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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: Jonah 3:1-5,10
Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-9
Reading II:
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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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)519-3050.



Please use this list to pray for those who are in need. May we all lift one another up in prayer.

Steven Goellner; Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 15-Office Closed

Jan 21-Pastoral Council

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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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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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—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 in Ordinary Time—January 14, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading *John 1:35–42*

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's Gospel immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes

to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper. We learn how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

PARISH NEWS

Beginning February on the first Sunday of the month the pastoral council will promote parishioner registration.

Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.

Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$1,324.25
Building Fund:		\$410.21
		\$403.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 7th
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Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Juan 1:35–42

Aunque el tiempo litúrgico del Tiempo Ordinario comienza esta semana, la lectura de hoy continúa con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor, que concluye el tiempo de Navidad. El Evangelio de hoy sigue inmediatamente el testimonio de Juan el Bautista acerca de Jesús y su identificación de Jesús como el Cordero de Dios. Habiendo sido bautizado por Juan, Jesús comienza a reunir seguidores. Los primeros seguidores buscaron a Jesús por el testimonio de Juan el Bautista. Estamos familiarizados con el título que Juan el Bautista usa para Jesús: el Cordero de Dios. Lo escuchamos semanalmente en el rito de la fracción durante la misa. Sin embargo, para aquellos que escucharon a Juan el Bautista, este título recordaba temas clave del Antiguo Testamento. Alude al cordero pascual ofrecido como sacrificio cuando Dios liberó a

los israelitas de la esclavitud en Egipto, evento que se conmemora con la celebración de la Pascua judía. La designación también recuerda la descripción que hizo el profeta Isaías del siervo sufriente de Israel. Al usar este nombre para Jesús, Juan el Bautista predice la pasión y muerte de Jesús y la nueva interpretación de la Pascua que comenzará con la Última Cena de Jesús. Aprendemos cómo se reunieron los primeros seguidores de Jesús. Los dos primeros, Andrés y otro hombre, eran seguidores de Juan el Bautista. Después de escuchar el testimonio de Juan, se convirtieron en seguidores de Jesús. Durante su tiempo con Jesús, cuyos detalles no se especifican, Andrés y el otro seguidor llegaron a creer que Jesús era el Mesías. Andrés entonces lleva a su hermano, Simón, a Jesús. Jesús le dio a Simón un nuevo nombre, llamándolo Pedro, que significa "roca" en griego. En el intercambio entre Andrés, el otro discípulo, y

Jesús, vemos un ejemplo del patrón usual para las escuelas rabínicas judías del primer siglo. Los judíos buscaron rabinos y se establecieron como discípulos de un rabino en particular. Jesús parece haber sido único en el sentido de que buscó a individuos, invitándolos a ser sus seguidores. En el pasaje que sigue, el Evangelio de Juan nos cuenta cómo Jesús tomó la iniciativa de llamar a Felipe y Natanael. Jesús les pregunta a Andrés y al otro discípulo: "¿Qué buscáis?" Esta es una pregunta reveladora, y una que a menudo nos hacemos a nosotros mismos. Juan el Bautista dio testimonio de la identidad de Jesús, el Cordero de Dios, utilizando el marco del Antiguo Testamento. Andrés, Simón y los otros primeros discípulos estaban buscando al Mesías, a quien también llegaron a conocer como el Hijo de Dios. ¿Qué buscamos y qué encontramos en Jesús?

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

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

El registro le ayuda a mantenerse conectado con su parroquia y ayuda a su parroquia a mantenerse conectada con usted. Proporcionar su información de contacto es importante para que las parroquias le proporcionen actualizaciones oportunas por correo electrónico, correo directo, teléfono, etc. Además, si utiliza sobres de ofertorio o donaciones en línea, también recibirá un estado de cuenta de fin de año de sus donaciones para fines del impuesto sobre la renta. Una vez que esté registrado, notifique a la oficina parroquial de cualquier cambio en la dirección o el número de teléfono.

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

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Elsie Moleno	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Toni Ferris	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	