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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 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: 145:8-13

Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35



Please use this list to pray for those who are in need. May we all lift one another up in prayer.

Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

Upcoming Events:

May 17-NO SPANISH MASS

May 24-NO SPANISH MASS

May Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

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 Rumprik

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Chuck Youse

Trustee Two Years:

Bobby Berndt, PGK*

Trustee Three Years:

Wilson Youngblood, PGK*

*PGK-Past Grand Knight

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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 11, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading John 10:27-30

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to

stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest. We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke.

The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus

identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

If you are seeking validation from Father for any specific documents, you must be a registered parishioner of the church before receiving such validation. If you are requesting services from the parish but are not registered, the parish will not fulfill any request(s) until a parishioner registration form is submitted. Some churches require you to be a registered parishioner at least 6 months before providing any letters of validation. If you have the intentions to only register for that benefit, you may be denied such request. The priest cannot state that he has known the person personally. We strongly encourage all to register now to avoid any issues. There are registration forms in the back of the church.



Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$817.31	\$608.75 (\$208.56)
Spanish Mass 05/03:	\$26.00
Building Fund:	\$470.00

Online Giving
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/>
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GIVE to 434-603-6341

MASS ATTENDANCE:

May 4th
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Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Juan 10:27-30

El cuarto domingo de Pascua también se conoce como el Domingo del Buen Pastor. En cada uno de los tres ciclos del leccionario, el Evangelio se toma del décimo capítulo del Evangelio de Juan. Este capítulo del Evangelio de Juan sigue a la curación de Jesús del hombre nacido ciego y el rechazo de este milagro por parte de los líderes judíos que cuestionan la autoridad de Jesús para sanar. Jesús responde a este desafío a su autoridad llamándose a sí mismo el Buen Pastor. Está criticando a los fariseos y otros líderes judíos. Ya los fariseos y otros líderes judíos están

tan enojados que intentan apedrear y arrestar a Jesús (ver Juan 10:31 y 10:39). Esta controversia con los líderes religiosos continúa hasta la muerte de Jesús. Situado en un momento de tensión y conflicto en el Evangelio de Juan, la lectura del Evangelio de hoy es la respuesta de Jesús a la pregunta: "¿Eres el Mesías?" Jesús responde diciendo, en esencia, "Si tienes que preguntar, entonces no eres una de mis ovejas." Luego Jesús afirma su unidad con el Padre. Al concluir estas palabras, Juan informa que los judíos intentan apedrear a Jesús por blasfemia, pero él escapa del arresto. Puede que estemos menos familiarizados con las metáforas de las ovejas y el pastor que aquellos a quienes Jesús habló. La imagen de Jesús como el Buen Pastor y la comunidad de seguidores como sus ovejas ha perdurado a lo largo de los siglos como una imagen primaria en nuestra tradición de fe. Su poder para describir la relación entre Jesús y sus seguidores trasciende la experiencia directa con las ovejas. La imagen nos habla sobre la protección, seguridad y cuidado que los pastores representan para sus ovejas. El Evangelio de hoy habla poderosamente sobre la familiaridad e intimidad entre Jesús y sus discípulos, expresada como reconocer y conocer la voz del otro. El Evangelio de hoy también habla

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

sobre la relación entre Jesús y el Padre. En el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús se identifica tan estrechamente con el Padre que nos dice que son uno—no solo cercanos, sino en realidad uno. Conocer a Jesús es conocer al Padre. Jesús no solo nos acerca al Padre, Jesús nos pone en contacto directo con Dios el Padre, eliminando toda distancia entre nosotros. Nuestra relación con Jesús es una invitación a compartir la vida de Dios.

Si está buscando la validación del Padre para algún documento específico, debe ser un feligrés registrado de la iglesia antes de recibir dicha validación. Si está solicitando servicios de la parroquia pero no está registrado, la parroquia no cumplirá con ninguna solicitud hasta que se envíe un formulario de registro de feligrés. Algunas iglesias requieren que seas un feligrés registrado al menos 6 meses antes de proporcionar cualquier carta de validación. Si tiene la intención de registrarse solo para ese beneficio, es posible que se le niegue dicha solicitud. El sacerdote no puede afirmar que ha conocido personalmente a la persona. Recomendamos encarecidamente a todos que se registren ahora para evitar cualquier problema. Hay formularios de registro en la parte trasera de la iglesia.



Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Fred Maldonado	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
George Seif	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Luis Ramos

Next Week's Cleaning Group

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