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# May Birthdays

*Our Lady of the Lake*



**Council 9309**

- 9 **Rocky Rodriguez**
- 12 **Jose Verduzco**
- Alison Vallejo**
- 24 **Kirk Cook**
- 28 **Juan Gonzales**

## 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.*



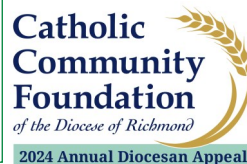
*Please use this list to pray for those who are in need. May we all lift one another up in prayer.*

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

*Please contact the office with updates.*

## Upcoming Events:

**May 11/12-Diocesan Home Missions Collection**



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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: Acts 1:1-11  
 Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-3,  
 6-7, 8-9  
 Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23  
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



# 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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 Rectory: 434-636-7782

**Business Manager:**  
 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—**  
**Finance Council—**Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185  
**Religious Formation—**  
**Music Coordinator—** Rocky Rodriguez; **Assistants—**Ramis Celedonia; Jeromil Enoc  
**Altar Ministry—**Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713  
**Family Service Advisor—**Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

# Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 5, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel Reading *John 15:9-17*

Today's Gospel follows immediately after last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. We learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. We hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which

leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love. In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used, agape and philia. Agape is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. Philia is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here

Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

# Sexto Domingo de Pascua

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio *Juan 15:9-17*

El Evangelio de hoy sigue inmediatamente después del Evangelio de la semana pasada en el que Jesús enseñó que él era la vid y que sus discípulos eran los sarmientos. Aprendimos que nuestra unión con Jesús conducirá a un servicio fructífero. La lectura de hoy amplía esta enseñanza para describir el tipo de servicio que los cristianos están llamados a ofrecer a los demás. Escuchamos a Jesús afirmar que es conocido por el Padre y que sus discípulos conocerán al Padre conociendo a Jesús. Jesús recuerda a sus discípulos que este conocimiento debe expresarse en amor. Aquellos que conocen bien a Jesús, y Jesús dice que sus discípulos lo conocen, se amarán unos a otros. El conocimiento conduce al amor, que conduce a la acción. Juan recuerda a

su comunidad que Jesús enseñó que el amor es el signo de un verdadero discípulo y, por lo tanto, de un verdadero cristiano. Más aún, un verdadero discípulo muestra un tipo particular de amor, el amor sacrificial. En el griego, hay dos palabras para amor que se usan, ágape y philia. Ágape se usa con mayor frecuencia para describir el amor por otras personas y por Dios. Se entiende como el tipo de amor más elevado y perfecto. Philia se usa para describir el afecto de la amistad. En este contexto, Juan parece usar estas palabras como sinónimos. La raíz de la palabra griega para amigo proviene de este segundo término para amor, philia. Al usar esta palabra, Jesús transforma los términos de su relación con sus discípulos y redefine para ellos su relación con Dios. En las Escrituras Hebreas, la fe en Dios nos convertía en siervos de Dios. Aquí

Jesús enseña que su relación con sus discípulos se basa en la amistad, no en la servidumbre. Juan recuerda a su comunidad que Jesús también enseñó que un discípulo es alguien que ha sido elegido por Jesús. Ser elegido por Jesús, sin embargo, no es ser apartado del mundo. En cambio, ser elegido por Jesús es ser enviado a servir al mundo como él lo hizo. Los discípulos de Jesús fueron elegidos y enviados al mundo para dar fruto sirviendo a los demás, sacrificándose por los demás, en amor. Sabemos que Jesús mismo nos da el mayor ejemplo de la clase de amor y servicio que enseña a sus discípulos. Ha dado su vida por sus amigos, por sus discípulos y por nosotros. A través de su muerte y resurrección, hemos recibido la gracia de amar a los demás como Jesús lo ha mandado.

## PARISH NEWS



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Masses next weekend and invite all mothers to attend and be recognized for the very special people they are. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Knights of Columbus will once again participate in the Walk for Life sponsored by the Pregnancy Support Center of Roanoke Rapids at 1021 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids, NC on May 18th at 9am. The Knights would like to invite everyone to join us to show our support of Pro-Life. This is one of the most important charities the Knights support. If you are interested in walking with us and/or making a donation to this great cause, contact John Husson at 919-740-8405 or hussbucksfan@gmail.com.

### GUIDANCE ON THE DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS (continued)

4) The ashes must be kept separate and cannot be comingled. However, two bags of different cremated remains are permitted to be placed within a companion urn designed for such purpose.

More information will follow in subsequent bulletins.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



Los Caballeros de Colón patrocinarán sus Misas anuales del Día de las Madres el próximo fin de semana e invitarán a todas las madres a asistir y ser reconocidas por las personas tan especiales que son. Todos los feligreses son bienvenidos a asistir.

Los Caballeros de Colón participarán una vez más en la Caminata por la Vida patrocinada por el Centro de Apoyo al Embarazo de Roanoke Rapids en 1021 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids, NC el 18 de mayo a las 9 am. Los Caballeros desean invitar a todos a unirse a nosotros para mostrar nuestro apoyo a Pro-Vida. Esta es una de las organizaciones benéficas más importantes que apoyan los Caballeros. Si está interesado en caminar con nosotros y / o hacer una donación a esta gran causa, comuníquese con John Husson al 919-740-8405 o hussbucksfan@gmail.com.

### ORIENTACIÓN SOBRE LA DISPOSICIÓN DE LOS RESTOS CREMADOS

4) Las cenizas deben mantenerse separadas y no se pueden mezclar. Sin embargo, se permite colocar dos bolsas de diferentes restos cremados dentro de una urna complementaria diseñada para tal fin.

Más información se publicará en boletines posteriores.

## Last Week's Offertory

| Needed              | Actual   |            |
|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Offertory: \$914.04 | \$456.25 | (\$457.79) |
| Spanish Mass 4/27:  | \$97.00  |            |

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

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

| READERS      | E. MINISTER   | USHERS         | SERVERS        |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tom Valencia | Stevie Thomas | Elizer Carillo | Julio Gonzalez |
| Toni Ferris  | Dave Thomas   | Dave Thomas    | Fibo Espinosa  |
|              |               |                | Jesus Ramirez  |

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Timmy Gorman    | Belinda Baron   |
| Ramis Celedonia | Mary Joy Lerdon |
| Pee Jay Andres  |                 |