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## February Birthdays

- 1 **Andres Zepeta Gonzalez**
- 2 **Jayden Nery**
- 14 **Manuel Vazquez**
- 15 **Agatha Pascal**
- 16 **Julio Gonzalez-Zepeta**
- 22 **Stephen Abernathy**



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal



Please use this list to pray for those who are in need. May we all lift one another up in prayer.

Steven Goellner; Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

### Upcoming Events:

- Feb 11**-Pastoral Council
- Feb 11**-Catholic Virginian Collect
- Feb 14**-Ash Wednesday
- Feb 16**-Stations of the Cross

## 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)519-3050.



# 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  
[jbayta@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jbayta@richmonddiocese.org)

**Rectory:** 434-636-7782

**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

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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:

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Responsorial Psalm: 32:1-2,5,11

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 4, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Mark 1:29-39

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who

brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee. Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in

its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

# Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del

#### Evangelio Marcos 1:29-39

Hoy continuamos leyendo del Evangelio de Marcos, aprendiendo más sobre el ministerio de Jesús. Jesús curó a la suegra de Simón, e inmediatamente comenzó a servir a Jesús y a sus discípulos. Jesús también curó a muchos otros que fueron traídos a él, sanando sus enfermedades y expulsando demonios. Como veremos a lo largo del Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús no permitió que los demonios hablaran porque conocían su identidad y la habrían revelado a los que estaban presentes.

A la mañana siguiente de este ajetreado día, Jesús se retiró en oración, pero fue perseguido por Simón y otros que trajeron noticias de que muchas

personas lo estaban buscando. En este punto del Evangelio de Marcos, comenzamos a ver un papel distinto para el círculo íntimo de los discípulos de Jesús: actúan como intermediarios entre Jesús y la gente. Jesús informa a sus discípulos que tienen que salir de Cafarnaúm para predicar en otros lugares.

El Evangelio de hoy completa una imagen del ministerio de Jesús: predicando, curando a los enfermos, expulsando demonios, y luego pasando a continuar esta obra en otro lugar. El Evangelio de Marcos nos dice que Jesús hizo esto en toda Galilea.

La compasión y sanación de Jesús por los enfermos es un signo del Reino de Dios. La Iglesia continúa extendiendo la presencia sanadora de Cristo a otros en

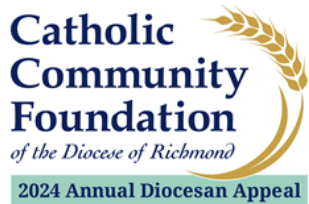
su ministerio a los enfermos. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

En el Evangelio de hoy también notamos la importancia de la oración en la vida diaria de Jesús. Jesús se levantó temprano en la mañana, se apartó de la multitud y fue a un lugar desierto para orar. Cuando los discípulos lo encontraron, les dijo que era hora de seguir adelante. Creemos que en sus oraciones Jesús encontró guía y dirección de Dios. También llevamos nuestra toma de decisiones a Dios en oración, pidiéndole su guía y dirección en nuestras vidas.

## PARISH NEWS

### A Message from Our Bishop

By God's grace, in our prayer, worship, reception of the sacraments, we receive all that we need to share his love and hand on our faith to a new generation. Gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help to build up the Church and answer the call to *Share His Love with Others*. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help transform the lives of people who, like you, seek to be united in God's love and mercy. I hope you will consider a generous gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you again for sharing what you have received, and may God grant you every grace and blessing.



**2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal:**  
*Sharing His Love with Others*

*This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.*

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### Un Mensaje de Nuestro Obispo

*Por la gracia de Dios, en nuestra oración, adoración y recepción de los sacramentos, recibimos todo lo que necesitamos para compartir Su amor y transmitir nuestra fe a una nueva generación. Las donaciones a la Campaña Diocesana Anual ayudan a edificar la Iglesia y responden al llamado de compartir Su amor con los demás. Cuando usted apoya la Campaña Diocesana Anual, ayuda a transformar la vida de personas que, como usted, buscan estar unidas en el amor y la misericordia de Dios. Espero que consideren el hacer una donación generosa para la Campaña Diocesana Anual. Gracias nuevamente por compartir lo que han recibido y que Dios les conceda todas las gracias y bendiciones.*



*Esta semana y la próxima, muchos de ustedes recibirán una carta del obispo Knestout pidiendo su apoyo a la Campaña Diocesana Anual del 2024. Sinceramente esperamos que respondan a la solicitud de nuestro Obispo y se comprometan generosamente con este esfuerzo.*

## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$385.25 <b>(\$528.79)</b>

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**January 28th**  
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## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Janet McKenzie	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Jeromil Enoc	George Seif	Dave Thomas	Fibo Espinosa
			Jesus Ramirez

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

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