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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: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Responsorial Psalm: 51:3-4,
12-15
Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

March Birthdays

- 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**

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
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Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*
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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
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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.

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. 12-**Penance Service at St. John the Baptist at 7 pm
- Mar. 15-**Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 17-**Finance Council
- Mar. 20-**Confirmation 7pm at St. Ann, Colonial Heights

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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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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 of Lent—March 10, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 3:14-21

Today's Gospel consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, who acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus. Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old

Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the

narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Juan 3:14-21

El Evangelio de hoy consta de dos partes. La primera parte es la frase final de la respuesta de Jesús a Nicodemo, quien reconoció a Jesús como alguien que había venido de Dios y parecía querer ser un seguidor de Jesús. Jesús saludó a Nicodemo con la observación de que uno debe nacer de lo alto para ver el Reino de Dios. El diálogo entre Jesús y Nicodemo que siguió fue sobre el significado de esta frase. Nicodemo malinterpretó a Jesús en todo momento, pero no había animosidad en las preguntas que le hizo. Jesús se refirió a un incidente reportado en el Antiguo Testamento. Cuando los israelitas murmuraron contra el Señor

durante su estadía en el desierto, Dios envió serpientes venenosas para castigarlos por sus quejas. Los israelitas se arrepintieron y le pidieron a Moisés que orara por ellos. El Señor escuchó la oración de Moisés y le mandó que hiciera una serpiente de bronce y la montara en un asta. Todos los que habían sido mordidos por una serpiente y luego habían contemplado la serpiente de bronce fueron curados. Al recordar esta historia, Jesús alude a la salvación que se lograría a través de su muerte y resurrección. La segunda parte es una reflexión teológica sobre las palabras de Jesús a Nicodemo. Juan es conocido por este tipo de reflexión que se ofrece dentro de la narración. Las palabras del evangelista están en continuidad con

las palabras del prólogo del Evangelio de Juan. En estas reflexiones, Juan profundiza en una serie de temas que se encuentran en su Evangelio: la luz y las tinieblas, la creencia y la incredulidad, el bien y el mal, la salvación y la condenación. En la reflexión de Juan, encontramos una observación acerca de la pecaminosidad humana. Jesús es la luz que ha venido al mundo, pero la gente prefería las tinieblas. Deseamos mantener nuestros pecados ocultos, incluso de Dios. Jesús ha venido al mundo a revelar nuestros pecados para que puedan ser perdonados. Esta es la Buena Noticia; es la razón de nuestro regocijo en este tiempo de Cuaresma y a lo largo de nuestras vidas.

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>



The Knights will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for all children 12 and under after Mass on Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

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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Los Caballeros patrocinarán una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua para todos los niños menores de 12 años después de la Misa del Domingo de Pascua. Todos son bienvenidos.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$515.25 (\$398.79)
Spanish Mass 03/02:	\$90.00	
Building Fund:	\$405.00	

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 3rd
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
George Seif	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