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March Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 1 Valeria Verduzco**
- 5 Niurka Verduzco**
- 7 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

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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: Acts 4:32-35
 Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

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. 29-Apr. 8**-Office Closed
- Apr. 7**-First Holy Communion
- Apr. 14**-Pastoral Council
- Apr. 21**-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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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Rectory: 434-636-7782

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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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—March 31, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 20:1-9

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In John's Gospel, the

only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. She is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener

that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Juan 20:1-9

Hoy comenzamos el tiempo de Pascua, nuestra meditación de 50 días sobre el misterio de la Resurrección de Cristo. Nuestro Evangelio de hoy nos habla del descubrimiento de la tumba vacía por parte de los discípulos. Concluye diciéndonos que aún no entendían que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos. Por lo tanto, los detalles proporcionados no tienen necesariamente la intención de ofrecer una prueba de la Resurrección. Los detalles nos invitan a reflexionar sobre un don asombroso, que es la fe en Jesús y su Resurrección. La tumba vacía de Jesús fue descubierta por primera vez por mujeres. Esto es notable porque en la sociedad judía del primer siglo las mujeres no podían servir como

testigos legales. En el Evangelio de Juan, la única mujer que asiste a la tumba es María Magdalena. Simplemente se dice que observó que la piedra que había sellado la tumba había sido movida, y corrió a alertar a Simón Pedro y al discípulo amado. Su declaración a ellos es reveladora. Ella asume que el cuerpo de Jesús ha sido removido, tal vez robado. Ella no considera que Jesús haya resucitado de entre los muertos. Simón Pedro y el discípulo amado corren a la tumba, presumiblemente para verificar el informe de María. El discípulo amado llega primero, pero no entra en el sepulcro hasta después de Simón Pedro. Los detalles pintan un cuadro vívido, al igual que los detalles proporcionados sobre las telas funerarias. Algunos eruditos creen que la presencia de los lienzos funerarios en la tumba ofrece

evidencia al oyente de que el cuerpo de Jesús no había sido robado (se entiende que los ladrones de tumbas se habrían llevado los lienzos junto con el cuerpo). El pasaje evangélico concluye, sin embargo, que incluso habiendo visto el sepulcro vacío y los lienzos funerarios, los discípulos aún no comprenden la resurrección. En el pasaje que sigue, María Magdalena se encuentra con Jesús, pero lo confunde con el jardinero. En las próximas semanas, las lecturas del Evangelio de nuestra liturgia nos mostrarán cómo los discípulos llegaron a creer en la resurrección de Jesús a través de sus apariciones. Nuestra fe pascual se basa en su testimonio tanto de la tumba vacía como de su relación continua con Jesús, en sus apariciones y en su don del Espíritu Santo.

PARISH NEWS

Easter Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

Gloria Besares

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Joseph Comorat

Elsie Durland

Franklin Epps

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Timothy Gownley

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Mr. Robert Lucas, Jr.

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Gene Mohr

R.C. & Ann Newsome

Agnes Pepper

Vera Seif

Bob & Sandy Thomas

Leda & Nelson Thomas



Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$601.50 (\$312.54)
Votive Stand Nov. 23– Mar. 24:		\$621.00

Online Giving
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/>
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MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 24th
140

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Jeromil Enoc	Dave Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Maria Vasquez	Stevie Thomas	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

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