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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 22:19-23
 Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-3,6,8
 Reading II: Romans 11:33-36
 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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:

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

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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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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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 20, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

If we read Matthew's entire Gospel, we would read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean, referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean. Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. The story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the

Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, but Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At

only a very few points, like in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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 August 30th 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

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.

Veinteeth Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Mateo 15:21-28

Si leemos todo el Evangelio de Mateo, leeríamos sobre el debate de Jesús con los fariseos sobre las leyes de pureza judías. Jesús argumenta que no es lo que entra en nosotros lo que nos hace impuros, refiriéndose a las estrictas reglas dietéticas judías. En cambio, nuestras palabras y acciones, lo que sale de nosotros, nos hacen impuros porque emergen de un corazón que es impuro. Conocer el debate de Jesús con los fariseos nos ayuda a entender el Evangelio de hoy. La historia aumenta la sorpresa y la conmoción que sentimos al escuchar el intercambio de Jesús con la mujer cananea. La mujer, que no es judía, se acerca a Jesús, pidiéndole que

sane a su hija poseída por demonios. Al principio Jesús la ignora. Los discípulos le piden a Jesús que la despida, y Jesús está de acuerdo, señalando que fue enviado para ministrar solo a los judíos. La mujer persiste, rindiendo homenaje a Jesús, pero Jesús niega su petición de nuevo. Incluso la insulta, usando una palabra judía de burla para los gentiles, "perro". Pero la mujer hábilmente convierte el insulto de Jesús en una afirmación de fe. Sólo entonces Jesús concede su petición y sana a su hija. La falta de respuesta de Jesús a esta mujer puede parecer nos poco característica. Sin embargo, en el Evangelio de Mateo, el ministerio de Jesús está dirigido principalmente al pueblo de Israel. En muy pocos puntos, como en el Evangelio de hoy, encontramos a Jesús

anticipando el ministerio cristiano posterior al resto del mundo. Detrás del texto de Mateo podemos escuchar la lucha de esta comunidad cristiana primitiva para entender cómo la selección de Israel por parte de Dios es consistente con dos eventos: el rechazo de Jesús por parte de Israel y la aceptación de Jesús por parte de los gentiles. Así como Jesús fue sorprendido por la fe expresada por la mujer cananea, así también los primeros cristianos se sorprendieron de que los gentiles recibieran la salvación que Dios ofreció a través de Cristo. La fe que expresa la mujer cananea es una afirmación y confianza en la abundante misericordia de Dios. Sí, la salvación viene a través de Israel, pero se desborda para el beneficio de todos.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Nos esforzamos por apoyar a los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil en su viaje hacia la curación. Para aquellos que han sufrido abuso por parte del clero que reside en la Diócesis Católica de Richmond, los invitamos a unirse virtualmente el 30 de agosto a las 7:00 pm. Los cónyuges y miembros afectados también son bienvenidos. Estas reuniones ofrecerán un ambiente seguro para que los participantes se conecten, compartan experiencias, apoyen y sanen. Llame al Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas al (877) 887-9603 o envíe un correo electrónico dana@atreeplanted.org para obtener más detalles.

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.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$454.25 (\$459.79)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

August 13th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	David Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Montserrat Ramirez
Toni Ferris	Stevie Thomas	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

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