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# March Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 1 **Valeria Verduzco**
- Niurka Verduzco**
- 5 **Kenji Carillo**
- 7 **Alondra Leon**
- Janet McKenzie**
- 9 **Jerome Moleno**
- 11 **Venise Carillo**
- Vanessa Ramirez**
- Kelly Plascencia**
- 31 **Ivana Reyes**

## Officers for 2023-2024

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta

**Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson

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Chuck Youse

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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:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: 137:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

**Catholic Community Foundation**  
*of the Diocese of Richmond*

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:

**Mar. 8-**Stations of the Cross

**Mar. 10-**Pastoral Council

**Mar. 12-**Penance Service at St.

John the Baptist at 7 pm

**Mar. 17-**Finance Council

# 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.

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Rectory: 434-636-7782

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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

# Third Sunday of Lent—March 3, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** *John 2:13-25*

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers.

Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax. Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls

Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative. After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the

language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

## PARISH NEWS

### The Roman Missal and the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

A totally new rubric is found at the end of Holy Thursday. "If the celebration of the Passion of the Lord on the following Friday does not take place in the same church, the Mass is concluded in the usual way and the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle" (EM, no. 44).

Source: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/triduum/roman-missal-and-the-evening-mass-of-the-lords-supper>

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$492.75 <b>(\$421.29)</b>
Spanish Mass 2/24:		\$168.00

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**February 25th**  
**79**

# Tercero Domingo de Cuaresma

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del

**Evangelio** *Juan 2:13-25*

En el Evangelio de hoy leemos acerca de cómo Jesús volcó las mesas de los mercaderes y cambistas en el Templo de Jerusalén. Para entender la relevancia de la acción de Jesús, debemos aprender más acerca de las actividades que se llevaban a cabo en el área del templo. El culto en el Templo de Jerusalén incluía el sacrificio de animales, y los mercaderes vendían animales a los fieles. Los cambistas cambiaban las monedas romanas, que llevaban la imagen del emperador romano, por las monedas del templo que se necesitaban para pagar el impuesto del templo. Reflexionando sobre la destrucción del Templo de Jerusalén (año 70 d.C.), Juan recuerda

la purificación del Templo por parte de Jesús y usa esa historia para interpretar este evento posterior. Juan explica a su audiencia, una comunidad cristiana primitiva, que la adoración en el templo ya no sería necesaria porque fue superada en la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Con mayor frecuencia que los otros evangelistas, Juan intercala en su narración reflexiones post-resurrección de esta comunidad cristiana. Después de limpiar el Templo de los mercaderes y cambistas, el Evangelio de Juan nos dice que la gente pidió una señal de la autoridad de Jesús para hacer un acto tan audaz. En respuesta, Jesús predijo su muerte y resurrección. A lo largo del Evangelio de Juan, el lenguaje de los signos es distintivo. Los milagros de

Jesús se llaman señales, y la gente acude a estas señales en busca de pruebas de su autoridad. Aquí aprendemos que el signo por excelencia será la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Durante la Cuaresma reflexionamos sobre el significado de este signo para nosotros y para nuestro mundo. Podríamos aprovechar esta oportunidad para considerar la calidad de nuestra oración y adoración. En nuestras oraciones buscamos profundizar nuestra relación con la persona de Cristo. En nuestra adoración con la comunidad, nos reunimos para experimentar de nuevo la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús y su significado en nuestras vidas. Cristo promete estar presente con nosotros cuando nos reunimos para orar.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### El Misal Romano y la Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor

Una rúbrica totalmente nueva se encuentra al final del Jueves Santo. "Si la celebración de la Pasión del Señor del viernes siguiente no tiene lugar en la misma iglesia, la Misa se concluye en la forma acostumbrada y se coloca el Santísimo Sacramento en el sagrario" (EM, n. 44).

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### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Tom Valencia	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Fred Maldonado	John Jones	Dave Thomas	Fibo Espinosa
			Jesus Ramirez

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Teresa Verduzco	Nélida Rosales
Ester Zepeda	Jennifer González
Concepcion Mendoza	Juan Carlos González