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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: 1 Kings 19:4-8  
Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-9  
Reading II:  
Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
Gospel: John 6:41-51

## August Birthdays

- 1 **Agustina Diaz**
- 3 **Brayn Gonzalez**
- Joseduardo Plascencia**
- 5 **Gabriel Amarillo**
- 6 **Desiderio Maldonado**
- 7 **Luis Castro**
- 21 **Alejandra Alonso**
- Sonia Fitzgerald**
- 23 **Miryam Ramirez**
- 26 **Anayeli Verduzco**
- 30 **Jennifer Rosales**

## Happy Anniversary

- Rosemary & George Seif**  
August 13, 1966
- Mary Anne & Lane Newsome**  
August 20, 1977
- Margaret & John Jones**  
August 21, 1065



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:

- August 11**-Pastoral Council
- August 18**-Finance Council
- August 15**-Holy Day of Obligation

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2024-2025

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
**Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson  
**Chancellor:** Dave Thomas  
**Recorder:** Bobby Berndt  
**Treasurer:** Jay Warfel, PGK\*  
**Financial Secretary:** Tom O'Neill, PGK\*  
**Advocate:** Bob Oravits  
**Warden:** Paul Kurilla  
**Guards:**  
Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK\*  
Outside: Richard Rumplick

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

**Trustee One Year:** Chuck Youse  
**Trustee Two Years:** Bobby Berndt, \*PGK  
**Trustee Three Years:** Wilson Youngblood  
\*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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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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## 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

# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 4, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** John 6:24-35

In the dialogue between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist. There are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. First, they asks, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life. Second they ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third

dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected? But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. They identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors'

needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment. The conclusion reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. We understand this better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself.

## PARISH NEWS

### A free resource for Make-A-Will Month

St. Richard is observing National Make-A-Will Month this August by sharing a free will-writing tool to help steward your family, finances, and faith! Estate planning is an act of faithfulness that empowers you to thoughtfully honor the blessings you've received from God. It can even be used to support your parish and our ministries with an optional legacy gift.

Visit [FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation](https://FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation) to make a will at no cost and engage in thoughtful stewardship this month.

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$502.25 <b>(\$315.06)</b>
Spanish Mass 7/27:		\$77.00

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**July 28th**  
**91**

# Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del

**Evangelio** John 6:24-35

En el diálogo entre Jesús y las multitudes, Jesús despliega el don de sí mismo que da en la Eucaristía. Hay cuatro intercambios entre Jesús y la multitud. Primero, le preguntan: "Rabino, ¿cuándo llegó aquí?" Jesús responde nombrando la motivación de ellos para perseguirlo. Han sido alimentados. Jesús lo reconoce, pero los desafía a ver más allá de la satisfacción de sus necesidades materiales. Las multitudes han seguido a Jesús porque han sido alimentadas. Deberían estar buscando a Jesús porque él puede darles la vida eterna. En segundo lugar, preguntan: "¿Qué podemos hacer para llevar a cabo las obras de Dios?" Jesús responde que deben tener fe en el enviado de Dios.

Pero en el tercer diálogo, la multitud revela su incapacidad para ver la verdadera identidad de Jesús. Le piden a Jesús una señal para que sepan que Jesús es de Dios. Qué extraño suena esto ya que Jesús acaba de alimentar a más de 5000 personas. ¿Qué más se espera? 5000 personas. ¿Qué más se espera? Pero la multitud no puede ver más allá de la superficie del letrero. Muestran esto en su interpretación de la señal que vino de Moisés. Identifican a Jesús con Moisés, como diciendo, como Moisés dio al pueblo el maná en el desierto, danos una señal para que sepamos que eres de Dios. Están buscando identificar a un profeta sin darse cuenta de que Dios está parado frente a ellos. Jesús corrige su mala interpretación, diciendo que el maná recibido por sus antepasados vino de

Dios. Así como Dios satisfizo las necesidades de sus antepasados en el desierto, Dios les ha provisto alimento para la vida eterna. En el pan que han recibido de Jesús, han recibido alimento físico y también alimento espiritual. Jesús quiere que la multitud vea más allá de la superficie a Aquel que proporciona el verdadero alimento. La conclusión revela la ceguera de la multitud. Piden lo que Jesús les acaba de decir que han encontrado: "Señor, danos siempre este pan". Jesús responde claramente que él mismo es el Pan de Vida que buscan. Jesús mismo es el Pan de Vida que saciará toda hambre y sed. Entendemos esto mejor cuando recordamos que Dios reveló su nombre al pueblo de Israel como "Yo soy", como Yahweh. Jesús ahora está reclamando este nombre para sí mismo.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### Principales razones para registrarse en una parroquia

- Sentido de pertenencia e identidad en una comunidad parroquial.
- Un compromiso de practicar tu fe.
- Permite que el pastor llegue a conocerte mejor y te ministre. Esto es especialmente importante durante un tiempo de crisis para que el pastor pueda atender sus necesidades espirituales y las necesidades de su familia
- Le ayuda a mantenerse conectado con su parroquia y ayuda a su parroquia a mantenerse conectada con usted. Proporcionar su información de contacto es importante para que las parroquias le proporcionen actualizaciones oportunas. Además, si utiliza sobres de ofertorio o donaciones en línea, recibirá un estado de cuenta de fin de año de sus donaciones para fines del impuesto sobre la renta.
- Los miembros activos registrados son elegibles para la validación de patrocinador/padrino.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
George Seif	Janet McKenzie	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Toni Ferris	John Jones	Dave Thomas	Fibo Espinosa
			Jesus Ramirez

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	