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Mass Intention



**Villarmino & Viper Palmerola and
Guillermo Carillo, Jr.**

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm: 63:2-6,8-9
Reading II: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

August Birthdays

- 3 **Brayn Gonzalez
Jos Eduardo 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

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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.

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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 27, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 16:13-20

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe

that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do. The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

PARISH NEWS

Parents, enroll your children into our faith formation program **today**. Enrollment forms are at the back of the church. Classes will begin in October. Registration is necessary now to purchase materials. Contact Timmy Gorman with questions. Leave your registration forms at the back of the church.



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

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$432.25 (\$481.79)
Assumption of Mary:	\$148.00	

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

August 15
32
August 20th
67

Vigésimo primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Mateo 16: 13-20

Es importante leer el Evangelio de hoy y el Evangelio de la próxima semana como dos partes de una sola historia. Estas lecturas son un punto de inflexión en el Evangelio de Mateo. Esta semana escuchamos a Jesús nombrar a Simón Pedro como la roca sobre la cual edificará su Iglesia. La próxima semana escucharemos a Jesús llamar a este mismo Simón Pedro "Satanás" cuando reaccione negativamente a la predicción de Jesús sobre su pasión y muerte. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús pregunta a sus discípulos qué dice la gente sobre su identidad. Los discípulos indican que la mayoría de la gente cree que Jesús es un profeta de

Israel. Entonces Jesús pregunta a sus discípulos quién creen que es. Simón Pedro responde, identificando a Jesús como el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios. Jesús elogia a Simón Pedro por esta profesión de fe, indicando que esta visión ha venido de Dios. Debido a la respuesta de Simón Pedro, Jesús lo llama la "roca" sobre la cual Jesús edificará la Iglesia. Este es un juego de palabras con el nombre Pedro, que es la palabra griega para "roca". Pedro recibe entonces una autoridad especial de Jesús, una llave simbólica para el Reino de los Cielos. Pedro jugará un papel importante en la comunidad cristiana primitiva como portavoz y líder.

En el Evangelio de hoy, el

reconocimiento de Pedro de la identidad de Jesús se acredita a una revelación de Dios. Esto contrastará fuertemente con la repreensión de Jesús a Pedro en el Evangelio de la próxima semana. Cuando Pedro rechaza la predicción de Jesús de su pasión y muerte, se dice que Pedro ya no está pensando como Dios, sino como lo hacen los humanos.

El uso del término iglesia en el Evangelio de hoy es uno de los tres únicos sucesos de este tipo en el Evangelio de Mateo. Pedro en este Evangelio está siendo acreditado como el fundamento de la Iglesia, un privilegio que se le concedió debido a su reconocimiento de la identidad de Jesús. La Iglesia continúa cimentada en la fe de que Jesucristo es el Señor.

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 la parte posterior de la iglesia. Las clases comenzarán en octubre. El registro es necesario ahora para comprar materiales. Póngase en contacto con Timmy Gorman si tiene preguntas. Deje sus formularios de inscripción en la parte posterior de la iglesia.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Elsie Moleno	John Jones	Elizer Carillo	Louise Nery
Monica Ramirez	Peggy Jones	Dave Thomas	Carlos Nery
			Jayden Nery

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Timmy Gorman Pee Jay Andres
Ramis Celedona Belinda Baron