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April Birthdays

- 1 Katherine Abernathy
- 2 Lane Newsome
- 6 Selene Aleman Martinez
- 15 Timmy Grace Gorman
- 18 Geronimo Moleno
 Iker Cano
 Maria Gonzalez
- 21 Lance Edward Alicante
- 23 Ruby Santes
 Georgina Cunseco
 Alcudia
 Itzayana Cano
 Gerardo Alicante
- 27 Monica Deluna-Hawkins
 Omar Ramirez

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year: Chuck Youse
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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.



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:

Apr. 14-Pastoral Council

Apr. 21-Finance Council



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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 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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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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Secretary/Bookkeeper:

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—

Finance Council—Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185

Religious Formation—

Music Coordinator— Rocky Rodriguez; **Assistants—**Ramis Celedonia; Jeromil Enoc

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

Family Service Advisor—Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 21, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading *John 10:11-18*

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of John which follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and Jewish leaders so they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will

lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, the Pharisees and religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds. The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good

Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. One hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

PARISH NEWS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annabelle Anderton, our beloved parishioner and friend, who passed away April 14.

Aaron appreciates your condolences and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto Annabelle, O Lord. May her soul and the souls of all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Cursillo is 3-day retreat that is fully sanctioned by the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Richmond. The retreats are put on by lay Catholics with the assistance of clergy. Anyone in good standing with the church is eligible to attend. If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo or participating in a weekend, call Steve Brophy at (804) 586-6635 or contact the Central Virginia Coordinating Committee at (804) 530-3546. The next Cursillo men's weekend in the Central Virginia area is scheduled for June 20-23 at Sacred Heart Parish in Prince George, VA.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$858.25 \$55.79
Spanish Mass 4/13:	\$98.00	

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

April 14th
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Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio *Juan 10:11-18*

El cuarto domingo de Pascua también se llama Domingo del Buen Pastor. El Evangelio está tomado del capítulo 10 de Juan, que sigue la curación de Jesús del ciego de nacimiento y el rechazo de este milagro por parte de los líderes judíos que cuestionan la autoridad de Jesús para sanar. Jesús responde a este desafío llamándose a sí mismo el Buen Pastor. Está criticando el liderazgo de los fariseos y los líderes judíos para que intenten apedrear y arrestar a Jesús. Esta controversia con los líderes religiosos continúa hasta la muerte de Jesús. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús describe su relación con sus seguidores como similar a la relación entre un buen pastor y sus ovejas. Como un buen pastor da su vida

para proteger a sus ovejas, Jesús se sacrifica voluntariamente por el bien de sus ovejas. Jesús contrasta las acciones del buen pastor con las acciones del pastor asalariado que abandona a las ovejas ante el peligro. En los versículos que siguen las enseñanzas de Jesús, los fariseos y los líderes religiosos entienden que Jesús se está refiriendo a ellos cuando describe a los pastores contratados. La preocupación de un buen pastor por sus ovejas es parte del trabajo del pastor. Jesús dice, sin embargo, que las acciones del buen pastor se basan en la relación que se desarrolla entre el pastor y las ovejas. Este es el corazón de la diferencia entre el buen pastor y el pastor asalariado. El buen pastor conoce a las ovejas y, por lo tanto, actúa por amor. Para el Buen Pastor, esto nunca es simplemente parte de un trabajo; Este

amor en acción es parte integral de su identidad. Uno escucha en este pasaje el enfoque particular de Juan en la cristología. Como las ovejas son conocidas por el Buen Pastor, el Padre conoce a Jesús y Jesús conoce al Padre. Hay una unidad esencial entre el Padre y el Hijo. La libertad con la que Jesús actúa cuando entrega su vida está enraizada en la unidad que comparte con su Padre. En este contexto, Jesús también se refiere a otras personas con las que comparte una relación. Con esta referencia, Juan entiende la eventual inclusión de los gentiles en la comunidad cristiana. Nuestros oídos modernos escuchan esto como una referencia a la unidad cristiana. La obra del ecumenismo es restaurar la unidad entre todos los cristianos para que formemos un solo rebaño bajo un solo pastor, como Dios desea.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Por favor, oren por el descanso del alma de Annabelle Anderton, nuestra querida feligresa y amiga, quien falleció el 14 de abril.

Aaron agradece sus condolencias y oraciones.

Concédele a Annabelle, oh Señor, el descanso eterno. Que su alma y las almas de todos los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz.

El Cursillo es un retiro de 3 días que está totalmente sancionado por la Iglesia Católica y la Diócesis de Richmond. Los retiros son organizados por laicos católicos con la ayuda del clero. Cualquier persona que esté al día con la iglesia es elegible para asistir. Si está interesado en aprender más sobre el Cursillo o participar en un fin de semana, llame a Steve Brophy al (804) 586-6635 o comuníquese con el Comité Coordinador de Virginia Central al (804) 530-3546. El próximo fin de semana de Cursillo para hombres en el área de Virginia Central está programado del 20 al 23 de junio en la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón en Prince George, VA.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Elsie Moleno	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Fred Maldonado	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Fibo Espinosa
			Jesus Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	