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## Mass Intention



### Our Parishioners

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 intenciones de misa al Padre.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Leviticus 19:1-2,  
17-18

Responsorial Psalm:  
103: 1-4,8,10, 12-13

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

## February Birthdays

- 1 Andres Zepeta Gonzalez**
- 2 Jayden Nery**
- 15 Agatha Pascal**
- 19 Fernanda Segundo-Ilanas**
- 22 Stephen Abernathy**
- 27 Maria Felipe-Segundo**



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, Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family**

Please contact the office with updates.

### Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 20**-Office Closed
- Feb. 22**-Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 24**-Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 28**- Knights Meeting
- Mar. 12**-Pastoral Council
- Mar. 15**-Lenten Luncheon

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2022-2023

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

**Grand Knight:** Bobby Berndt

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

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 12, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:17-37*

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means

the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had

always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

## PARISH NEWS

Our Parish Pastoral Council needs a chairperson. The parish pastoral council strives to ensure that the parish is carrying out its stated mission and that the pastoral needs of the parish are met. These include Word, Worship, Community and Service. The chairperson chairs the meetings, develops the agenda, and acts in the name of the council. Contact Father Jong or the parish office for discernment and further responsibilities of this role.

God doesn't un-say anything. Today, Christ asserts that for those hoping for a 'free pass,' "Not... the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law" (Matthew 5:18). The law is God's unchangeable word, and all will be judged according to His law. Yet, inasmuch as God will not recant his law, neither will he recant his mercy. Technically speaking, our hope should abound because, according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, "It is more proper for God to spare and to show mercy than to punish. For the former belongs to him by reason of his nature, the latter only by reason of our sins" (Summa Theologica II, II, 21, 2). Yet some people don't know his law. While God's mercy may account for this, they will still suffer judgment under the law. Jesus gave our parish the task of sharing the good news that he came to save us from the law. Our Catholic parish is the most direct local route for our community to reach Him and our Annual Diocesan Appeal seeks to help more people get access to Him. Please support our Appeal today. We need your generosity, prayers, and advocacy. Let's bring souls from our community to his merciful feet!

### Lent & Holy Week

Feb 22-Ash Wednesday  
Mass 5:30 pm

Station of the Cross all  
Fridays of Lent 5:30 pm

Reconciliation Service  
March 9, 7 pm, St. Peter

Apr 6-Holy Thursday  
Mass 5:30 pm

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$884.62	\$1170.25
Building Fund:		\$220.00
		<b>\$285.63</b>

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**February 5th**  
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# Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio *Mateo 5:17-37*

Mateo continúa el Sermón del Monte con una instrucción de tres partes de Jesús sobre el Camino de Vida en el reino de los cielos. La lectura de hoy es la primera parte y trata sobre la adoración y la práctica religiosa y contiene el Padre Nuestro. La tercera parte trata de confiar en Dios y obras de servicio amoroso a nuestro prójimo.

Cuando Mateo habla de "la Ley y

los profetas" se refiere a toda la Escritura. Cuando el Mesías traiga la plenitud del reino, nada de las Escrituras será eliminado. En cambio, se cumplirá. El Jesús de Mateo no anula la Ley de Moisés, ni libera a sus seguidores de la Ley. Él requiere que sus seguidores vayan más allá de la Ley haciendo más de lo que la Ley requiere.

La Ley condena el asesinato. Jesús condena la ira. La Ley condenaba el adulterio. Jesús condena incluso las miradas lujuriosas. Como cristianos

judíos que siempre habían sido fieles a la Ley, la comunidad de Mateo necesita una manera de entender la diferencia que Jesús y el reino que trae han hecho. Afirmaron que Dios siempre había estado obrando en la historia a través de "la Ley y los profetas". Pero la obra de Dios va más allá de eso para ser encarnada por el Mesías que revela la voluntad definitiva de Dios. Las escrituras escritas y su interpretación en la tradición son superadas por Jesús, cuya vida y enseñanza son la revelación definitiva de la voluntad de Dios.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

La diócesis está celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Indígena aquí en los Estados Unidos. El sábado 4 de febrero, la parroquia Buen Pastor en South Hill tendrá una celebración para las comunidades inmigrantes indígenas. La celebración comenzará con la misa a las 9am. Se proporcionará desayuno y almuerzo. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Dios no se retracta de nada. Hoy Cristo afirma que para aquellos que esperan un "pase libre," "ni la más pequeña letra o coma de la ley se dejará de cumplir" (Mateo 5:18). La ley es la palabra inalterable de Dios y todos serán juzgados de acuerdo a su ley. Sin embargo, en la medida que Dios no retractará su ley, tampoco retractará su misericordia. Técnicamente hablando y de acuerdo a Santo Tomas de Aquinas, nuestra esperanza debe de abundar. "Es más acertado que Dios perdone y tenga misericordia a que castigue. Porque lo primero le pertenece a Él por causa de su naturaleza y lo segundo solo por causa de nuestros pecados" (Suma Teológica II, II, 21, 2). Pero, algunas personas no conocen su ley. A pesar que la misericordia de Dios puede responder a esto, ellos sufrirán el juicio bajo la ley. Jesús otorgó a nuestra parroquia la tarea de compartir las buenas nuevas de que Él vino para salvarnos de la ley. Nuestra parroquia católica es la ruta local más directa para llegar a Él y nuestra Campaña Anual Diocesana busca como ayudar a más personas a tener acceso a Él. Por favor apoye nuestra Campaña hoy. Nosotros necesitamos de su generosidad, oraciones y defensa. ¡Traigamos almas de nuestra comunidad a sus pies misericordiosos!

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Fernanda Segundo	Elizer Carillo	Monserrat Ramirez
Elsie Moleno		Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Timmy Gorman	Rosalie Espinosa
Elsie Moleno	Pee Jay Arcano
Ramis Celedona	Andres
Chona Macabodbod	Belinda Baron