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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: Sirach 27:30—28:9

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-4,
9-12

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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. 26-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

Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*

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Advocate: Bob Oravits

Warden: Paul Kurilla

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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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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 10, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 18:15-20

Today's Gospel is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church". Here, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community. In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about

rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. In today's Gospel reading Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender

again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church. Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide them in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Vigésimo tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

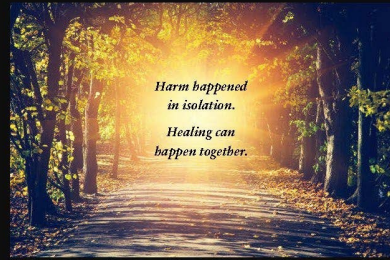
Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Mateo 18: 15-20

El Evangelio de hoy está tomado de un capítulo del Evangelio de Mateo, que a veces se llama el "discurso sobre la Iglesia". Aquí, Jesús habla más directamente sobre asuntos de disciplina y orden de la Iglesia. En la lectura de hoy encontramos uno de los tres únicos casos en los que Jesús usa la palabra iglesia en el Evangelio de Mateo. En el registro de Mateo de la enseñanza de Jesús, podemos escuchar ecos de los tipos de problemas que enfrentó la comunidad cristiana primitiva. En la primera parte del "discurso sobre la Iglesia" Mateo aborda las preocupaciones de la comunidad cristiana sobre el rango.

Jesús responde a la pregunta de los discípulos acerca de quién es el más grande en el reino de los cielos. Jesús indica que aquellos que desean entrar en el reino de los cielos deben ser como niños, y advierte a aquellos líderes que podrían desviar a estos "pequeños". La lectura del Evangelio de hoy Jesús aborda un hecho común en la comunidad cristiana: una disputa entre dos miembros de la Iglesia. Jesús describe un procedimiento para resolver tales asuntos de manera justa. La víctima debe dirigirse en privado al delincuente e intentar resolver la disputa sin participación externa. Si eso falla, la víctima debe traer dos o tres testigos y confrontar al delincuente nuevamente. Si la disputa aún no se ha

resuelto, el asunto debe ser llevado a la atención de toda la comunidad. Si el ofensor se niega a adherirse a las reparaciones prescritas por la comunidad, Jesús sugiere que el ofensor puede ser expulsado de la Iglesia. Jesús no desalienta el desacuerdo dentro de la comunidad de la Iglesia; Él reconoce la realidad del conflicto y ofrece a sus discípulos un medio para abordar tales asuntos. Es en la conclusión de esta enseñanza donde se encuentra el mensaje de esperanza: Jesús está presente con la comunidad y la guiará en sus relaciones. Si las decisiones se toman en oración, entonces la comunidad puede estar segura de la ayuda de Dios.

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. Classes begin October 1st.

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. Las clases comienzan el 1 de octubre.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$536.25 (\$377.79)
Building Fund:		\$343.50

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

September 3rd
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Janet McKenzie	Elizer Carillo	Montserrat Ramirez
Toni Ferris	George Seif	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez Manuel Vazquez
Montserrat Ramirez