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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: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3,

5-6,8

Reading II:

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

August Birthdays

- 3 **Brayn Gonzalez**
Joseduardo Plascencia
- 5 **Gabriel Amarillo**
- 7 **Luis Castro**
- 21 **Alejandra Alonso**
Sonia Fitzgerald
- 23 **Miryam Ramirez**
- 26 **Anayeli Verduzco**
- 30 **Jennifer Rosales**

Happy Anniversary

Rosemary & George Seif

August 13, 1966

Mary Anne & Lane Newsome

August 20, 1977

Margaret & John Jones

August 21, 1065



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, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

Upcoming Events:

August 20-Finance Council

Aug 26-Sept 16-NO SPANISH

MASS

Aug 23-Sept 20-NO MASS AT

SVMC

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

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.

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—Timmy Grace Gorman: 757-561-6046

Music Coordinator—Francis Mendoza

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

Family Service Advisor—Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 13, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Today's Gospel follows the account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 with just five loaves and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus

calms the seas. This time Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. It is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. It is about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do and tells us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus

grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah.

PARISH NEWS

The feast The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15th, which celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are **Holy Days of Obligation** for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. **Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm on August 15th.**

Parents, enroll your children into our faith formation program today. Enrollment forms are on the St. Richard website under "Christian Formation". Classes will begin in October. Registration is necessary now to purchase materials. Contact Timmy Gorman with questions. Give your registration forms to Father Jong.

We need volunteers for cleaning the church. Each group only cleans once a month. Contact Timmy Grace Gorman to sign up for this important ministry.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$1,127.25
Building Fund:		\$369.00
		\$213.21

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

August 6th
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Domingo 19 del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Mateo 14:22-33

El Evangelio de hoy sigue el relato de Jesús alimentando a una multitud de más de 5.000 con sólo cinco panes y dos peces. Por el bien de las multitudes, Jesús había pospuesto su tiempo de soledad. Ahora, por fin, Jesús encuentra algo de tiempo para la tranquilidad y la oración. Envía a sus discípulos delante de él en bote, despide a las multitudes y se retira a la montaña para orar.

A los discípulos no les va bien. Luchan por capear el viento y las olas, haciendo poco progreso en su viaje. Se nos recuerda una historia anterior en el capítulo 8 del Evangelio de

Mateo, cuando Jesús calma los mares. Esta vez Jesús no calma los mares, y los discípulos no expresan temor hasta que ven a Jesús caminando hacia ellos en el agua. No es la tormenta lo que se teme, sino la visión de Jesús ante ellos, a quien confunden con un fantasma.

Pistas como estas sugieren que esta historia es sobre la creciente comprensión de los discípulos de la identidad de Jesús. Se trata de lo que la fe de los discípulos en Jesús les permitirá hacer y nos dice mucho sobre el ministerio.

Jesús llama a los discípulos y calma sus temores. El impulsivo Pedro busca pruebas de que la persona es realmente Jesús. Le pide a Jesús que

lo llame al agua, y Jesús concede esta petición. El miedo y la duda de Pedro lo superan una vez que camina sobre el agua. Jesús se acerca a Pedro y lo salva. Cuando Jesús y Pedro entran en la barca, el viento cesa, y los discípulos confiesan que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios.

La fe en Jesús permitirá a los discípulos hacer la obra que Jesús ha hecho. Los discípulos pueden participar y participarán en la obra del reino de los cielos. Sin embargo, cuando Pedro teme y duda de la persona de Jesús, vacila. El ejemplo de Pedro nos enseña que el verdadero ministerio cristiano surge de la fe de que Jesús es el Mesías.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

La fiesta de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María es el 15 de agosto, que celebra la Asunción de María al cielo. Es una de las tres fiestas de María que son Días Santos de Obligación para los católicos en los Estados Unidos. El 1 de enero es la fiesta de María, la Madre de Dios, y el 8 de diciembre es la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. La asunción de la Santísima Virgen María al cielo se ha mantenido durante mucho tiempo como una importante creencia católica. La creencia no fue definida como dogma, sin embargo, hasta 1950 por el Papa Pío XII. El dogma enseña que María, que estaba sin pecado, fue llevada, en cuerpo y alma, a la gloria del cielo. La misa se celebrará a las 5:30 pm el 15 de agosto.

Padres, inscriban a sus hijos en nuestro programa de formación en la fe hoy. Los formularios de inscripción están en el sitio web de St. Richard bajo "Formación Cristiana". Las clases comenzarán en octubre. El registro es necesario ahora para comprar materiales. Póngase en contacto con Timmy Gorman si tiene preguntas. Entregue sus formularios de inscripción al Padre Jong.

Necesitamos voluntarios para limpiar la iglesia. Cada grupo solo limpia una vez al mes. Póngase en contacto con Timmy Grace Gorman para inscribirse en este importante ministerio.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo	Jesus DeLuna-Ramirez
Tom Valencia	Peggy Jones	Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Montserrat Ramirez	