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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: Exodus 24:3-8  
Responsorial Psalm: 116:12-13,  
15-16, 17-18

Reading II: Hebrews 9:11-15  
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

## May Birthdays Our Lady of the Lake

- 9** Rocky Rodriguez
- 12** Jose Verduzco
- 24** Alison Vallejo
- 24** Kirk Cook
- 28** Juan Gonzales



### Council 9309

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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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## 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**—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

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# The Most Holy Trinity—May 26, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Matthew 28:16-20

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. Today's Gospel is from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples. The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many important events happen on a mountaintop, and

Matthew used this motif often. Peter, the House of Israel; in this final James, and John saw Jesus commission, the eleven are told to go transfigured on the mountaintop, and to all nations. The mission of Jesus is Jesus taught the crowds from the now to be taken to all people, and the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount is to baptize and to teach. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to

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## PARISH NEWS

### GUIDANCE ON THE DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS (continued)

When cremated remains of the departed are present for the funeral, adaptations to the regular order of Mass can be made. Ideally, the preferred order for the funeral and interment should be as follows:

A) A funeral liturgy at a Mass with the body present, so as to honor the "faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit and in which 'as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works.'"

B) After the funeral Mass, the body is transported to a funeral home for cremation.

*More information will follow in subsequent bulletins.*

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" during June, so start gathering that loose change! All funds collected will be donated to the Roanoke Rapids Pregnancy Support Center, which provides counseling, information, support, and baby needs to pregnant women in our area. The familiar Baby Bottles will be available after all Masses in June. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

## Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$914.04	\$509.25 <b>(\$404.79)</b>
Spanish Mass 5/18:	\$86.00

### Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**May 19th**  
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# La Santísima Trinidad

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio

Mateo 28:16-20

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad. Esta fiesta nos invita a considerar lo que creemos acerca de Dios, que se nos ha revelado en la Trinidad, un Dios en tres Personas. El Evangelio de hoy es del Evangelio de Mateo. En su conclusión, el Evangelio de Mateo pasa rápidamente del descubrimiento por parte de los discípulos de la tumba vacía de Jesús y la aparición de Jesús a María Magdalena y la otra María, a la comisión que Jesús da a sus discípulos. La comisión final, como se llama esta parte del Evangelio de Mateo, se da en la cima de la montaña. A lo largo de las Escrituras, muchos

eventos importantes suceden en la cima de una montaña, y Mateo usó este motivo a menudo. Pedro, Santiago y Juan vieron a Jesús transfigurado en la cima de la montaña, y Jesús enseñó a las multitudes desde la cima de la montaña en el Sermón del Monte. En el Evangelio de hoy, los once discípulos suben a la cima de la montaña en Galilea, como Jesús les había instruido a través de María Magdalena y la otra María. Ven a Jesús, adoran y dudan al mismo tiempo. Jesús se acerca a ellos y les encarga que bauticen y enseñen. Es una tarea para la que Jesús había preparado previamente a sus discípulos; Recordemos que Jesús ya había enviado a los doce apóstoles a predicar el Reino de Dios y a sanar. Sin embargo, antes, los Doce fueron otros a compartir el amor de Dios.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### ORIENTACIÓN SOBRE LA DISPOSICIÓN DE LOS RESTOS CREMADOS (continuación)

Cuando los restos cremados de los difuntos están presentes para el funeral, se pueden hacer adaptaciones al orden regular de la Misa. Idealmente, el orden preferido para el funeral y el entierro debe ser el siguiente:

A) Una liturgia fúnebre en una misa con el cuerpo presente, para honrar a los "fieles difuntos que por el bautismo se han convertido en templos del Espíritu Santo y en los que 'como instrumentos y vasos el Espíritu ha realizado tantas buenas obras'".

B) Despues de la misa funeral, el cuerpo es transportado a una funeraria para su cremación.

*Más información se publicará en boletines posteriores.*

Los Caballeros de Colón llevarán a cabo su "Campaña de Biberones" anual durante el mes de junio, ¡así que comience a reunir ese cambio suelto! Todos los fondos recaudados serán donados al Centro de Apoyo al Embarazo de Roanoke Rapids, que brinda asesoramiento, información, apoyo y necesidades de bebés a mujeres embarazadas en nuestra área. Los conocidos biberones estarán disponibles después de todas las misas de junio. Gracias de antemano por apoyar esta noble causa.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

#### READERS E. MINISTER USHERS SERVERS

Jeromil Enoc	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Maria Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

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