



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND
 31 EBONY RD
 EBONY, VA 23846
 PHONE: (434) 636-6277
 CELL: (434) 774-9376
 E-mail: ladamos@richmonddiocese.org

Linda Adamos
 FSA, St. Peter the Apostle Cemetery, OCFS

Place Your Ad Here!

Commercial Ad-\$60

(color \$100/year)

Memorial Ad-\$30/year

Call 434-636-6277

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 55:6-9
 Responsorial Psalm: 145:2-3,

8-9,17-18

Reading II:

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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*

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

office@strichardscatholicchurch.org

www.strichardscatholicchurch.org

117 Laurel Street, Emporia, VA 23847



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
jbayta@richmonddiocese.org

Rectory: 434-636-7782

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 17, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 18:21-35

Today's Gospel follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps 7. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just 7 times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter, where we come to understand the depths of God's

mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. The king decides to settle accounts with his servants. One servant owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison. A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving

servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Vigésimo cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Mateo 18: 21-35

El Evangelio de hoy sigue al Evangelio de la semana pasada en el que Jesús enseñó a los discípulos cómo manejar las disputas dentro de la comunidad cristiana. En la lectura de hoy, Pedro le pregunta a Jesús cuántas veces uno debe extender el perdón a otro. Pedro propone un número razonable de veces, tal vez 7. Jesús responde extendiendo la propuesta de Pedro por una cantidad enorme; No solo 7 veces se debe perdonar, sino 77 veces. La parábola del siervo implacable es la elaboración de Jesús de su respuesta inicial a Pedro, donde llegamos a comprender las profundidades de la misericordia de Dios hacia nosotros y

los resultados de nuestra aceptación del perdón de Dios. El rey decide ajustar cuentas con sus sirvientes. Un siervo le debe al rey una enorme suma de dinero. A pesar de la promesa del sirviente, es poco probable que alguna vez pueda pagar la deuda que debe. El rey se conmueve por la humildad del siervo suplicante y misericordiosamente perdona la deuda. En lugar de mostrar gratitud por este perdón, el siervo se enfrenta a un compañero siervo que le debe una pequeña deuda. El siervo despiadado rechaza las súplicas de su compañero de servicio y envía al siervo a prisión. Algunos otros siervos le cuentan al rey misericordioso acerca de las acciones del siervo implacable. El rey castiga al

siervo porque se negó a mostrar el tipo de misericordia que él mismo había recibido del rey. Jesús concluye indicando que así será con Dios y aquellos que se niegan a perdonarse unos a otros. Existe la tentación de cuantificar el perdón como Pedro trató de hacer, pero el punto de Jesús es que el perdón no se trata de cantidad, el número de veces que extendemos el perdón a otro. En la parábola, el perdón del rey es como el perdón de Dios, y nos transforma, ayudándonos a ser tan indulgentes como Dios. La lección es clara: si acumulamos la misericordia de Dios sin mostrar misericordia a los demás, corremos el riesgo de perder los efectos de la misericordia de Dios en nuestras vidas.

PARISH NEWS

We strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually on September 21 at 7:00pm. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, and heal. For more information, or the virtual meeting link, call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603.



Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the Learn to Lead Capital Campaign that will strengthen the extraordinary ministry of our Catholic schools. Our Catholic Schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people – helping them realize their greater purpose – succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. If you have been blessed by a Catholic education or believe in the importance of its mission, please make a generous gift. To learn more about this campaign or to make a secure online gift now, please visit learntoleadcampaign.org. Thank you!

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 de Richmond, los invitamos a unirse virtualmente el 21 de septiembre a las 7:00 pm. Los cónyuges y los miembros afectados de la comunidad también son bienvenidos. Estas reuniones ofrecerán un ambiente seguro para que los participantes se conecten, compartan experiencias y sanen. Para obtener más información, o el enlace de la reunión virtual, llame al Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas al (877) 887-9603.

El Obispo Knestout invita a su participación en la Campaña Aprender a Liderar Capital que fortalecerá el ministerio extraordinario de nuestras escuelas católicas. Nuestras escuelas católicas dan forma a las vidas de más de 7,000 jóvenes, ayudándoles a realizar su mayor propósito: tener éxito y servir a Dios, a sus familias, iglesias y comunidades. Si usted ha sido bendecido por una educación católica o cree en la importancia de su misión, por favor haga una donación generosa. Para obtener más información sobre esta campaña o para hacer un regalo seguro en línea ahora, visite learntoleadcampaign.org. ¡Gracias!

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$1,244.25 \$330.21

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

September 10th
98

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

Next Week's Cleaning Group

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