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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:

**Aug 26-Sept 16-NO SPANISH MASS**  
**Aug 23-Sept 20-NO MASS AT SVMC**

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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: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14  
Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-2,5-6,9  
Reading II: 2 Peter 1:16-19  
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9*

# 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

[jbayta@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jbayta@richmonddiocese.org)

**Rectory:** 434-636-7782

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**

Elizabeth Martin

434-636-6277

## 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

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 30, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

The kingdom of heaven is like, treasure, sells all that he has, pearl of great price, net ... full, what is good

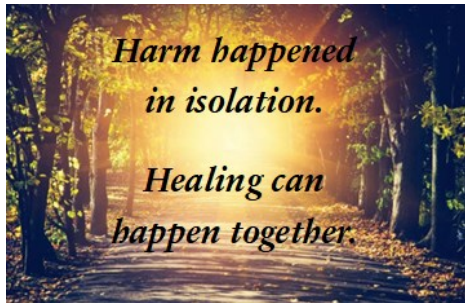
**To the point:** “The kingdom of heaven is like ... ” In these three parables, what motivates the actions of the person, merchant, and fishermen is that they have already come upon the extreme good that they seek: the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price, the catch of fish. So it is with

us. We have already come upon the extreme good that we spend our lives seeking: the kingdom of heaven. The challenge is to give our all to attain it.

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the First Reading:** The wisdom that Solomon requested and for which he is famous is one of the most valued virtues of the Old Testament tradition. Like Solomon, we must ask for wisdom so that we can recognize the great treasure of the kingdom of God when it appears. **... to experience:** People spend hundreds of dollars taking a chance on winning a mega lottery, even though the odds are many millions to one. On the contrary, there is no chance involved in our spending our lives to receive the extreme good God offers us. We have already been given the greatest prize possible: the kingdom of heaven.

## 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)

# Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

El reino de los cielos es como, tesoro, vende todo lo que tiene, perla de gran precio, neto ... lleno, lo que es bueno

**Al punto:** "El reino de los cielos es como... En estas tres parábolas, lo que motiva las acciones de la persona, el comerciante y los pescadores es que ya han encontrado el bien extremo que buscan: el tesoro en el campo, la perla de gran precio, la captura de peces. Así

es con nosotros. Ya hemos reconocido el gran tesoro del reino de Dios cuando pasamos nuestras vidas buscando: el reino de los cielos. El desafío es darlo todo para lograrlo.

### Conectando al Evangelio

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

La sabiduría que Salomón pidió y por la que es famoso es una de las virtudes más valoradas de la tradición del Antiguo Testamento. Al igual que Salomón, debemos pedir Dios nos ofrece. Ya se nos ha dado el mayor premio posible: el reino de los cielos.

## 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	\$629.50	<b>(\$284.54)</b>

### Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**July 23rd**  
**69**

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Unavailable	Unavailable	Elizer Carillo	Montserrat Ramirez
Unavailable	Unavailable	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
Unavailable	Unavailable		Vanessa Ramirez

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

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