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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. 15-21**-Office Closed
- Feb 23**-Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 26**-Reconciliation Service
- Feb. 27**-Knights Meeting

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
- Chancellor:** Dave Thomas
- Recorder:** Bob Hathaway
- Treasurer:** Jay Warfel, PGK*
- Financial Secretary:** Tom O'Neill, PGK*
- Advocate:** Bob Oravits
- Warden:** Paul Kurilla
- Guards:** Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
Outside: Richard Rumprik

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- Trustee One Year:** Chuck Youse
 - Trustee Two Years:** George McCall
 - Trustee Three Years:** Bobby Berndt, *PGK
- *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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 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

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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 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
 Responsorial Psalm: 116:10,15-19

Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

First Sunday of Lent—February 18, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 1:12-15

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. Jesus' temptation follows his baptism by John the Baptist. Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the

beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40

days for the season of Lent. The desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Marcos 1: 12-15

El primer domingo de Cuaresma, la lectura del Evangelio trata sobre la tentación de Jesús en el desierto. En comparación con los evangelios de Mateo y Lucas, los detalles a lo largo de la narración de Marcos son escasos. Marcos sólo nos dice que Jesús fue llevado al desierto por el Espíritu y que durante 40 días fue tentado por Satanás. La tentación de Jesús sigue a su bautismo por Juan el Bautista. Jesús fue al desierto inmediatamente después de su bautismo, guiado por el Espíritu. El ministerio público de Jesús en Galilea comienza después de su tentación en el desierto. El Evangelio de Marcos hace una conexión entre el arresto de Juan el Bautista y el comienzo del ministerio de

Jesús. La predicación de Jesús sobre el Reino de Dios está en continuidad con la predicación de Juan el Bautista, pero también es algo nuevo. Mientras Jesús lo anuncia, el Reino de Dios está comenzando; el tiempo del cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios está aquí. El hecho de que Jesús pasara 40 días en el desierto es significativo. Esto recuerda los 40 años que los israelitas vagaron por el desierto después de haber sido sacados de la esclavitud en Egipto. El profeta Elías también viajó por el desierto durante 40 días y 40 noches, dirigiéndose a Horeb, el monte de Dios, donde también fue atendido por un ángel del Señor. Recordando la importancia de estos acontecimientos, también reservamos 40 días para la temporada de

Cuaresma. El desierto marca el comienzo de la batalla de Jesús contra Satanás; la prueba final será en las últimas horas de Jesús en la cruz. De manera similar, nuestras observancias de Cuaresma son solo un comienzo, una preparación y un refuerzo de nuestra lucha continua para resistir las tentaciones que enfrentamos en nuestras vidas. Durante la Cuaresma, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo a recordar los votos del Bautismo en los que prometimos rechazar el pecado y seguir a Jesús. Así como Jesús fue ministrado por los ángeles, Dios también nos apoya en nuestra lucha contra el pecado y la tentación. Tenemos éxito porque Jesús venció el pecado de una vez por todas en su muerte salvadora en la cruz.

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.**

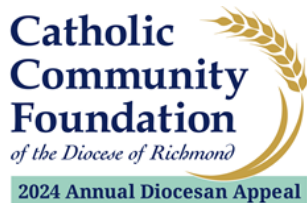
For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will continue our **In-Pew Process** February 25th.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Esperamos que consideren en oración apoyar la Campaña Diocesana Anual 2024.

Nuestra meta de la diócesis este año es de \$2,600.
Continuaremos nuestro proceso In-Pew el 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.



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

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.



Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$1564.25 \$650.21
Catholic Virginian:		\$189.00
Spanish Mass 2/10:		\$55.00

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:
February 11th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Tom Valencia	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Fibo Espinosa
			Jesus Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	