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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: Acts 5:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4
13-15, 22-24
Reading II:
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20:19-31

April Birthdays

- 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



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:

April 21-Office Closed
April 23-NO HOSPITAL MASS
April 26-NO SPANISH MASS

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

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Husson

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

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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

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Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—April 20, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 20:1-9

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's

Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. She is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener

that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH NEWS

Easter Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

Frank Derring

Mary Derring

Timothy Gownley

James McDonnell

Edward Specht



Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$817.31	\$1,121.75 \$304.44
Spanish Mass 04/12:	\$95.00

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

April 13th
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Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Juan 20:1-9

Hoy comenzamos el tiempo de Pascua, nuestra meditación de 50 días sobre el misterio de la resurrección de Cristo. Nuestro Evangelio de hoy nos habla del descubrimiento de la tumba vacía por parte de los discípulos. Concluye diciéndonos que aún no entendían que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos. Por lo tanto, los detalles proporcionados no tienen necesariamente la intención de ofrecer una prueba de la resurrección. Los detalles nos invitan a reflexionar sobre un don asombroso, que es la fe en Jesús y en su resurrección. La tumba vacía de Jesús fue descubierta por primera vez por mujeres. Esto es notable porque en la sociedad judía del primer siglo las

mujeres no podían servir como testigos legales. En el caso del Evangelio de Juan, la única mujer que asiste al sepulcro es María Magdalena. Se dice simplemente que observó que la piedra que había sellado la tumba había sido movida, y corrió a alertar a Simón Pedro y al discípulo amado. Su declaración a ellos es reveladora. Ella asume que el cuerpo de Jesús ha sido retirado, tal vez robado. Ella no considera que Jesús haya resucitado de entre los muertos. Simón Pedro y el discípulo amado corren a la tumba, presumiblemente para verificar el informe de María. El discípulo amado llega primero, pero no entra en el sepulcro hasta después de Simón Pedro. Este detalle pinta un cuadro vívido, al igual que el detalle proporcionado sobre las telas funerarias. Algunos eruditos creen que la presencia de los lienzos

funerarios en la tumba ofrece evidencia al oyente de que el cuerpo de Jesús no había sido robado (se entiende que los ladrones de tumbas habrían tomado los lienzos funerarios junto con el cuerpo). El pasaje evangélico concluye, sin embargo, que incluso habiendo visto el sepulcro vacío y los lienzos funerarios, los discípulos aún no comprenden la resurrección. En el pasaje que sigue, María Magdalena se encuentra con Jesús, pero lo confunde con el jardinero. En las próximas semanas, las lecturas del Evangelio nos mostrarán cómo los discípulos llegaron a creer en la resurrección de Jesús a través de sus apariciones. Nuestra fe en la Pascua se basa en su testimonio tanto de la tumba vacía como de su relación continua con Jesús, en sus apariciones y en su don del Espíritu Santo.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus & Vanessa Ramirez
Fred Maldonado	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Allison Castro Luis Ramos

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria Vazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	