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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: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,6-9
Reading II: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

September Birthdays

- 3 Allison Castro
- 5 Louise Conte
- Jose Plascencia
- 6 Christine Smith
- 12 Jacob Gonzalez
- 16 Margaret Jones
- Toni Ferris
- Fibbo Espinosa
- 17 Rahilly Abernathy
- 18 Honora Cook
- 21 Michael Gasalao
- 23 Jerome Moleno
- 24 Victor Conte
- 29 Sidney Marcelin

Happy Anniversary

Annabelle & Aaron Anderton
Sept. 29, 2011



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 23-Sept 20-NO MASS AT SVMC; NO SPANISH MASS

Sept. 24-Retired Religious Collection

Sept. 28-Knights Meeting

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

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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.

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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—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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 3, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 16:21-27

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that

he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is

perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

Vigésimo segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

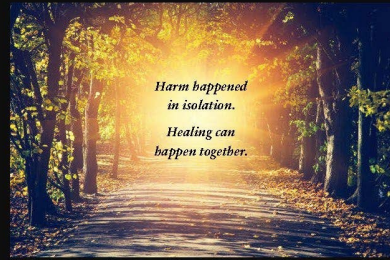
Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Mateo 16: 21-27

El Evangelio de hoy continúa la historia que comenzó en el Evangelio de la semana pasada. Pedro fue llamado la "roca" sobre la cual Jesús edificaría su Iglesia, y sin embargo, Pedro continúa mostrando las limitaciones de su comprensión de la identidad de Jesús. Ahora que los discípulos han reconocido que Jesús es el Mesías, Jesús les confía el resultado de su ministerio: debe sufrir y morir en Jerusalén para resucitar al tercer día. Pedro rechaza esta predicción, y Jesús lo reprende severamente, llamándolo "Satanás". Al oponerse a este aspecto de la misión de Jesús, Pedro muestra que ya no está hablando basado en la

revelación de Dios, sino como un ser humano. Jesús entonces enseña a todos los discípulos sobre el difícil camino del discipulado: ser discípulo de Cristo es seguir su camino de la cruz. Pedro aún no podía entender lo que significaba llamar a Jesús el Mesías. Es poco probable que los otros discípulos entendieran mejor. Las expectativas mesiánicas eran un aspecto común del judaísmo del primer siglo. Bajo la ocupación romana, muchos en Israel esperaban y oraban para que Dios enviara un Mesías para liberar a los judíos de la opresión romana. La opinión común era que el Mesías sería una figura política, un rey que liberaría a Israel del dominio romano. Esto es quizás lo que Pedro

imaginó cuando fue llevado a reconocer a Jesús como el Mesías. En este pasaje, sin embargo, Jesús está comenzando a enseñar a sus discípulos que él sería el Mesías de una manera diferente. Jesús sería más como el siervo sufriente descrito por el profeta Isaías que el libertador político. Aquellos que serían discípulos de Jesús serían llamados a una vida similar de servicio. Tal vez esto es lo que Pedro más temía en la predicción de Jesús de su Pasión. Aquel a quien Jesús había llamado "roca" también sería llamado a ofrecerse a sí mismo en sacrificio y servicio a los demás. Los líderes cristianos de hoy están llamados a sacrificarse y servir a los demás como lo hizo Jesús.

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 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 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.

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.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$662.50 (\$251.54)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

August 27th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Jesus DeLuna-Ramirez
Tom Valencia	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith
Stevie Thomas
Lois Gownley
Vanessa Carillo
Mary Ann Newsome