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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

Deputy Grand Knight: John  
Husson

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

Recorder: Bob Hathaway

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Tom O'Neill, PGK\*

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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:

May 11/12-Diocesan Home Missions Collection

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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 10:25-26,

34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: 98:1-4

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

# 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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**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

# Fifth Sunday of Easter—April 28, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading John 15:1-8

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. It begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet and providing them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the

branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures where Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through

the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

# Quinto Domingo de Pascua

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio

**Juan 15:1-8** La lectura de hoy es parte del discurso de Jesús en la Última Cena. Juan cuenta la historia de la Última Cena de Jesús de manera diferente a los otros evangelistas. Comienza con Jesús lavando los pies de sus discípulos y dándoles una serie de instrucciones. Llamamos a esta sección el discurso de la Última Cena. En estos capítulos del Evangelio de Juan, Jesús instruye a sus discípulos sobre la importancia de seguir su ejemplo de amor y servicio, sobre el don que recibirán cuando Jesús les envíe el Espíritu Santo y sobre su relación con Jesús y con el mundo. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús habla de su relación con sus discípulos. En su metáfora de la vid y los sarmientos, Jesús hace referencia a las Escrituras Hebreas donde Israel es la viña, y Yahvé mismo cuida la viña. Uno de los

temas principales del Evangelio de Juan es mostrar a Jesús como el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios a Israel. En este pasaje, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos que su relación con ellos no terminará después de su muerte; Él permanecerá con ellos siempre. Esta unidad entre Jesús y sus discípulos es la base de su capacidad para continuar haciendo la obra que él comenzó. Del mismo modo, la presencia de Jesús con nosotros a través del don del Espíritu Santo nos permite continuar la obra de amor y reconciliación que él comenzó. Jesús también enseña a sus discípulos acerca de la importancia de las palabras que les ha enseñado. Así como Jesús permanecerá en los discípulos, también lo harán sus palabras. Llegamos a conocer a Jesús a través de las Escrituras, la Palabra viva de Dios. Nuestro compromiso de ser discípulos de Cristo se

sostiene a través de la Palabra de Dios. Este compromiso también se ve reforzado por nuestra vida de oración y alimentado por la Eucaristía. A través de la Eucaristía, Jesús habita en nosotros, permanece con nosotros y nos transforma para que podamos dar fruto en su nombre. Observamos a muchas personas que actúan de maneras que muestran su compromiso de servir a su prójimo. Cristianos y no cristianos alimentan a los hambrientos, cuidan a los enfermos, albergan a los desamparados y dan limosna a los pobres. Estas acciones se convierten en actos de discipulado cristiano cuando están motivadas por nuestra relación con Jesús. Cualesquiera que sean los resultados inmediatos, Jesús nos promete que estas acciones darán fruto cuando las emprendamos en su nombre.

## PARISH NEWS



Congratulations to our two new Knights of Columbus, Isaac Bette and Robert DeFelice, who went through the Exemplification process on April 23rd and are now 3rd Degree Knights. Both will be superb additions to Council 9309.

### GUIDANCE ON THE DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS

On July 5, 1963, the Instruction *Piam et Constantem* was published by the then Holy Office which permitted cremation as an alternative to burial for the disposition of the remains of deceased Catholics. Since then, this practice has been incorporated into the Code of Canon Law (1983) and the Code of Canons of Oriental Churches (1990).

There are several guidelines of note regarding cremation:

- 1) The ashes of the deceased are not to be scattered.
- 2) The ashes are not to be separated and shared among family.
- 3) The ashes must be treated with the same respect and dignity as the human body and be housed in sacred places. This cements a core principle of our faith—the belief in resurrection. Additionally, housing cremated remains in such sacred places allows for the deceased to be prayed for when Masses are held at the cemetery.

*More information will follow in subsequent bulletins.*

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### ORIENTACIÓN SOBRE LA DISPOSICIÓN DE LOS RESTOS CREMADOS

El 5 de julio de 1963, el entonces Santo Oficio publicó la Instrucción *Piam et Constantem* que permitía la cremación como alternativa al entierro para la disposición de los restos de los católicos fallecidos. Desde entonces, esta práctica ha sido incorporada en el Código de Derecho Canónico (1983) y en el Código de Cánones de las Iglesias Orientales (1990).

Hay varias pautas a tener en cuenta con respecto a la cremación:

- 1) Las cenizas del difunto no deben ser esparcidas.
- 2) Las cenizas no deben separarse ni compartirse entre la familia.
- 3) Las cenizas deben ser tratadas con el mismo respeto y dignidad que el cuerpo humano y ser guardadas en lugares sagrados. Esto consolida un principio fundamental de nuestra fe: la creencia en la resurrección. Además, el alojamiento de los restos cremados en esos lugares sagrados permite que se ore por los difuntos cuando se celebran misas en el cementerio.

*Más información se publicará en boletines posteriores.*

## Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual	
Offertory: \$914.04	\$433.50	(\$480.54)
Spanish Mass 4/20:	\$124.00	

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### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**April 21st**  
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## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

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