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Rosemary Buskirk

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:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,6-9

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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 23-Knights Meeting

Jan 27-First Reconciliation

Feb 4-Registration Sunday

Feb 11-Finance Council

Feb 15-21-Office Closed

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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 21, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with Jesus' birth but on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John, Jesus'

pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching. In Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. It was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have

first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers who left their fishing immediately. Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Marcos 1:14-20

El Evangelio de Marcos no comienza con el nacimiento de Jesús, sino con la predicación de Juan el Bautista. Juan es descrito como la voz en el desierto enviada para preparar el camino del Señor. Inmediatamente después de describir la obra de Juan, Marcos informa sobre el bautismo de Jesús y su tentación en el desierto. El ministerio público de Jesús comienza después del arresto de Juan. Marcos quiere que sus lectores entiendan la importante conexión entre el final del ministerio de Juan el Bautista y el comienzo del ministerio de Jesús. Jesús predica el Reino de Dios en continuidad con la predicación de Juan el Bautista. Al igual que Juan, la declaración de Jesús sobre

el reino es un llamado al arrepentimiento. Sin embargo, la predicación de Jesús es más grande que la de Juan. Jesús comienza el tiempo de cumplimiento; el Reino de Dios ya está aquí. Esto se demostrará una y otra vez en las palabras de Jesús y en las acciones que siguen. Las curaciones y el perdón de los pecados de Jesús son signos del Reino de Dios que Él anuncia en su enseñanza. En el Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús toma la iniciativa de llamar a sus primeros discípulos. Era más típico de las escuelas rabínicas del primer siglo que los estudiantes buscaran rabinos, pidiéndoles ser sus discípulos. En el Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús rompe con esta tradición e invita a sus discípulos a aprender de él. Se dice que Jesús llamó primero a cuatro pescadores: Simón, Andrés, Santiago y Juan. Simón y Andrés son hermanos. Jesús promete que los hará "pescadores de hombres". Santiago y Juan también son hermanos que dejaron la pesca de inmediato. El Evangelio de Marcos está narrado con un gran sentido de urgencia e inmediatez. Jesús es una persona de acción, y los acontecimientos ocurren en rápida sucesión. Lo vemos en el Evangelio de hoy. El tiempo es esencial; los pescadores inmediatamente dejaron de lado su sustento para convertirse en discípulos de Jesús. El Reino de Dios está aquí y ahora. El tiempo de la plenitud está a la mano. ¿Cómo podría ser diferente nuestra vida si compartiéramos más plenamente este sentido de la inmediatez del reino de Dios?

PARISH NEWS

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

- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Registered active members are sometimes eligible to rent parish facilities.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others.*

The 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back 50% of the funds collected.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2024 Appeal also supports international priests which allows Father Jong to serve as our pastor. The Appeal provides the monies for the Fuel and Hunger Fund which is used to assist those in need in our community, as we recently were awarded \$2000.00.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

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

- Los miembros activos registrados son elegibles para la validación de patrocinador/padrino.
- Los miembros activos registrados a veces son elegibles para alquilar instalaciones parroquiales.
- Los números del censo pueden determinar cuántos sacerdotes están asignados a una parroquia y cuántas misas y programas de enriquecimiento están planificados y programados.

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

Bienvenidos a la Campaña Diocesana Anual 2024 – Compartiendo Su Amor con los Demás.

La Campaña de 2024 proporcionará fondos críticos para tres áreas clave de nuestra Iglesia Diocesana: Empoderar a la próxima generación, Proveer para los necesitados y Fortalecer las comunidades católicas.

Además, nuestra parroquia recibe el 50% de los fondos recaudados.

Como complemento a los fondos devueltos a nuestra parroquia a través de la fórmula de compartir parroquia, la Campaña 2024 también apoya a sacerdotes internacionales, lo que permite que el Padre Jong sirva como nuestro párroco. La Campaña proporciona el dinero para el Fondo de Combustible y Hambre que se utiliza para ayudar a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad, ya que recientemente se nos otorgó \$ 2000.00.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$527.25 (\$386.79)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 14th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Fred Maldonado	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Jeromil Enoc	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Fibo Espinosa
			Jesus Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	