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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

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

Deputy Grand Knight: John
Husson

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Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*

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*PGK-Past Grand Knight

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:

- Feb 4**-Registration Sunday
- Feb 4**-Building Fund Collection
- Feb 11**-Pastoral Council
- Feb 11**-Catholic Virginian Collect
- Feb 14**-Ash Wednesday

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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: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Responsorial Psalm: 147:1-6

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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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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Secretary/Bookkeeper:

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 28, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem. After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. The spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they

seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil. In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century

Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching. We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Marcos 1:21-28

Jesús y los discípulos que eligieron seguirlo en el Evangelio de la semana pasada llegan a Cafarnaúm, un pequeño pueblo en el Mar de Galilea. Jesús enseña en la sinagoga el sábado. La gente responde a la enseñanza de Jesús con asombro, notando la autoridad de Jesús y contrastándola con la de los escribas. Al principio del Evangelio de Marcos ya encontramos evidencia de la tensión que se manifestará plenamente en Jerusalén. Después de la predicación de Jesús, sucede algo aún más asombroso. Un hombre poseído por un espíritu inmundo clama a Jesús. Los espíritus y los demonios parecen conocer a Jesús y a menudo le temen. De hecho, parecen

entender la identidad de Jesús mejor que sus discípulos. Jesús ordena al espíritu que se aquiete y expulsa al espíritu inmundo del hombre. La habilidad de Jesús para sanar a los poseídos por demonios es una indicación de su poder sobre el mal. En la época precientífica de la época de Jesús, todas las enfermedades se entendían como manifestaciones de maldad y pecaminosidad. Nuestra comprensión moderna de la enfermedad es muy diferente. La posesión por espíritus inmundos puede haber sido una manera de describir lo que hoy podríamos llamar enfermedad mental. Incluso puede haber sido una forma de describir ciertos tipos de condiciones físicas. Hay evidencia de que hubo muchos tipos de exorcistas y curanderos

en la Palestina del primer siglo. Jesús parece ser como estos sanadores, pero sana con una autoridad única y conecta sus actividades de sanidad con las palabras de su predicación. Sin embargo, estamos pasando por alto el punto que Marcos está tratando de hacer en este Evangelio, si tratamos de explicar la obra de sanidad de Jesús. Las multitudes ven en la curación del hombre poseído por Jesús una afirmación más de su autoridad. El poder de Jesús para sanar da mayor credibilidad a sus enseñanzas. Jesús impresiona a las multitudes a través de sus palabras, que se manifiestan con poder en sus obras. El Evangelio de Marcos nos dice que debido a la autoridad con la que sanó, la fama de Jesús se extendió por toda Galilea.

PARISH NEWS

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

Parish registration demonstrates financial commitment.

Providing regular offerings at the weekly Mass by using the offering envelopes after registration demonstrates a financial commitment to the Church on a weekly basis. It is important to emphasize, however, that registering at the parish does not require a parishioner to give financial contributions; nor are individuals expected to provide large contributions.

Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Last weekend, you heard about the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

With a goal of \$4,169,230, the 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to many diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese.

In early February, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

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

El registro parroquial demuestra un compromiso financiero.

Proporcionar ofrendas regulares en la Misa semanal mediante el uso de los sobres de ofrendas después de la inscripción demuestra un compromiso financiero con la Iglesia semanalmente. Es importante enfatizar, sin embargo, que registrarse en la parroquia no requiere que un feligrés haga contribuciones financieras; Tampoco se espera que los particulares aporten grandes contribuciones. Los formularios de inscripción se encuentran en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

El fin de semana pasado, se enteró de la Campaña Diocesana Anual 2024.

Con una meta de \$4,169,230, la Campaña 2024 proporcionará fondos críticos a muchos ministerios diversos e impactantes que afectan las vidas de miles de personas en nuestra Diócesis.

A principios de febrero, muchos de ustedes recibirán una carta del Obispo Knestout pidiéndoles su apoyo a la Campaña de 2024. Esperamos sinceramente que respondan a la solicitud de nuestro Obispo y se comprometan generosamente con este esfuerzo.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$813.50 (\$100.54)
Respect Life:		\$200.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 21st
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Elsie Moleno	John Jones	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Maria Vasque	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	