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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: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
 Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-5  
 Reading II:  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

## 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. 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\*

**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

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[www.strichardscatholicchurch.org](http://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.

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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

# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 12, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Matthew 25:1-13

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young

maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel. In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of

Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

# Trigésimo segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Mateo 25:1-13

En el Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús habla de lo que significa estar preparado para recibir el Reino de los Cielos. La lectura de esta semana sigue una serie de advertencias y predicciones de Jesús sobre la venida del Hijo del Hombre. Jesús quiere que sus discípulos entiendan que el día y la hora exactos no se pueden predecir. Enseña a los discípulos que deben permanecer vigilantes para que no los pillen desprevenidos. Al pensar en la parábola de las vírgenes prudentes y las insensatas, es importante considerar las tradiciones nupciales de Palestina del siglo I. Los eruditos nos dicen que era costumbre de la época

que las doncellas jóvenes, amigas y familiares de la novia, se encontrarán con el novio cuando venía a llevar a su novia a su nuevo hogar. Al igual que con muchas de las parábolas de Jesús, son posibles varios niveles de interpretación. En el Evangelio de la semana pasada, escuchamos a Jesús advertir que no se siguiera el ejemplo de los fariseos y los escribas. Si se lee en el contexto de la lucha del cristianismo primitivo por definirse a sí mismo contra el judaísmo farisaico, esta parábola es una crítica continua del judaísmo. Sugiere que los líderes judíos eran como las vírgenes insensatas, no estaban preparados para encontrarse con Jesús, el novio de Israel. Sin embargo, en el capítulo

que precede a esta parábola, Jesús advierte sobre la destrucción de Jerusalén, la tribulación del fin de los tiempos y la venida del Hijo del Hombre. Leída en este contexto, la parábola de hoy es una advertencia a la comunidad cristiana para que permanezca vigilante y preparada para recibir a Jesús, el Hijo del hombre que volverá al final de los tiempos. Esta interpretación se apoya en la referencia a la demora del novio. La comunidad cristiana para la que Mateo escribió este Evangelio estaba aceptando que la promesa del regreso de Jesús no se cumpliría en el transcurso de sus vidas. La pregunta que debemos hacernos, ¿estamos listos para recibir a Jesús? ¿Estaremos preparados para recibirlo?

## PARISH NEWS

#GIVINGTUESDAY  
November 28

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iGiveCatholic.org

**2 SEARCH** Saint Richard (Emporia)  
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**3 DONATE**  
\$10 or more

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**NOVEMBER 13-27**

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#GIVINGTUESDAY  
28 de noviembre

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**1 VISITE**  
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nuestra parroquia, escuela, o ministerio Saint Richard (Emporia)

**3 DONÉ**  
\$10 o mas

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## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$1,230.25 <b>\$316.21</b>
Building Fund:		\$303.00

	Actual
All Saints:	\$88.00
All Souls:	\$10.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**November 1st**  
**18**  
**November 5th**  
**75**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Jero Enoc	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
George Seif	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Julio Gonzalez
			Fibo Espinosa

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

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