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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:

- Sept. 26-Knights Meeting
- Oct. 1-Faith Formation Begins

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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Tom O'Neill, PGK*

Advocate:

Bob Oravits

Warden:

Paul Kurilla

Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Chuck Youse

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George McCall

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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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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

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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

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Mass Intention



Susana Celedona
Maria Celedona

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 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-9

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 24, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading *Matthew 20:1-16*

The conclusion we find in today's Gospel is that the first will be last and the last will be first. On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified. A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated.

The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that the landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else? The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Vigésimo quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Mateo 20:1-16

La conclusión que encontramos en el Evangelio de hoy es que el primero será el último y el último será el primero. La parábola de los trabajadores en la viña parece ser una ofensa al sentido común. Aquellos que trabajan un día más largo deben recibir un salario más alto que aquellos que trabajan solo una o dos horas. Cuando se ve de esta manera, el terrateniente parece injusto. Esto se debe a que estamos leyendo en la parábola nuestras propias nociones preconcebidas de cómo se debe cuantificar la justicia y la igualdad. Una lectura atenta nos muestra que el terrateniente pagó en los términos que se negociaron. El terrateniente, al parecer, ha actuado con total justicia. La

parábola va más allá de eso, sin embargo, y llegamos a ver que el terrateniente no es simplemente justo, es excepcionalmente justo. Él es radicalmente justo. Él ha dado a aquellos que trabajaron en el campo durante un día completo su debido salario. Pero también ha dado un salario de un día completo a aquellos que trabajaron solo una hora. Nadie es engañado, pero unos pocos reciben abundantemente del terrateniente así como nosotros recibimos de Dios más de lo que es meramente justificable o debido. Dios, como el terrateniente, es radicalmente justo y abundantemente generoso. A los trabajadores que se quejan se les hace parecer tontos mientras lamentan el hecho de que el terrateniente haya hecho que todos los trabajadores sean iguales. De hecho, ¿qué más se puede pedir que ser tratado como un igual en el trabajo o en cualquier otro lugar? La parábola nos recuerda que aunque Dios no nos debe nada, nos ofrece abundante e igualitariamente. Ocasionalmente nos sentimos tentados a pensar que nuestras propias acciones merecen más recompensa, más de la abundante misericordia de Dios, que las acciones de otros. Pero la generosidad de Dios no puede ser cuantificada o dividida en diferentes cantidades para diferentes personas. Cuando pensamos de esa manera, estamos tratando de relacionarnos con Dios en nuestros términos en lugar de aceptar los caminos radicalmente diferentes de Dios.

PARISH NEWS



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!

Faith Formation Classes begin next Sunday at 9:00 am.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

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!

Las clases de formación en la fe comienzan el próximo domingo a las 9:00 am.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$433.25 (\$480.79)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**September 17th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Timmy Gorman Belinda Baron
Ramis Celedona Mary Joy Lerdon
Pee Jay Andres