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## Mass Intention



**Corazon Moleno**  
**Rogelio Moleno**  
**Louie Moleno**  
**Crispira Bebit**

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

Praying With Next Week's  
Readings

Reading I: Amos 8: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 113: 1-2,

4-6, 7-8

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

## September Birthdays

- 3 Allison Castro**  
**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; Rosemary  
Buskirk, Robert Taylor,  
Mary Frances Kramer, Nina  
Gendron & family**

*Please contact the office with  
updates.*

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2022-2023

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.*

## 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—**George Seif: 434-336-1210

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**Religious Formation—**Dr. Santiago Gasalao-Epps: 434-594-8023

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# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 11, 2022

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

go after the lost one, Rejoice with me, got up and went back, let us celebrate with a feast, refused to enter the house, has come to life again

**To the point:** What the shepherd, the woman, and the father all have in common is having lost something dear to them. When they find what they have lost, they rejoice extravagantly. In the parable of the prodigal son, he is found because he chooses to return to

his father's house: he chooses life. By contrast, the older son, in his anger, resentment, and jealousy, is truly the one who is lost because he refuses to rejoice in his father's mercy and goodness: he chooses death. The extravagant mercy and goodness of our divine Father urges us to choose life over death.

**Connecting the Gospel ... to the First Reading:** Both readings describe the mercy God extends to sinners,

whether the sin is idolatry (First Reading); dissolute living (younger son); or anger, resentment, and jealousy (older son). Such divine mercy begets new life.

**... to experience:** Many parents anguish as they watch a son or daughter go astray in life. They will do anything to help their children come to their senses and turn their life around. Parents only want life for their children, although sometimes children seem to choose death for themselves.

## PARISH NEWS



Faith Formation classes begin October 2, 2022. All students must register. Forms are at church and on the website. Use one form per family. Attach your child's baptismal certificate if he/she is in a sacramental year. Return your forms to Father or mail them to the church office, PO Box 627, Emporia, VA 23847.

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$421.25	(\$463.37)
Building Fund:		\$309.00	

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:  
**September 4th**  
**78**

# Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

**Palabras y frases claves:** ir tras el perdido, Regocíjate conmigo, levántate y regresa, celebremos con una fiesta, se negó a entrar en la casa, ha vuelto a la vida

**Al punto:** Lo que el pastor, la mujer y el padre tienen en común es haber perdido algo querido para ellos. Cuando encuentran lo que han perdido, se regocijan extravagantemente. En la parábola del hijo pródigo, se encuentra porque elige regresar a la casa de su padre:

elige la vida. Por el contrario, el hijo mayor, en su ira, resentimiento y celos, es verdaderamente el que está perdido porque se niega a regocijarse en la misericordia y bondad de su padre: elige la muerte. La misericordia extravagante y la bondad de nuestro divino Padre nos impulsa a elegir la vida sobre la muerte.

### Conectando al Evangelio ... a la Primera Lectura:

Ambas lecturas describen la misericordia que Dios extiende a los pecadores, ya sea que el pecado sea idolatría (Primera Lectura); vida disoluta (hijo menor); o ira, resentimiento y misericordia divina engendra nueva vida. Muchos padres se angustian al ver a un hijo o hija desviarse en la vida. Harán cualquier cosa para ayudar a sus hijos a entrar en razón y cambiar su vida. Los padres solo quieren la vida para sus hijos, aunque a veces los niños parecen elegir la muerte por sí mismos.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### Registro de Formación en la Fe

Las clases de formación en la fe comienzan el 2 de octubre de 2022. Todos los estudiantes deben inscribirse. Los formularios están en la iglesia y en el sitio web. Use un formulario por familia. Adjunte el certificado de bautismo de su hijo si él / ella está en un año sacramental. Devuelva sus formularios al Padre o envíelos por correo a la oficina de la iglesia, PO Box 627, Emporia, VA 23847.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS
Elsie Moleno	Steve Brophy	Elizer Carillo
Tom Valencia		Dave Thomas

### Upcoming Events:

September 18-Finance Council Meeting  
September 25-Diocesan Collection  
September 27-Knights of Columbus Meeting