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March Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



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- 7 **Alondra Leon**
Janet McKenzie
Jose Carlos Reyes
- 9 **Jerome Moleno**
- 11 **Venise Carillo**
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- 13 **Rixi Beatriz**
- 31 **Ivana Reyes**

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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: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-7

Reading II:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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. 28-5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

April 6-Pastoral Council Meeting

April 13-Finance Council Meeting



St. Richard Catholic Church

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www.strichardscatholicchurch.org

117 Laurel Street, Emporia, VA 23847

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
 434-636-6277

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

Third Sunday of Lent—March 23, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 13:1-9

Today's Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. It is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those

who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the

gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.

Tercero domingo de Cuaresma

Estudio de las lecturas

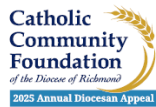
Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Lucas 13:1-9

El Evangelio de hoy nos prepara para escuchar el llamado de la Cuaresma a la conversión y al arrepentimiento. Se encuentra en los capítulos del Evangelio de Lucas que describen el viaje de Jesús a Jerusalén. Durante este viaje, Jesús enseña y sana. También debe responder a aquellos que cuestionan y desafían su autoridad y sus acciones. Lucas nos dice que algunas de las multitudes informan a Jesús de una masacre de galileos por parte de Pilato. La intención de la multitud parece ser pedirle a Jesús que explique por qué estas personas sufrieron. Era un lugar común presentar el sufrimiento de las personas como evidencia de su pecaminosidad. Jesús

desafía esta interpretación. Los que fueron masacrados no eran ni más ni menos pecadores que los que informan de la situación a Jesús. Jesús responde que incluso un accidente fatal, un desastre natural, no debe interpretarse como un castigo por el pecado. Al principio, las palabras de Jesús parecen tener una cualidad de fuego y azufre. Jesús dice en esencia: "Arrepentíos o pereced como lo hizo esta gente; todos son pecadores ante Dios y merecedores del castigo de Dios". El tono cambia, sin embargo, en la parábola que sigue. La parábola de la higuera estéril contrasta la paciencia y la esperanza del jardinero con la practicidad del dueño de la propiedad. Cuando se le dice que corte la higuera porque no está produciendo frutos, el

jardinero aconseja paciencia. Si se cuida adecuadamente, la higuera estéril aún puede dar fruto. A lo largo de su viaje a Jerusalén, Jesús ha estado enseñando sobre el Reino de Dios. En esta parábola, encontramos una imagen de la paciencia y la esperanza de Dios mientras prepara su Reino. Dios nos llama a arrepentirnos, y está dentro de su poder castigarnos por no habernos apartado de nuestra pecaminosidad. Y, sin embargo, Dios es misericordioso. Él retrasa el castigo y nos atiende para que aún podamos dar el fruto que él desea de nosotros. Esta es, pues, nuestra razón de esperanza: Dios no solo se niega a abandonarnos, sino que elige atendernos incluso cuando no mostramos evidencia de sus esfuerzos.

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

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$563.75 (\$253.56)
Spanish Mass 03/15:		\$42.00
Building Fund:		\$517.00

Online Giving

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GIVE to 434-603-6341

MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 16th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Jeromil Enoc	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Toni Ferris	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria Vazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	