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## Mass Intention



**Alexander Bello-Ortiz**

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass  
or if you have any questions. Please  
give Mass intentions to Father.

Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth  
para programar una misa o si tiene  
alguna pregunta. Por favor, den inten-

Praying With Next Week's  
Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 50:5-9a  
Responsorial Psalm: 116:1-2,  
3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Reading II: James 2:14-18  
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

## September Birthdays

- 3 Allison Castro**  
**Franklin Epps**
- 5 Louise Conte**  
**Jose Plascencia**
- 6 Christine Smith**
- 12 Jacob Gonzalez**
- 14 John Hanhauser**
- 16 Margaret Jones**  
**Toni Ferris**
- 17 Rahilly Abernathy**
- 18 Honora Cook**
- 21 Michael Gaskalao**
- 23 Jerome Moleno**  
**Itzek Diaz**
- 24 Victor Conte**
- 29 Sidney Marcelin**

## Happy Anniversary

**Annabelle & Aaron**  
**Anderton**  
**Sept. 29, 2011**



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

Steven Goellner; Franklin  
Epps, Rosemary Buskirk,  
Robert Taylor, Mary  
Frances Kramer, Nancy  
Stivers

Please contact the office with  
updates.

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2021-2022

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt  
Deputy Grand Knight:

Chancellor: Dave Thomas  
Recorder: Bob Hathaway  
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Tom O'Neill, PGK

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Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK

Outside: Richard Rumprik

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Mark Fracassa

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Tom Eddy, PGK

Trustee Three Years:

Chuck Youse

If you are a Catholic man 18  
years or older and wish to join  
our Council, please contact  
Bobby Berndt (434)636-2565  
or Tom O'Neill (252)308-0493.

## 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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## Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses:

**Saturday—1:00 pm (Spanish)**

**Sunday—10:30 am**

Rosary:

**Sunday—10:00 am**

Reconciliation:

**Sunday—10:00 am**

**Pastoral Council**—Jenny Holtkamp: 515-201-3761

**Finance Council**—Dr. Fitzgerald Marcelin: 804-984-0277

**Religious Formation**—John Holtkamp: 937-935-4516

**Music Coordinator**—Luz Zapanta: 434-430-6092

**Altar Ministry**—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 5, 2021

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words and phrases:

Deaf, speech impediment, be opened, deaf hear, mute speak

#### To the point:

"Be opened!" Jesus commands the deaf-mute man as he heals him. This encounter, however, is more than a matter of physical healing. It is a sign of

salvation: God's superabundant life breaking open the closed human condition. Further, what Jesus commands with respect to the deaf-mute man, he commands with respect to us. When we encounter Jesus, he commands, "Be opened!" and we too are healed: our ears are opened to hear the Good News and our tongues are loosened to proclaim it.

### Connecting the Gospel

#### ... to the First Reading:

Isaiah's poetic vision presents a world redeemed by God's saving power. What Isaiah communicates through poetry, Jesus communicates through action.

... to experience: We tend to think of salvation in terms of heaven and the hereafter. The readings open us to salvation as encountering and hearing God now.

# Domingo 23 del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las Lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

Sordo, impedimento del habla, ser abierto, sordo oír, hablar mudo

#### Al punto:

"¡Sé abierto!" Jesús ordena al hombre sordomudo mientras lo sana. Este encuentro, sin embargo, es más que una cuestión de curación física. Es un signo de salvación: la vida

superabundante de Dios que abre la condición humana cerrada. Además, lo que Jesús ordena con respecto al hombre sordomudo, lo ordena con respecto a nosotros. Cuando nos encontramos con Jesús, él ordena: "¡Ábrete!" y nosotros también somos sanados: nuestros oídos se abren para escuchar la Buena Nueva y nuestras lenguas se aflojan para proclamarla.

### Conectando al Evangelio

#### ... a la Primera Lectura:

La visión poética de Isaías presenta un mundo redimido por el poder salvador de Dios. Lo que Isaías comunica a través de la poesía, Jesús lo comunica a través de la acción.

... experimentar: Tendemos a pensar en la salvación en términos del cielo y el más allá. Las lecturas nos abren a la salvación como encontrar y escuchar a Dios ahora.

## PARISH NEWS

Our Knights of Columbus clothing drive last weekend yielded an astonishing amount of clothing from many generous parishioners and friends. These donations will surely be welcome assistance to many of the less fortunate in our neighboring communities. Once again, our parishioners have demonstrated a remarkable kindness and willingness to help others in need. The Knights thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to our pastor, Fr. Jong, as he celebrated his 25th ordination anniversary on August 31st. May God continue to grant him wisdom, understanding, strength, and set his soul on fire with love for the people.

We will be celebrating Father Jong's 25th anniversary as a priest with a hog roast/potluck on October 10th after Mass. More details to follow soon.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Nuestra campaña de ropa de Caballeros de Colón el fin de semana pasado produjo una cantidad asombrosa de ropa de muchos feligreses y amigos generosos. Estas donaciones seguramente serán una ayuda bienvenida para muchos de los menos afortunados en nuestras comunidades vecinas. Una vez más, nuestros feligreses han demostrado una notable amabilidad y voluntad de ayudar a otros necesitados. Los Caballeros les agradecen por su continuo apoyo.

Felicitaciones a nuestro pastor, el Padre Jong, ya que celebró su 25 aniversario de ordenación el 31 de agosto. Que Dios continúe concediéndole sabiduría, comprensión, fortaleza y prendiendo fuego a su alma con amor por el pueblo.

Celebraremos el 25 aniversario del Padre Jong como sacerdote con un asado de cerdo / potluck el 10 de octubre después de la Misa. Más detalles a seguir pronto.

### Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$807.70	Not available

### Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strichardemporiava>

OR  
Text GIVE to  
434-603-6341

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**August 29th**  
**65**

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHER	BLOOD OF CHRIST
John Holtkamp	Jenny Holtkamp	Elizer Carillo	N/A
George Seif		Dave Thomas	

### Upcoming Events:

September 6—Office Closed  
September 12—Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 26—second collection