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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: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: 63:2-8

Reading II:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

November Birthdays

- 4 **Armando Felipe-Flores**
- 11 **Liam Torres**
- 14 **Teresa Verduzco**
- 18 **Misael Vallejo**
- 20 **Rosemary Seif**
- 21 **Yamila Amarillo**
- 25 **Ruth Santes**
- 27 **Lois Gownley**
- 28 **Dunn Nery**

Happy Anniversary

Sonia & Fitzgerald Marcelin
Nov. 21, 1998



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:

- Nov. 11**-Hispanic/Latino Mtg.
- Nov. 19**-Finance Council
- Nov. 19**-Thanksgiving Dinner

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*

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Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
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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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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
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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 5, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees, who were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings,

therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew. This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church. Jesus references two aspects of Jewish

spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments. The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

Trigésimo primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Mateo 23:1-12

Jesús dirige sus palabras a las multitudes, advirtiéndoles que no sigan el ejemplo de los escribas y fariseos, que eran maestros de la ley mosaica. Se les confió su interpretación y, por lo tanto, influyeron en la determinación de la práctica judía. Para apreciar el conflicto que es evidente en este pasaje, debemos entender que Jesús estaba basando sus enseñanzas en las mismas leyes y tradiciones disponibles para los fariseos. Ambos interpretaban la Ley de Moisés para adaptarla mejor a la vida judía contemporánea. Las diferencias entre sus enseñanzas, por lo tanto, a menudo son resaltadas y amplificadas por Mateo. Esta parte del

Evangelio de Mateo refleja aspectos del conflicto entre su comunidad cristiana y el judaísmo farisaico. Se cree que la Iglesia de Mateo incluía a muchos cristianos judíos que pueden no haber creído que era necesaria una ruptura con la sinagoga para ser seguidores de Jesús. Jesús le dice a la multitud que es correcto hacer y observar lo que enseñan los escribas y fariseos; Es su ejemplo lo que debe evitarse, es decir, su amor por ser honrados y exaltados. Por lo tanto, el Evangelio refleja la tensión de un debate interno activo dentro de la Iglesia primitiva. Jesús hace referencia a dos aspectos de la vida espiritual judía prescritos por la Ley de Moisés. Las filacterias son pequeñas

cajas que contienen versículos de las Escrituras que se colocan en el antebrazo izquierdo y en la frente. Las borlas se refieren a los flecos que se usan en las esquinas de las prendas de vestir de una persona; Las borlas ayudan a recordar a quienes las usan que deben guardar los mandamientos. La advertencia que Jesús da en contra de buscar lugares de honor en la comunidad estaba dirigida tanto a la comunidad cristiana como a los líderes judíos nombrados. De hecho, es una advertencia que resuena con nosotros hoy. El liderazgo cristiano es un llamado al servicio para la gloria de Dios; los que quieren ser líderes entre nosotros deben, como Jesús, ser siervos de todos.

PARISH NEWS

#GIVINGTUESDAY

November 28

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ADVANCED GIVING DATES:
NOVEMBER 13-27

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The Hispanic/Latino Community will have a meeting November 11, 2023 after Spanish Mass in the social hall. This is an open invitation. All parishioners are also welcome to attend.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

#GIVINGTUESDAY

28 de noviembre

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La comunidad hispana/latina tendrá una reunión el 11 de noviembre de 2023 después de la misa en español en el salón social. Esta es una invitación abierta. Todos los feligreses también son bienvenidos a asistir.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$360.25 (\$553.79)
Votive Stand:	\$320.00	

Online Giving

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Strichardemporiaiva OR Text
GIVE to 434-603-6341

MASS ATTENDANCE:

October 29th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria LeVazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	