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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: Micah 5:1-4a
Responsorial Psalm: 80:2-3,
15-16, 18-19
Reading II: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

December Birthdays

- 5 **Juana Leiva**
- 6 **Lucas Torres**
- 8 **Concepcion Silverio**
- 11 **Fitzgerald Marcelin**
- 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. 20**-Simbang Gabi-Mass 6pm
- Dec. 22**-Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3**-Office is closed
- Dec. 24**-Christmas Mass at 4 pm
- Jan. 1**-Solemnity of Mary, holy day of obligation-Mass at 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

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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.

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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

Finance Council—Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185

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Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

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

The Third Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. He tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is

expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles. In the Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly

in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday which is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in the second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. We mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on the Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

El Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Lucas 3:10-18

El Evangelio de este domingo continúa el enfoque de la semana pasada en Juan el Bautista y su papel en la preparación del camino para Cristo. Si leemos el Evangelio de Lucas continuamente, aprenderíamos que Juan desafiaba a las multitudes que se acercaban a él y les pedía que mostrarán pruebas de su arrepentimiento. Les dice a sus oyentes que no pueden confiar en su linaje como israelitas porque los hijos de Abraham pueden ser levantados de piedras. El arrepentimiento, más bien, debe ser observable en las acciones de uno. Aquí, Lucas sigue planteando dos temas importantes de su mensaje evangélico: la fe cristiana se expresa en

las propias acciones, y la llamada a la salvación se extiende a todos, judíos y gentiles. En la lectura del Evangelio, las multitudes le piden a Juan el Bautista detalles específicos. ¿Qué evidencia de arrepentimiento se requiere? Juan responde nombrando acciones concretas: las multitudes deben compartir su comida y sus mantos; los recaudadores de impuestos deben ser justos; Los soldados deben actuar con justicia. La preocupación por la justicia es un sello distintivo del Evangelio de Lucas. Cuando la multitud comienza a preguntarse si Juan el Bautista podría ser el Mesías, Juan interpreta su bautismo y deja en claro que su ministerio es en preparación para el Mesías. Juan conoce su lugar y papel en el plan de salvación de Dios. Al animar a la multitud a actuar de manera

similar de acuerdo con sus posiciones en la vida, la enseñanza de Juan sugiere que cada persona tiene un papel que desempeñar en la salvación de Dios. Es el gran misterio de nuestra salvación que Dios permite e incluso pide la cooperación humana en sus planes divinos. El tercer domingo de Adviento también se llama domingo de Gaudete, que es una palabra latina que significa "regocijarse". Este nombre se toma de la antifona de entrada para la misa dominical, que también se repite en la segunda lectura de la carta de Pablo a los Filipenses. Marcamos este domingo encendiendo una vela rosa en lugar de una morada en la corona de Adviento. Es un recordatorio de que el tiempo de Adviento es un tiempo de alegría porque nuestra salvación ya está cerca.

PARISH NEWS



The "Simbang Gabi" is an ancient but little-known custom of preparing for the coming of the Child Jesus. It is a long-treasured Philippine tradition, originally a series of "dawn masses" for nine consecutive days before Christmas Day. Its liturgical significance emanates from the Season of Advent, being the time of spiritual preparation and purification to welcome and receive the Child Jesus in our midst. The Mass at Dawn, "Simbang Gabi", is a novena to the Blessed Mother. It starts every December 16th and is one of the oldest and most important religious celebrations in the Philippines.

St. Richard will celebrate Simbang Gabi on Dec. 20th with Mass at 6pm. All are welcome.

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Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$1,379.75 \$562.44
Spanish Mass 12/07:		\$27.00
Retired Religious:		\$304.00

Online Giving

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

December 8th
112
December 9th
30

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\$2,447.00 Recaudado con 28 Donantes

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James McDonnell
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Edward Specht
Bob & Sandy Thomas
Leda & Nelson Thomas

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Tom Valencia	Janet McKenzie	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Ramis Celedona Belinda Baron
Pee Jay Andres Mary Joy Lerdon