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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: Ezekiel 34:11-12,  
15-17

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-6

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

## 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:

**Dec. 3-**Second Collection

**Dec. 8-**Holy Day of Obligation

**Dec. 10-**Pastoral Council Meeting

**Dec. 12-**Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Dec. 15-**Simbang Gabi

## 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:**

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Outside: Richard Rumprik

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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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.

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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

# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 19, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Matthew 25:14-30

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time. Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of

great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God

has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

# Trigésimo tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del

#### Evangelio Mateo 25:14-30

El Evangelio de esta semana habla de cómo deben comportarse los discípulos de Jesús mientras esperan el Reino de los Cielos. En los pasajes anteriores y en el Evangelio de la semana pasada, Jesús enseñó que no hay manera de predecir la venida del Reino de los Cielos. Sus discípulos deben, por lo tanto, permanecer vigilantes y listos para recibir al Hijo del Hombre en cualquier momento. La parábola de Jesús habla sobre el discipulado cristiano usando metáforas económicas. Antes de partir de viaje, el amo confía a sus sirvientes un número diferente de talentos, dándoles a cada uno según sus habilidades. Un

talento es una moneda de gran valor. Al regreso del amo, se encuentra con que el primer y segundo sirviente han duplicado su dinero, y ambos son recompensados. El tercer sirviente, sin embargo, solo ha conservado lo que se le dio porque tenía miedo de perder el dinero. No ha arriesgado nada; Ni siquiera depositó el dinero en un banco para ganar intereses. Este siervo es castigado por el amo, y su talento se le da a aquel que trajo el mayor retorno. Leída a la luz de la parábola de la semana pasada de las damas de honor prudentes e insensatas, esta parábola enseña que el juicio de Dios se basará en el servicio que prestamos a Dios y a los demás de acuerdo con los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Nuestros

dones, o talentos, nos son dados para el servicio de los demás. Si no usamos estos dones, el juicio de Dios sobre nosotros será severo. Por otro lado, si hacemos uso de estos dones al servicio del Reino de los Cielos, seremos recompensados y se nos confiarán aún más responsabilidades. Este Evangelio nos recuerda que la espiritualidad cristiana no es pasiva ni inactiva. Nuestra vida de oración nos ayuda a discernir los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Esta oración y discernimiento debe llevarnos a usar nuestros dones al servicio de Dios y de nuestro prójimo. La gracia de Dios nos permite participar en la obra de servir al Reino de los Cielos.

## PARISH NEWS



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NOVEMBER 28, 2023



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Give early! Advanced giving runs Nov. 13-27

There will be a Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe in the church December 3-11 from 7-8 pm. For each day of the Novena, the rosary will be offered for a family. If you would like to have a rosary intention for your family during the Novena, please sign up for your desired date on the Sign-Up Sheet located at the back of the church. November 26th is the last day to sign up. The Novena itself is an open invitation; all parishioners are welcomed to join.

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**November 12th**  
**75**

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$471.25 <b>(\$442.79)</b>

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

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28 de noviembre de 2023

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nuestra parroquia
- 3 DONE**  
\$10 o mas

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Se aceptan donaciones avanzadas desde el 13 de noviembre al 27 de noviembre.

Habrará una Novena para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la iglesia del 3 al 11 de diciembre de 7 a 8 pm. Por cada día de la Novena, se ofrecerá el rosario por una familia. Si desea tener una intención de rosario para su familia durante la Novena, por favor regístrese para la fecha deseada en la Hoja de Inscripción ubicada en la parte trasera de la iglesia. El 26 de noviembre es el último día para inscribirse. La Novena en sí misma es una invitación abierta; Todos los feligreses son bienvenidos a unirse.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Fred Maldonado	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Monserrat Ramirez
Elsie Moleno	David Thomas	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez
			Vanessa Ramirez

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

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