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## Mass Intention



Romeo Gasalao

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: Sirach 27:4-7  
Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3,  
13-14, 15-16  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians  
15:54-58  
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

## February Birthdays

- 1 **Andres Zepeta  
Gonzalez**
- 22 **Stephen  
Abernathy**

## Our Lady of the Lake



## Council 9309

### Officers for 2021-2022

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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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.



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

Steven Goellner; Rosemary  
Buskirk, Robert Taylor,  
Mary Frances Kramer, Nina  
Gendron & family

Please contact the office with  
updates.

# 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

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

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# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 20, 2022

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

Do to others; children of the Most High; Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful; good measure

#### To the point:

Jesus makes our call to live as “children of the Most high” concrete and practical. The norms of behavior he lays down move us from the already high standard “do to others as you would have them do to you” to the even higher standard “Be

merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” We are empowered to act in this way because of the extravagant good measure with which God continually acts toward us.

### Connecting the Gospel

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

It was perfectly permissible and encoded in the Law to exact an “eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” Saul’s attempts on David’s life justify Abishai’s desire to kill Saul whom, after all, “the Lord delivered” into

David’s hands. David’s sparing Saul’s life was a gesture of mercy which superseded the Law. The Gospel challenges us to the same measure of mercy.

**... to experience:** In a society where the standard for many is “dog eat dog” and getting ahead at any cost, the golden rule “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” is a high standard, indeed. What a challenge the Gospel poses!

## PARISH NEWS

What is love?” That phrase isn’t just the opening to an early ‘90s Eurodance song. It’s a question that the human heart has asked throughout history. Is it a feeling? A bond experienced between family and friends and romantic partners? In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us the unique, Christian answer: love gives without counting the cost. It seeks the good of the other without looking for repayment in return. This is the kind of love that Jesus encourages His

disciples to have, “for the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” We’re called to love like this in all our relationships. With our spouse, our children, our coworkers, and with others in our community. If you’re looking for another concrete way to love—to give without counting the cost—consider contributing to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Reread today’s Gospel and see where the Lord leads you.

### Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday-March 2, 2022—Mass 5:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross—every Friday at 5:30 pm  
Lenten Reconciliation Service-March 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper-April 14 at 5:30 pm  
Easter Sunday Mass-April 17 at 10:30 am

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$807.70	\$475.00 <b>\$332.70</b>
Diocesan Newspaper:	\$20.00	

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:  
**February 13th**  
**93**

# Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las Lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

Hacer a los demás; hijos del Altísimo; Sed misericordiosos, así como vuestro Padre es misericordioso; buena medida

#### Al punto:

Jesús hace que nuestro llamado a vivir como “hijos del Altísimo” sea concreto y práctico. Las normas de comportamiento que él establece nos mueven del ya alto estándar “haz a los demás lo que quisieras que te hicieran a ti” al estándar aún más alto “Sé misericordioso, así como tu

Padre es misericordioso”. Estamos facultados para actuar de esta manera debido a la extravagante buena medida con la que Dios actúa continuamente hacia nosotros.

### Conectando al Evangelio

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

Era perfectamente permisible y codificado en la Ley exigir un “ojo por ojo y diente por diente”. Los intentos de Saúl contra la vida de David justifican el deseo de Abishai de matar a Saúl a quien, después de todo, “el Señor

entregó” en las manos de David. La salvación de David en la vida de Saúl fue un gesto de misericordia que reemplazó a la Ley. El Evangelio nos desafía a la misma medida de misericordia.

**... experimentar:** En una sociedad donde el estándar para muchos es “perro come perro” y salir adelante a cualquier costo, la regla de oro “haz a los demás lo que quisieras que te hicieran a ti” es un estándar alto, de hecho. ¡Qué desafío plantea el Evangelio!

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

“¿Qué es el amor?” Esa frase no es sólo la apertura de una canción eurodance de principios de los 90. Es una pregunta que el corazón humano se ha hecho a lo largo de la historia. ¿Es un sentimiento? ¿Un vínculo que se experimenta entre la familia, los amigos y la pareja romántica? En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos da la respuesta única y cristiana: el amor da sin contar el costo. Busca el bien del otro sin buscar retribución a cambio. Este es el tipo de amor que Jesús anima a sus

discípulos a tener, “porque la medida con la que midáis os será devuelta”. Estamos llamados a amar así en todas nuestras relaciones. Con nuestro cónyuge, nuestros hijos, nuestros compañeros de trabajo y con los demás en nuestra comunidad. Si está buscando otra forma concreta de amar -de dar sin contar el costo- considere contribuir a nuestro Campaña Diocesana Anual. Vuelva a leer el evangelio de hoy y vea a dónde le lleva el Señor.

### Horario de Cuaresma

Miércoles de Ceniza-2 de marzo de 2022—Misa 5:30 pm  
Vía Crucis, todos los viernes a las 5:30 pm  
Servicio de Reconciliación cuaresmal -17 de marzo a las 7:00 pm en San Pedro  
Misa de la Cena del Señor-14 de abril a las 5:30 pm  
Misa del Domingo de Pascua-17 de abril a las 10:30 am

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS BODY OF CHRIST USHER

Elsie Moleno	Steve Brophy	Elizer Carillo
Toni Ferris		Dave Thomas

### Upcoming Events:

**Feb. 21**-Office Closed  
**Feb. 27**-VIRTUS Training Class  
**March 2**-Ash Wednesday/Mass 5:30pm  
**March 13**-Pastoral Council Meeting