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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

*At the Procession with the Palms: Luke 19:28-40  
Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56*

# April Birthdays

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

- 1 Katherine Abernathy**
- 2 Lane Newsome**
- 6 Selene Aleman Martinez**
- 12 Yamileth Canseco**
- 18 Geronimo Moleno**
- Iker Cano**
- Maria Gonzalez**
- Maria Ramos**
- 23 Ruby Santes**
- Georgina Alcudia**
- Hzayana Cano**
- 25 Marcos Canseco**
- 27 Monica Deluna-Hawkins**
- Omar Ramirez**

### 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 Rumplick

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

**Trustee One Year:**

Chuck Youse

**Trustee Two Years:**

Bobby Berndt, PGK\*

**Trustee Three Years:**

Wilson Youngblood, PGK\*

\*PGK-Past Grand Knight



*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:

**Apr. 11-5:30 pm** Stations of the Cross

**April 13-Finance Council Meeting**

**April 17-Mass of the Lord's Supper**

*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.

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Rectory: 434-636-7782

**Business Manager:**

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

**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

# Fifth Sunday of Lent—April 6, 2025

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading John 8:1-11

Today's Gospel continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. It begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people. To answer the Pharisees' question,

Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. Either answer will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one

remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

# Quinto domingo de Cuaresma

## Estudio de las lecturas

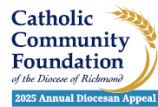
### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Juan 8:1-11

El Evangelio de hoy sigue ofreciendo lecciones sobre la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. Comienza informando que Jesús está enseñando de nuevo a las multitudes en las cercanías del Templo. Los escribas y los fariseos se acercan a Jesús, trayendo a una mujer que ha sido sorprendida en el acto de adulterio. Le plantearon a Jesús la pregunta de lo que debía hacerse en este caso. Los fariseos declaran claramente que, según la Ley de Moisés, los que fueran sorprendidos en el acto de adulterio debían ser apedreados hasta la muerte. Sin embargo, bajo la ocupación romana, el pueblo judío no tenía autoridad para

ejecutar a las personas. Para responder a la pregunta de los fariseos, Jesús debe proponer una acción que sea contraria a la Ley de Moisés o contraria a la ley romana. Cualquiera de las dos respuestas apoyará el caso de los fariseos contra Jesús. Sin embargo, Jesús evita la trampa ofreciendo una respuesta que no fue anticipada por aquellos que plantearon la pregunta. Jesús, después de escribir en el suelo con su dedo, se dirige a los que están delante de él y sugiere que el que esté libre de pecado tire la primera piedra. Entonces Jesús vuelve a su escritura. Podemos imaginar fácilmente la escena mientras los fariseos y los ancianos se dispersan, uno por uno. Jesús ha eludido la trampa que habían preparado. Al quedarse a solas con la mujer, Jesús pregunta a dónde han ido

los acusadores. Sin que quede nadie que condene a la mujer, Jesús (el que verdaderamente está sin pecado) envía a la mujer en su camino, negándose a juzgarla y exhortándola a evitar futuros pecados. La respuesta de Jesús a aquellos que acusan a la mujer es más que una advertencia para nosotros acerca de juzgar a los demás. Es una profunda lección de misericordia divina y perdón. Como pecadores, todos somos indignos de juzgar los pecados de los demás y seríamos condenados por Dios por nuestras transgresiones. Sin embargo, Jesús, el que está libre de pecado y, por lo tanto, nuestro juez, nos ofrece a nosotros, que somos pecadores, su misericordia y su perdón. Redimidos por la compasión de Jesús, somos enviados a no pecar más y a vivir en el amor y la paz de Dios.

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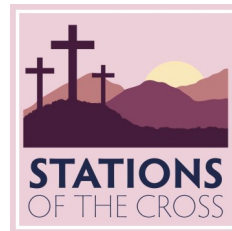
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LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

April 9 at 7 pm at St. John the Baptist

George Seif will be attending this service. If anyone needs a ride or wants to follow him, he will meet you at the St. Richards's parking lot at 6:15 pm. Please contact him at 434-336-1210 or 434-532-3748.



April 11th 5:30 pm

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Servicio de Reconciliación de Cuaresma 9 de abril a las 19 h en San Juan Bautista

George Seif asistirá a este servicio. Si alguien necesita un aventón o quiere seguirlo, se reunirá con usted en el estacionamiento de St. Richards a las 6:15 pm. Comuníquese con él al 434-336-1210 o al 434-532-3748.



Estaciones de la Cruz 11 de abril a las 5:30 p.m.

## Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$817.31	\$550.75 <b>(\$266.56)</b>
Spanish Mass 03/29:	\$178.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$194.00

### Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**March 30th**  
**70**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Tom Valencia	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Jesus & Vanessa Ramirez
Pee Jay Andres	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Allison Castro
			Luis Ramos

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

Ramis Celedona Belinda Baron  
Pee Jay Andres Mary Joy Lerdon