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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: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
 Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 11
 Reading II:
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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. 17-Lenten Reconciliation

Service at St. Peter at 7 pm

Mar. 21-5:30 pm Stations of the

Cross

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

Second Sunday of Lent—March 16, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 9:28b-36

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. The three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death. As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity

with the Law and the Prophets. Luke's Gospel explains that the conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt. On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as

God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

Segundo domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

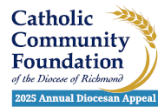
Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Lucas 9:28b-36

La Transfiguración ocurre en una montaña en presencia de tres de los discípulos de Jesús: Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Solo el Evangelio de Lucas, que a menudo describe a Jesús en oración, indica que Jesús está orando cuando su apariencia cambia a un blanco brillante. Los tres discípulos estaban durmiendo mientras Jesús oraba. Volverán a dormir mientras Jesús ora en el Huerto de Getsemaní antes de su Pasión y muerte. Al despertar, Pedro y los discípulos ven a Jesús transfigurado y a Elías y Moisés presentes con Jesús. Elías y Moisés, ambas figuras significativas en la historia de Israel, representan la continuidad de Jesús

con la Ley y los Profetas. El Evangelio de Lucas explica que la conversación entre Jesús, Elías y Moisés es sobre los logros posteriores de Jesús en Jerusalén. Lucas describe esto como su éxodo, conectando la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús con el éxodo de Israel de Egipto. Al presenciar la Transfiguración de Jesús y ver a Jesús con Elías y Moisés, Pedro se ofrece a construir tres tiendas para ellos. Habiendo despertado, tal vez la oferta de Pedro fue hecha en confusión. También notamos que Pedro se retractó de su confesión anterior de que Jesús es el Mesías, llamando a Jesús "maestro" en su lugar. Como en respuesta a la confusión de Pedro, una voz del cielo habla, afirmando a Jesús como Hijo de Dios y ordenando a los

discípulos que lo escuchen. Esta voz del cielo recuerda la voz que se escuchó en el bautismo de Jesús que, en el Evangelio de Lucas, habló directamente a Jesús como Hijo de Dios. En su Transfiguración, vemos una anticipación de la gloria de la resurrección de Jesús. En cada uno de los relatos de la Transfiguración, los discípulos mantienen en secreto lo que han visto. Hasta que no sean testigos de su pasión y muerte, los discípulos no comprenderán la Transfiguración de Jesús. Escuchamos esta historia de la Transfiguración de Jesús al principio de la Cuaresma, pero tenemos el beneficio de la retrospectiva. Al oír hablar de ello, anticipamos la resurrección de Jesús incluso mientras nos preparamos para recordar la pasión y muerte de Jesús.

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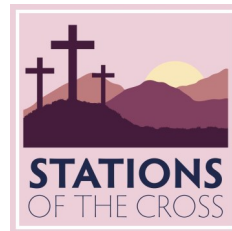


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April 9 at 7 pm at St. John the Baptist



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9 de abril a las 19 h en San Juan Bautista



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Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$1,572.75 \$755.44
Spanish Mass 03/08:		\$112.00
Ash Wednesday:		\$320.00

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 9th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Tom Valencia	George Seif	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Elsie Moleno	Janet McKenzie	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

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