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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: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: 119:8, -10, 15

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

January Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 2 Susan Cortez
- 3 Mateo Verduzco
- 11 Ever Daniel Ramos
- 13 Augustus Williams
- Yurem Aleman
- 15 Mary Kramer
- 20 Melanie DeLuna
- 23 Pamela Amarillo
- Diosis Cortez
- 24 Nina Gendron
- 31 Steven Goellner
- Juan Garces



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:

Jan. 20-21-Office Closed

Feb. 2-Pastoral Council Meeting

Feb. 9-Finance Council Meeting

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

Deputy Grand Knight: John Husson

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

Recorder: Bobby Berndt, PGK*

Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*

Financial Secretary:

Tom O'Neill, PGK*

Advocate: Bob Oravits

Warden: Paul Kurilla

Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*

Outside: Richard Rumprik

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Chuck Youse

Trustee Two Years:

Bobby Berndt, PGK*

Trustee Three Years:

Wilson Youngblood, PGK*

*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.

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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

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 Adamos: 434-774-9376

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 19, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 2:1-11

Today's Gospel reading describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle. Awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all

that is to happen to him. John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened. Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus

establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

PARISH NEWS

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others., which will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

Our parish receives back 50% of the funds collected from our parish which is needed to augment our collections to pay our operational expenses.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish, the 2025 Appeal also supports international priests which allows me to serve as your pastor. Your donations pay for the immigration costs for our current international priests working in our Diocese as well as a mentorship period for new international priests. There are 51 international priests serving in our Diocese. The Appeal provides the monies for the Fuel and Hunger Fund which is used to assist those in need in our local community through grants we have received from the Diocese. This fund supplies groceries, heating, rent and shelter assistance to families in need, and the elderly across the Diocese and in our local area.

On behalf of Bishop Knestout and myself, thank you in advance for your support of the 2025 Appeal. Fr. Jong

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$629.75 (\$187.56)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 12th
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Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Juan 2:1-11

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy describe el comienzo del ministerio de Jesús y su primer milagro. La conciencia de la inminente pasión y muerte de Jesús está siempre presente en el Evangelio de Juan. Incluso en este relato de la primera señal de Jesús, el lenguaje utilizado anticipa la pasión de Jesús. Cuando Jesús le dice a su madre que aún no ha llegado su hora, protesta contra sus deseos en un lenguaje que Juan usará de nuevo cuando informe de la Última Cena de Jesús a sus discípulos. Al presentar la historia de Jesús lavando los pies de sus discípulos, Juan escribe que Jesús sabía que había llegado su hora. En el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús está muy al

mando y es consciente de todo lo que le va a suceder. El Evangelio de Juan describe siete señales que indican la identidad de Jesús a sus discípulos. Juan nunca habla de estas señales como milagros porque su importancia no está en la obra que Jesús realiza, sino en lo que estas obras indican acerca de la identidad de Jesús. Aquí, como cuando Juan describe las otras señales, se dice que los discípulos comienzan a creer, pero no se menciona si los otros invitados a la boda están conscientes de lo que ha sucedido. El matrimonio y las fiestas de bodas son metáforas utilizadas en las Escrituras para describir la salvación de Dios y el Reino de Dios. Aquí, al comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús, el Evangelio de Juan busca establecer que Jesús va a reinterpretar y cumplir la promesa de Yahweh a Israel.

Jesús establece el Nuevo Pacto. Una pista de cómo será este Nuevo Pacto se hace evidente en la obra que Jesús realiza. Cuando se le pidió que hiciera algo para abordar la incómoda situación que crearía la ausencia de vino en un banquete de bodas, el milagro de Jesús produce grandes cantidades de vino: seis tinajas con treinta galones cada una se llenan a rebosar con vino selecto. Esta espléndida respuesta a una simple necesidad humana es para nosotros una visión de la abundancia del reino de Dios. Nos desafía a responder con generosidad cuando nos enfrentamos a las necesidades humanas de hoy. Respondemos lo mejor que podemos, con plena confianza en que Dios puede transformar nuestros esfuerzos, llevando el Reino de Dios a su cumplimiento entre nosotros.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Bienvenidos a la Campaña Diocesana Anual 2025: Compartiendo Su Amor con los Demás, que proporcionará fondos críticos a tres áreas clave de nuestra Iglesia Diocesana: Empoderar a la próxima generación, Prover para los necesitados y Fortalecer las comunidades católicas. Nuestra parroquia recibe el 50% de los fondos recaudados de nuestra parroquia, que es necesario para aumentar nuestras colectas y pagar nuestros gastos operativos. Como complemento a los fondos devueltos a nuestra parroquia, la Campaña 2025 también apoya a sacerdotes internacionales, lo que me permite servir como su párroco. Sus donaciones pagan los costos de inmigración para nuestros sacerdotes internacionales actuales que trabajan en nuestra Diócesis, así como un período de tutoría para nuevos sacerdotes internacionales. Hay 51 sacerdotes internacionales sirviendo en nuestra Diócesis. La Campaña proporciona el dinero para el Fondo de Combustible y Hambre, que se utiliza para ayudar a los necesitados en nuestra comunidad local a través de subvenciones que hemos recibido de la Diócesis. Este fondo suministra comestibles, calefacción, alquiler y asistencia para vivienda a familias necesitadas y ancianos en toda la Diócesis y en nuestra área local.

En nombre del Obispo Knestout y en el mío propio, gracias de antemano por su apoyo al Llamamiento 2025. Fr. Jong

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Tom Valencia	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Toni Ferris	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	Dolly Alston