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June Birthdays

- 2 Inez Edita Smith
- Antonio Deluna-Santes
- 7 Monserrat Deluna-Ramirez
- 10 George Seif
- 14 Nelida Rosales
- 22 Brett Abernathy
- 30 Monica Ramirez Perez

Happy Anniversary

**Augustus Williams
&
Agatha Pascal
June 12th**



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:

June 25-Knights Meeting

July 4/5-Office Closed

**Catholic
Community
Foundation**
of the Diocese of Richmond

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal



Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa

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Husson

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Chuck Youse

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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)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

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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—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

Finance Council—Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185

Religious Formation—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

Music Coordinator— Rocky Rodriguez; **Assistants**—Ramis Celedonia; Jeromil Enoc

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: Job 38:1, 8-11

Responsorial Psalm: 107:23-24,

25-26, 28-29, 30-31

Reading II:

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—June 16, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 4:26-34

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although

already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to

many. These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

PARISH NEWS

If you are seeking validation from Father for any specific documents, you must be a registered parishioner of the church before receiving such validation. If you are requesting services from the parish but are not registered, the parish will not fulfill any request(s) until a parishioner registration form is submitted. Some churches require you to be a registered parishioner at least 6 months before providing any letters of validation. If you have the intentions to only register for that benefit, you may be denied such request. The priest cannot state that he has known the person personally. We strongly encourage all to register now to avoid any issues. There are registration forms in the back of the church.

The Knights of Columbus continue the "Baby Bottle Campaign" this month. All funds collected are donated to the Roanoke Rapids Pregnancy Support Center, which provides counseling, information, support, and baby needs to pregnant women in our area. Baby bottles are available in the back of the church. Please return all bottles by June 30.

Undécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del

Evangelio Marcos 4:26-34

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy consiste en dos parábolas sobre las semillas. En la primera, Jesús les dice a los reunidos que así es "con el reino de Dios". Un hombre esparce semillas que con el tiempo brotan y se desarrollan. Luego, cuando el grano está maduro, el hombre cosecha su cosecha. El énfasis en la parábola está en la semilla, que aparentemente tiene el poder de crecer por sí misma. En esto es como el Reino de Dios. Mientras estuvo en la tierra, Jesús plantó las semillas del reino con su vida, milagros, enseñanzas y sufrimiento. Sin embargo, el reino aún no está completamente establecido.

Aunque ya está presente en Jesús y su grupo de doce, aún no ha llegado a buen término; así como la semilla de la parábola necesita tiempo para crecer, también lo necesita el reino de Dios. La segunda parábola se centra en la diminuta semilla de mostaza. Aunque no es la más pequeña de todas las semillas, lo más probable es que sea la más pequeña que un agricultor del primer siglo en la parte del mundo de Jesús habría sembrado. Por pequeño que sea el grano de mostaza, se convierte en un árbol. Aunque el árbol de mostaza generalmente tiene un promedio de solo nueve a doce pies de altura, tiene una amplia extensión y proporciona un lugar de anidación para las aves. Así como el árbol da la

bienvenida a los pájaros, así el reino de Dios es acogedor y está abierto a muchos. Estas parábolas nos ayudan a discernir algo sobre el reino de Dios y nuestra propia fe. En Dios vivimos, nos movemos y somos, pero Dios es un misterio y su reino, aunque presente, aún no ha llegado a su plenitud. Hoy, el Reino de Dios está presente en la Iglesia. La misión de anunciar la Buena Nueva del Reino dada a los Apóstoles nos es ahora dada. Pero así como las semillas necesitan tiempo para fructificar, también lo necesita el Reino de Dios. Es por eso que en el Padre Nuestro, oramos: "venga tu reino". Sabemos que vendrá en su plenitud al final de los tiempos. Todo lo que necesitamos es fe.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Si está buscando la validación del Padre para algún documento específico, debe ser un feligrés registrado de la iglesia antes de recibir dicha validación. Si está solicitando servicios de la parroquia pero no está registrado, la parroquia no cumplirá con ninguna solicitud hasta que se envíe un formulario de registro de feligrés. Algunas iglesias requieren que seas un feligrés registrado al menos 6 meses antes de proporcionar cualquier carta de validación. Si tiene la intención de registrarse solo para ese beneficio, es posible que se le niegue dicha solicitud. El sacerdote no puede afirmar que ha conocido personalmente a la persona. Recomendamos encarecidamente a todos que se registren ahora para evitar cualquier problema. Hay formularios de registro en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

Los Caballeros de Colón continúan con la "Campaña del Biberón" este mes. Todos los fondos recaudados se donan al Centro de Apoyo al Embarazo de Roanoke Rapids, que brinda asesoramiento, información, apoyo y necesidades de bebés a mujeres embarazadas en nuestra área. Los biberones están disponibles en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Por favor, devuelva todas las botellas antes del 30 de junio.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$914.04	\$3,212.25 \$2,298.21

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

June 9th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Fred Maldonado	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
George Seif	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Fibo Espinosa
			Jesus Ramirez

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez Maria Vazquez
Miryam Ramirez Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez