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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. 26**-Reconciliation Service
- Feb. 27**-Knights Meeting
- Mar. 1**-Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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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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117 Laurel Street, Emporia, VA 23847

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

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: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm: 19:8-11

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Second Sunday of Lent—February 25, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 9:2-10

Today's Gospel proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two

important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. The disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed. Peter's offer is made out of confusion. Peter has also reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from

heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. Their confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Marcos 9:2-10

El Evangelio de hoy proclama la historia de la Transfiguración de Jesús. Jesús lleva a tres de sus discípulos, Pedro, Santiago y Juan, a una montaña alta. Mientras están allí, Elías y Moisés aparecen con Jesús. Elías y Moisés son figuras significativas en la historia de Israel. Moisés sacó a los israelitas de la esclavitud en Egipto y recibió de Yahvé los Diez Mandamientos. Elías es recordado como uno de los profetas más importantes de Israel que ayudó a los israelitas a mantenerse fieles a Yahvé. Algunos judíos creían que el regreso de Elías señalaría la venida del Mesías para el pueblo judío. La aparición de estas dos figuras importantes de la historia de Israel con

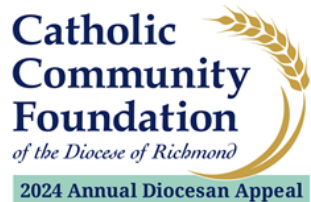
Jesús significa la continuidad de Jesús con la Ley y con los profetas y que Jesús es el cumplimiento de todo lo que se prometió al pueblo de Israel. Al ver a Jesús con Elías y Moisés y haber sido testigo de su Transfiguración, Pedro se ofrece a construir tres tiendas para ellos. Los discípulos están aterrizados por lo que han presenciado. La oferta de Pedro se hace a partir de la confusión. Pedro también se ha retractado de su confesión anterior de que Jesús es el Mesías, llamando a Jesús rabino en su lugar. Como en respuesta a la confusión de Pedro, una voz del cielo habla, afirmando a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios y ordenando a los discípulos que le obedezcan. Esta voz del cielo recuerda la voz que se escuchó en el bautismo de Jesús. En

su Transfiguración, vemos una anticipación de la gloria de la resurrección de Jesús. Jesús instruye a los discípulos a mantener en secreto lo que han visto hasta después de que el Hijo del Hombre haya resucitado de entre los muertos. Su confusión continúa mientras se preguntan qué quiere decir Jesús con resucitar de entre los muertos. Los discípulos no pueden entender la Transfiguración de Jesús hasta que también sean testigos de su pasión y muerte. Escuchamos la historia de la Transfiguración de Jesús al principio de la Cuaresma, pero tenemos el beneficio de la retrospectiva. Al oír hablar de ella, anticipamos la resurrección de Jesús, incluso mientras nos preparamos para recordar la pasión y muerte de Jesús.

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, you can give online at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal-2/>



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	\$514.25	(\$399.79)
Ash Wednesday:		\$186.00	
Spanish Mass 2/17:		\$117.00	

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 18th
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NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

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

Nuestra meta de la diócesis este año es de \$2,600.

Para aquellos de ustedes que no recibieron un correo, pueden donar en línea en <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal-2/>

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
Jeromil Enoc	Janet McKenzie	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Monica Ramirez	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	