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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: Genesis 15:5-12,
17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 27:1,
7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

March Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 1 **Valeria Verduzco**
- 2 **Lieu Nguyen**
- 4 **Niurka Verduzco**
Belinda Baron
- 5 **Kenji Carillo**
- 7 **Alondra Leon**
Janet McKenzie
Jose Carlos Reyes
- 9 **Jerome Moleno**
- 11 **Venise Carillo**
Vanessa Ramirez
Kelly Plascencia
- 13 **Rixi Beatriz**
- 31 **Ivana Reyes**

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

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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:

Mar. 14-5:30 pm Stations of the
Cross

Mar. 17-Lenten Reconciliation
Service at St. Peter at 7 pm

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.

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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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

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Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

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

First Sunday of Lent—March 9, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

In the Gospel, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God

because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that

the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

Primer domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

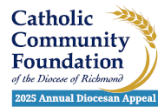
Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Lucas 4:1-13

En el Evangelio, después de su bautismo, se dice que Jesús pasó cuarenta días en el desierto, ayunando y orando. El diablo tienta a Jesús a usar su poder para apaciguar su hambre, le ofrece a Jesús todos los reinos del mundo si Jesús lo adora, y tienta a Jesús a poner a prueba la promesa de protección de Dios. En cada caso, Jesús se resiste, citando palabras de las Escrituras para reprender la tentación del diablo. Cada tentación a la que se enfrenta Jesús ofrece una visión de la espiritualidad que esperamos desarrollar a medida que guardamos los cuarenta días de la Temporada de Cuaresma. Podemos confiar en que

Dios proveerá para nuestras necesidades materiales. Adoramos a Dios porque solo Dios tiene dominio sobre nosotros y nuestro mundo. Podemos confiar en que Dios será fiel a sus promesas. El rechazo de Jesús a las tentaciones del diablo muestra que no pondrá a Dios a prueba. Basándose en la Palabra y en la autoridad de las Escrituras, Jesús reprende al diablo con su confianza en la protección y fidelidad de Dios. Este Evangelio pone de relieve para nosotros uno de los temas centrales del tiempo de Cuaresma. Dependemos de Dios por todo lo que tenemos y por todo lo que somos. Cualquier cosa que nos lleve a rechazar esta dependencia o a desconfiar de su suficiencia, es una tentación del demonio. Lucas termina su relato de la tentación de Jesús en el desierto

señalando que el diablo se va por un tiempo. La implicación es que el diablo regresará. Jesús sabe que será tentado de nuevo en el huerto de Getsemaní. La profundidad de la confianza de Jesús en Dios se muestra más plenamente cuando Jesús rechaza la tentación de apartarse de la tarea que Dios le ha encomendado. La reprimenda final de Jesús al diablo es su sacrificio en la Cruz. Las respuestas de Jesús a las tentaciones del diablo nos enseñan cómo podemos responder a la tentación. Al comenzar nuestro camino a través de la Cuaresma, el Evangelio de este domingo nos llama a adoptar la misma confianza que Jesús tuvo frente a la tentación: solo la palabra de Dios será suficiente, se puede confiar en la promesa de protección de Dios y solo Dios es Dios.

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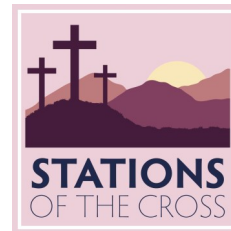


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March 17 at 7 pm at St. Peter the Apostle
April 9 at 7 pm at St. John the Baptist



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17 de marzo a las 19 h en San Pedro Apóstol
9 de abril a las 19 h en San Juan Bautista



Estaciones de la Cruz—todos los viernes a las 5:30 p.m.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$662.75 (\$154.56)
Spanish Mass 03/01:	\$160.00	
Votive Stand 12/16-03/02:	\$436.50	

Online Giving

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 2nd
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Fred Maldonado	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
George Seif	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Ramis Celedona Belinda Baron
Pee Jay Andres Mary Joy Lerdon