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Mass Intention



Franklin E. Epps

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 5:1-7
Responsorial Psalm: 80:9, 1-16,
19-20
Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

October Birthdays

- 1 **Father Jong**
- 3 **Elizer Carillo**
- 7 **Stevie Thomas**
Jeromil Enoc
- 14 **Jesus Ramirez**
Annabelle Anderton
- 19 **Alexis Amarillo**
- 25 **Dave Thomas**
- 27 **Aaron Anderton**
- 29 **John Jones**
Aaron Santes
Lucas Segundo

Happy Anniversary

Stevie & Dave Thomas
October 15, 1967



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:

- Oct. 11-NO MASS AT SVMC**
- Oct. 25-NO MASS AT SVMC**

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa
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*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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 1, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 21:28-32

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their

inability to recognize the Kingdom of God. The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will. Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions and our words will give evidence of our love for God.

Vigésimo sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Mateo 21:28-32

El contexto del Evangelio de hoy es la creciente tensión entre Jesús y los líderes religiosos judíos. Jesús ha llamado la atención de las autoridades religiosas; los principales sacerdotes y ancianos cuestionan a Jesús acerca de la fuente de su autoridad. Jesús se niega a nombrar para estos líderes religiosos la fuente de su autoridad. En cambio, interroga a los sacerdotes y ancianos a través de la parábola en el Evangelio de hoy. La respuesta dada por los líderes religiosos es correcta, pero los condena por no haber escuchado el llamado de Juan el Bautista y por su incapacidad para reconocer el Reino de Dios. La

situación que Jesús plantea es bastante sencilla. Dado la misma tarea por su padre, un hijo afirma su desobediencia en palabras, pero luego obedece en sus acciones; El segundo hijo obedece con sus palabras, pero desobedece en sus acciones. La pregunta que Jesús plantea es directa y directa: ¿Qué hijo hizo lo que el padre quería? Todos estarían de acuerdo en que "las acciones hablan más que las palabras" y que incluso si sus palabras eran desobedientes, el hijo que hizo el trabajo según lo ordenado hizo la voluntad del padre. La conclusión de Jesús también es directa. Los principales sacerdotes y ancianos, los que hablan más a menudo acerca de Dios, no actuaron en consecuencia. No respondieron al mensaje de arrepentimiento anunciado por Juan el Bautista con un cambio de corazón. En cambio, el mensaje de Juan fue escuchado por aquellos que uno no esperaría arrepentirse: recaudadores de impuestos, prostitutas y otros pecadores. Debido a sus acciones, estos pecadores entrarán en el Reino de Dios antes que los líderes religiosos. Jesús podría hacernos la misma pregunta. ¿Nuestras palabras indican nuestra obediencia a Dios? Si no son nuestras palabras, ¿nuestras acciones? Dios desea una conversión plena del corazón, que nuestras acciones y nuestras palabras den evidencia de nuestro amor por Dios.

PARISH NEWS



Welcome to our returning and new students for our Faith Formation Program!

Welcome and thank you to our volunteer teachers!

We need volunteers as readers and Eucharistic ministers. Contact Stevie Thomas to participate in these important ministries once a month.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



¡Bienvenido a nuestros estudiantes que regresan y son nuevos para nuestro Programa de Formación en la Fe!
¡Bienvenidos y gracias a nuestros profesores voluntarios!

Necesitamos voluntarios como lectores y ministros de la Eucaristía. Póngase en contacto con Stevie Thomas para participar en estos importantes ministerios una vez al mes.

Belinda Baron
Santiago Epps
Brenton Gorman
Timmy Grace Gorman

Anayeli Verduzco
Marielle Adajar
Raymart Castro
Christina Cruz

Jeromil Enoc
Mary Joy Lerdon
Carmena Rubin
Frances Tulang

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$764.50 (\$149.54)
Retired Religious:		\$226.00

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

September 24th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith
Stevie Thomas
Lois Gownley

Vanessa Carillo
Mary Ann Newsome