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February Birthdays

- 1 **Andres Zepeta Gonzalez**
- 2 **Jayden Nery**
- 14 **Manuel Vazquez**
- 15 **Agatha Pascal**
- 16 **Julio Gonzalez-Zepeta**
- 22 **Stephen Abernathy**



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal



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 14**-Ash Wednesday
- Feb 16**-Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 15-21**-Office Closed

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

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Chancellor: Dave Thomas

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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.



St. Richard Catholic Church

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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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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

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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 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-9

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 11, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 1:40-45

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus

touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses. Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of

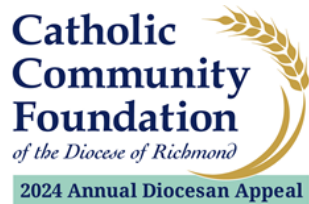
Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

PARISH NEWS

Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request. ***Our goal from the diocese this year is \$2,600.***

For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our **In-Pew Process** at all Masses during the weekends of February 17th/18th and February 24th/25th.

An important aspect of the Appeal is that our parish receives back 50% of funds collected. Thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Sharing His Love with Others*

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$574.25 (\$339.79)
Building Fund:		\$196.00
Spanish Mass:		\$144.00

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 4th
108

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Marcos 1:40-45

En el Evangelio de hoy, el hombre con lepra tomó la iniciativa, se acercó a Jesús y le pidió su curación. Al hacerlo, el leproso violaba las costumbres religiosas de la época al acercarse a una persona que estaba limpia. Su petición a Jesús puede interpretarse como un acto valiente y audaz. La confianza del leproso en la capacidad de Jesús para curarlo es evidente en las palabras de su petición. Pero sus palabras también pueden leerse como un desafío a Jesús, preguntándose hasta dónde estaba dispuesto a extenderse para sanar a

alguien. Mientras sanaba al hombre, viajó libremente. Hay varias explicaciones posibles para esto. Es posible que haya habido preocupación por las repercusiones de la violación de las normas sociales y religiosas por parte de Jesús. Al tocar al hombre con lepra, Jesús se hizo impuro. La narración de Marcos, sin embargo, lleva a la conclusión de que el movimiento de Jesús se vio obstaculizado por su popularidad. A pesar de sus instrucciones, el hombre curado requeriría una explicación. La segunda instrucción honra la Ley de Moisés. El Evangelio de Marcos nos dice que después de esta curación, se hizo difícil para Jesús

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Recientemente, muchos de ustedes recibieron una carta del Obispo Knestout pidiendo su apoyo a la Campaña Diocesana Anual 2024. Esperamos que consideren esta petición en oración. ***Nuestra meta de la diócesis este año es de \$2,600.***

Para aquellos de ustedes que no recibieron un correo o no han tenido tiempo de responderlo, llevaremos a cabo nuestro Proceso en el Banco en todas las Misas durante los fines de semana del 17 y 18 de febrero y el 24 y 25 de febrero.

Un aspecto importante de la Campaña es que nuestra parroquia recibe el 50% de los fondos recaudados. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo al Llamamiento de 2024.



Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Elsie Moleno	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Fred Maldonado	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Timmy Gorman	Belinda Baron
Ramis Celedona	Mary Joy Lerdon
Pee Jay Andres	