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Mass Intention



Susana Celedona

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: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-10
Reading II: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

September Birthdays

- 3 Allison Castro**
- Jose Plascencia**
- 6 Christine Smith**
- Annabel Alicante**
- 12 Jacob Gonzalez**
- 16 Peggy Jones**
- Toni Ferris**
- Fibbo Espinosa**
- 17 Rahilly Abernathy**
- 21 Michael Gasalao**
- 23 Jerome Moleno**
- 29 Sidney Marcelin**
- Miguelita Ramos**

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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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:

- Sept. 1-FF Open Enrollment**
- Sept. 15-Latino Independence Day**
- Oct. 31-Trunk or Treat**

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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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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 1, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

In today's Gospel, Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses. Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his

or her words and actions. Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life. We see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method. His first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. At the end of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus addresses his disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and his

disciples. The words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning. Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

PARISH NEWS

For those enrolling for First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes:

- Parents should be registered parishioners of St. Richard.
- The child was enrolled in the past faith formation year.
- The child needs a 2-year preparation to receive the sacraments.
- Contact the office if you were enrolled in the faith formation program in a different parish.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$503.50 (\$313.81)
Spanish Mass 8/24		\$153.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

August 25th
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Vigésimo segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Marcos 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús critica primero a los fariseos por poner la tradición humana por encima de la Ley de Dios. Jesús se refiere a la tradición de los ancianos, las enseñanzas de los fariseos, que extendían las leyes de pureza ritual del culto del Templo a la vida judía cotidiana. Jesús critica a los fariseos por hacer que esta tradición sea igual y tan obligatoria como la Ley de Moisés. A continuación, Jesús comenta sobre el significado detrás del lenguaje de santidad de los fariseos: limpio e impuro. Jesús enseña que una persona no se contamina por la comida que entra en su cuerpo, sino por el pecado que surge de sus palabras y acciones.

Jesús desenmascara una pregunta más profunda detrás de la que le plantearon los fariseos. El verdadero problema es la santidad, que no se encuentra solo en los actos externos. La santidad viene de adentro y se evidencia en las acciones y actitudes que emergen de la vida de una persona. Vemos un patrón en el método de enseñanza de Jesús. Su primera enseñanza se dirige a los fariseos que lo interrogaron. Las palabras de Jesús se dirigen a la multitud, enseñando que una persona es contaminada por sus palabras y acciones, no por la comida que come. Al final del Evangelio de hoy se dirigen a Jesús y se dirige a sus discípulos. La narración de Marcos muestra varias audiencias para la enseñanza de Jesús: sus antagonistas, las multitudes y sus discípulos. Las

palabras a los fariseos son a menudo palabras de desafío. La enseñanza a las multitudes es a menudo un mensaje general, a veces críptico. Con los discípulos, que a menudo malinterpretan las palabras de Jesús, se ofrecen más explicaciones sobre su mensaje y su significado. Las palabras de Jesús también nos desafían. En nuestro deseo de mostrar que somos santos, también podríamos dar demasiado crédito a lo externo, siguiendo las reglas sin pensar en la intención detrás de ellas. Jesús nos recuerda que no nos hacemos santos por nuestras acciones. Más bien, nos volvemos santos cuando permitimos que el Espíritu de Dios nos transforme. Nuestras acciones deben ser una expresión de la conversión de nuestro corazón a Dios y a los caminos de Dios.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Para aquellos que se inscriben para las clases de Primera Comunión y Confirmación:

- Los padres deben ser feligreses registrados de St. Richard.
- El niño fue inscrito en el último año de formación en la fe.
- El niño necesita una preparación de 2 años para recibir los sacramentos.
- Comunícate con la oficina si estabas inscrito en el programa de formación en la fe en una parroquia diferente.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith
 Stevie Thomas
 Lois Gownley
 Vanessa Carillo
 Mary Ann Newsome