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## Mass Intention



### Our Parishioners

Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth para programar una misa o si tiene alguna pregunta. Por favor, den intenciones de misa al Padre.

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm:

Isaiah 12:2-6

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

## December Birthdays Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

- 5** Juana Leiva
- 6** Lucas Torres
- 8** Carlos Nery
- Concepcion Silvero**
- 11** Fitzgerald Marcellin
- 14** Maribel Garcia
- 21** Cindy Vallejo
- Emily Plascencia**
- 25** Cynthia Baux
- Vanessa Carillo**
- 29** Magdalena Alston
- 31** Eli Henry Smith

### Happy Anniversary

**Julia & Fred Maldonado**  
**Dec. 10, 1972**



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:

- Dec. 9**-Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec. 11**-Reconciliation Service
- Dec. 12**-Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe-Mass at 7 pm
- Dec. 15**-Bambinelli Bleassing
- Dec. 20**-Simbang Gabi-Mass 6pm

### Officers for 2024-2025

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
**Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson  
**Chancellor:** Dave Thomas  
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**Guards:**  
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# 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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Rector: 434-636-7782

### Business Manager:

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

**Finance Council**—Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185

**Religious Formation**—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

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

**Altar Ministry**—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

**Family Service Advisor**—Linda Adams: 434-774-9376

# The Second Sunday of Advent—December 8, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Luke 3:1-6

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth.

The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3. The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for

Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

## PARISH NEWS

### Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:



*Gloria Besares  
Ronald B. Clarke, Sr.  
Agnes & Joseph Comorat  
Elsie Durland  
Romeo Gasalao  
Timothy Gownley*

*Beatrice Haliburton  
James McDonnell  
Edward Specht  
Bob & Sandy Thomas  
Leda & Nelson Thomas*

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation transferred this year to Monday, December 9th. Mass times are 5:30 pm at St. Richard and 9 am at St. Peter.

Father Jong needs people to attend the Mass at the hospital on Wednesdays at noon. Please speak with Father if you can commit to regularly attending the Wednesday Mass as he cannot say Mass without someone present.

### Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$817.31	\$657.75 <b>(\$159.56)</b>
Spanish Mass 11/30:	\$98.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$227.00

### Online Giving

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GIVE to 434-603-6341](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/)

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**December 1st**  
**117**

# El Segundo Domingo de Adviento

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio

**Lucas 3:1-6** Esta semana y la próxima, nuestras lecturas del Evangelio nos invitan a considerar a Juan el Bautista y su relación con Jesús. Juan el Bautista aparece en la tradición de los grandes profetas, predicando el arrepentimiento y la reforma al pueblo de Israel. Para afirmar esto, Lucas cita extensamente al profeta Isaías. Juan bautiza para el arrepentimiento y para el perdón de los pecados, preparando el camino para la salvación de Dios. Los tres evangelios sinópticos —Marcos, Mateo y Lucas— dan testimonio de la importancia del bautismo de Juan en la preparación para Jesús. Sin embargo, sólo el Evangelio de Lucas extiende la conexión entre estos dos hombres hasta su nacimiento. Los dos primeros capítulos del Evangelio de Lucas contienen la

Narración de la Infancia, que habla de los nacimientos de Juan el Bautista y Jesús. Muestra que la salvación es para todas las personas y se sitúa en los acontecimientos mundiales. Por lo tanto, Lucas enumera a los líderes políticos y religiosos en el momento de la aparición de Juan en el desierto. La salvación es entendida como la irrupción de Dios en esta historia política y social. La predicación de Juan sobre la venida del Señor es un tema clave de la temporada de Adviento. Así como el mensaje de Juan preparó el camino para Jesús, nosotros también estamos llamados a prepararnos para la venida de Jesús. Respondemos al mensaje de Juan con el arrepentimiento y la reforma de nuestras vidas. También nosotros estamos llamados a ser profetas de Cristo, que anunciamos con nuestra vida la venida del Señor, como lo hizo Juan.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción es un Día Santo de Precepto transferido este año al lunes 9 de diciembre. El horario de misa es a las 5:30 pm en St. Richard y a las 9 am en St. Peter.

El padre Jong necesita que la gente asista a la misa en el hospital los miércoles al mediodía. Por favor, hable con el Padre si puede comprometerse a asistir regularmente a la Misa de los miércoles, ya que no puede decir Misa sin que alguien esté presente.

La novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe comenzará del 3 al 11 de diciembre. La novena se llevará a cabo en la iglesia a las 7 p.m. Vea a Ana si desea elegir una fecha específica a lo largo de la novena para una intención de rosario.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Fred Maldonado	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Jeromil Enoc	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