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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 19-26**-Office Close
- July 25**-Knights Meeting
- July 30**-Finance Council

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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: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12  
Responsorial Psalm: 119:57,72,  
76-77,127-130  
Reading II: Romans 8:28-30  
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

# 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

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 23, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

The kingdom of heaven is like, Do you want us to, when full-grown, leavened, what has lain hidden, children of the kingdom, end of the age

**To the point:** "The kingdom of heaven is like ... " Jesus uses three comparisons to explain this mystery of God's Presence and reign. The first parable speaks of discernment; the second of full growth; the third of transformation. In this is the realization of the kingdom of

heaven: our discerning God's will, our growing into full stature as "children of the kingdom," opening ourselves to being transformed into those remaining faithful until "the end of the age." The way we live reveals God's "mastery over all things" (First Reading) and that we have become "what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world."

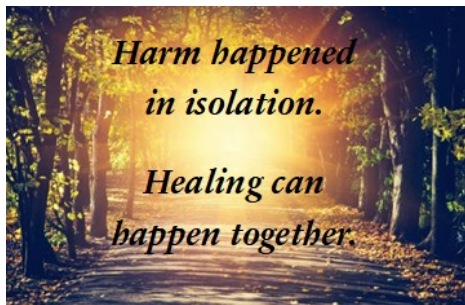
#### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the First Reading:** God's presence and reign is visible in the slow but steady process of God's "mastery over

all things" (First Reading). Our own discernment of God's will for our lives, our growth in goodness, and our transformation into who God calls us to be is dependent upon God's care, justice, leniency, kindness, forgiveness.

**... to experience:** Our cultural expectation of "mastery" includes power over others, control, domination, force, manipulation. In contrast God's "might is the source of justice." And so God's mastery unfolds in the strikingly different ways described in the first reading.

## PARISH NEWS



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)

# Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

**Palabras y frases claves:** El reino de los cielos es como, ¿Quieres que seamos adultos, leudados, lo que ha permanecido oculto, hijos del reino, fin del mundo?

**Al punto:** "El reino de los cielos es como... Jesús usa tres comparaciones para explicar este misterio de la presencia y el reinado de Dios. La primera parábola habla de discernimiento; el segundo de pleno crecimiento; el tercero de la transformación. En esto está la realización del reino de los cielos: nuestro discernimiento de la

voluntad de Dios, nuestro crecimiento en plena estatura como "hijos del reino", abriéndonos a ser transformados en aquellos que permanecen fieles hasta "el fin del mundo". La forma en que vivimos revela el "dominio de Dios sobre todas las cosas" (Primera lectura) y que nos hemos convertido en "lo que ha estado oculto desde la fundación del mundo".

#### Conectando al Evangelio

**... a la Primera Lectura:** La presencia y el reinado de Dios son visibles en el lento pero constante proceso del "dominio de Dios sobre todas las cosas" (Primera Lectura).

Nuestro propio discernimiento de la voluntad de Dios para nuestras vidas, nuestro crecimiento en bondad y nuestra transformación en lo que Dios nos llama a ser depende del cuidado, la justicia, la indulgencia, la bondad y el perdón de Dios.

**... experimentar:** Nuestra expectativa cultural de "dominio" incluye el poder sobre los demás, el control, la dominación, la fuerza, la manipulación. En contraste, el "poder de Dios es la fuente de la justicia". Y así, la maestría de Dios se desarrolla de las maneras sorprendentemente diferentes descritas en la primera lectura.

## 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)

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$387.25 <b>(\$526.79)</b>

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**July 16th**  
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### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	John Jones	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Toni Ferris	Peggy Jones	Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Teresa Verduzco	Nélida Rosales
Ester Zepeda	Jennifer González
Concepcion Mendoza	Juan Carlos González