, Gaza, Beirut y Ammán. Su objetivo es apoyar las necesidades de emergencia inmediatas de alta prioridad, así como las necesidades de emergencia a largo plazo. Con este fin, han lanzado un llamamiento de emergencia de 500.000 dólares para Tierra Santa destinado a ayudar a los más necesitados.

Tendremos una colecta especial a beneficio de la Campaña de CNEWA el 31 de diciembre. CNEWA recibirá el 100% de los fondos recaudados.

Su participación es muy apreciada.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Fred Maldonado	David Thomas	Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	