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# July Birthdays *Our Lady of the Lake*



**Council 9309**

- 1 Fitzgerald Marcelin**
- 10 Aylin Verduzco**  
**Armando Felipe-Segundo**
- 16 Mary Anne Newsome**
- 17 Kaity Leon**
- 24 Santiago Gasalao-Epps**
- 27 Carmen Cornely-Clark**
- 28 James Alston**  
**Santes Leocardio**  
**Elsie Moleno**
- 31 Louise Nery**

## Officers for 2023-2024

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
**Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson  
**Chancellor:** Dave Thomas  
**Recorder:** Bob Hathaway  
**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:** George McCall  
**Trustee Three Years:** Bobby Berndt, \*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) 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, Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family*

*Please contact the office with updates.*

## Upcoming Events:

- July 16-Finance Council**
- July 19-26-Office Closed**

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## Mass Intention



**Lusinda Vasquez**

*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: Isaiah 55:10-11  
Responsorial Psalm: 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14  
Reading II: Romans 8:18-23  
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23*

# 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.

**Pastor:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
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**Rectory:** 434-636-7782

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**  
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—**Brenton Gorman: 801-682-0892  
**Finance Council—**Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185  
**Religious Formation—**  
**Music Coordinator—** Francis Mendoza  
**Altar Ministry—**Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713  
**Family Service Advisor—**Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 9, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

**Key words & phrases:** hidden these things, wise, revealed them to little ones, gracious will, come to me, take my yoke, you will find rest

**To the point:** What are the things hidden from the wise but revealed to little ones? The previous verses from Matthew's chapter 11 indicate that "these things" are the destruction resulting from being unfaithful to God's "gracious will." The "little ones" are those who, having received Jesus' revelation about

the Father, remain faithful and enter into God's reign of peace (see First Reading). In this Gospel Jesus is the messianic Savior judging those who are unfaithful or faithful. The faithful, having come to Jesus and taken his yoke upon themselves, live in God's peace now. These faithful ones need have no fear of Jesus' judgment.

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the First Reading:** The prophet Zechariah predicts the messianic age when the savior-king will come to the people in meekness to establish peace. In

the gospel Jesus speaks in the present time—to the faithful of his day and to us now who are faithful—of the peace (rest) given now to those who yoke themselves to him.

**... to experience:** Often what motivates our behavior in the present is our vision of the future. For example, someone takes an entry-level job and works hard with an eye to promotion and more significant responsibility. When we followers of Christ keep our eyes on the future messianic rest, we choose to remain faithful to Jesus and find his yoke light and easy.

# Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

Ocultas estas cosas, sabias, reveladas a los pequeños, voluntad misericordiosa, ven a mí, toma mi yugo, encontrarás descanso

**Al punto:** ¿Cuáles son las cosas ocultas a los sabios pero reveladas a los pequeños? Los versículos anteriores del capítulo 11 de Mateo indican que "estas cosas" son la destrucción que resulta de ser infiel a la "voluntad misericordiosa" de Dios. Los "pequeños" son aquellos que, habiendo recibido la revelación de Jesús sobre el Padre, permanecen fieles y entran en el reino de paz

de Dios (ver Primera lectura). En este Evangelio, Jesús es el Salvador mesiánico que juzga a los que son infieles o fieles. Los fieles, habiendo venido a Jesús y tomado su yugo sobre sí mismos, viven ahora en la paz de Dios. Estos fieles no deben temer el juicio de Jesús.


### Conectando al Evangelio

**... a la Primera Lectura:** El profeta Zacarías predice la era mesiánica cuando el salvador-rey vendrá al pueblo con mansedumbre para establecer la paz. En el evangelio, Jesús habla en el tiempo presente, a los fieles

de su tiempo y a nosotros que somos fieles, de la paz (descanso) dada ahora a aquellos que se unen a él.

**... experimentar:** A menudo, lo que motiva nuestro comportamiento en el presente es nuestra visión del futuro. Por ejemplo, alguien toma un trabajo de nivel de entrada y trabaja duro con miras a la promoción y una responsabilidad más significativa. Cuando nosotros, los seguidores de Cristo, mantenemos nuestros ojos en el futuro descanso mesiánico, elegimos permanecer fieles a Jesús y encontrar su yugo ligero y fácil.

## PARISH NEWS



*Harm happened in isolation. Healing can happen together.*

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually on July 26th at 7:00pm. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal. If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603 or email [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org)

There are still some baby bottles that have not been returned from the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle drive. If you have one, please bring it back to church as soon as possible so the Knights can finalize the collection and provide the donations to the Pregnancy Support Center.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Como comunidad, nos esforzamos por apoyar a los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil en su viaje hacia la curación y la integridad. Para aquellos que han sufrido abuso por parte del clero que reside en la Diócesis Católica de Richmond, los invitamos a unirse virtualmente el 26 de julio a las 7:00 pm. Los cónyuges y los miembros afectados de la comunidad también son bienvenidos. Estas reuniones, dirigidas por un facilitador independiente, ofrecerán un entorno seguro para que los participantes se conecten, compartan experiencias, apoyen y sanen. Si desea obtener más información o el enlace de la reunión virtual, llame al Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas al (877) 887-9603 o envíe un correo electrónico a [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org)

Todavía hay algunos biberones que no han sido devueltos de la campaña de biberones de Caballeros de Colón. Si tiene uno, por favor tráigalo de vuelta a la iglesia tan pronto como sea posible para que los Caballeros puedan finalizar la colecta y proporcionar las donaciones al Centro de Apoyo al Embarazo.

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$434.25 <b>(\$479.79)</b>
Building Fund:		\$307.00

### Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**July 2nd**  
**56**

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	George Seif	Elizer Carillo	Louise Nery
Susan Price-LaSalla	Janet McKenzie	Dave Thomas	Carlos Nery
			Jayden Nery

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith  
Stevie Thomas  
Lois Gownley

Vanessa Carillo  
Mary Ann Newsome