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January Birthdays

- 3 **Mateo Verduzco**
- 13 **Augustus Williams**
- 15 **Mary Kramer**
- 20 **Melanie DeLuna**
- 23 **Pamela Amarillo**
- 24 **Nina Gendron**
- 31 **Steven Goeliner**

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

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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 inten-
ciones de misa al Padre.*

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
Responsorial Psalm:
40:2, 4, 7-10
Reading II:
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42



*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:

Jan 15-Office Closed

Jan 21-Pastoral Council

St. Richard Catholic Church

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www.strichardscatholicchurch.org

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
jbayta@richmonddiocese.org

Rectory: 434-636-7782

Secretary/Bookkeeper:
Elizabeth Martin
434-636-6277

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

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 7, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading *Matthew 2:1-12*

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi.

They come from the East and the meaning of the gifts to be journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe

the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

La Epifanía del Señor

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Mateo 2:1-12

La visita de los Reyes Magos se produce justo antes de la historia de la huida de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto. El Evangelio de Mateo cuenta una versión del nacimiento de Jesús que es diferente a la de Lucas. Del nacimiento real de Jesús, Mateo nos dice poco más que: "Cuando Jesús nació en Belén de Judea, en los días del rey Herodes . . ." La historia del censo se encuentra sólo en el Evangelio de Lucas, pero sólo oímos hablar de la visita de los Magos en el Evangelio de Mateo. Sabemos poco de los Reyes Magos.

Vienen de Oriente y viajan a Belén, siguiendo un signo astrológico, por lo que creemos que son astrólogos. Asumimos que hubo tres Reyes Magos basándonos en el nombre de sus tres regalos. El Evangelio no dice cuántos Magos rindieron homenaje a Jesús. En el Evangelio de Mateo, representan la búsqueda de un salvador por parte de los gentiles. Porque los Reyes Magos representan al mundo entero, también representan nuestra búsqueda de Jesús.

Hemos llegado a considerar los dones que traen como un presagio del papel de Jesús en la salvación. Creemos que el significado de los

dones es cristológico. El oro se presenta como representativo de la realeza de Jesús. El incienso es un símbolo de su divinidad porque los sacerdotes quemaban la sustancia en el Templo. La mirra, que se usaba para preparar a los muertos para el entierro, se ofrece en anticipación de la muerte de Jesús.

La palabra Epifanía significa "manifestación" o "manifestación". Históricamente, varios momentos de la vida y el ministerio de Cristo han sido celebrados como "epifanías", incluyendo su nacimiento en Belén, la visita de los Reyes Magos, su bautismo por Juan y su primer milagro en Caná.

PARISH NEWS



Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
12/24/23		
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$1,354.50 \$440.46
Christmas Offering:	\$407.00	
Catholic Charities:	\$198.00	
12/31/23		
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$504.25 (\$409.79)
Holy Land Appeal:	\$75.00	

Beginning February on the first Sunday of the month the pastoral council will promote parishioner registration. Benefits to being registered:

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Enables the pastor to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you.

Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

December 24th
61
Christmas Vigil
95
December 31st
65

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



A partir de febrero, el primer domingo de cada mes, el consejo pastoral promoverá el registro de feligreses. Beneficios de estar registrado:

- Sentido de pertenencia e identidad en una comunidad parroquial.
- Es un compromiso de practicar tu fe.
- Permite que el pastor te conozca mejor, te acoja y te ministre.

Los formularios de inscripción se encuentran en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
George Seif	Janet McKenzie	Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	