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## Mass Intention



### Our Parishioners

*Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth para programar una misa o si tiene alguna pregunta. Por favor, den intenciones de misa al Padre.*

*Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please*

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: 119:8,10,  
12-13,14

Reading II: James 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,  
47-48

## September Birthdays

*Our Lady of the Lake*



**Council 9309**

- 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**

### 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.*



*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. 24**-Knights Meeting  
**Oct. 31**-Trunk or Treat

## 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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**Rectory:** 434-636-7782

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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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 22, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel  
Reading Mark 9:30-37

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on

the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging. Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of

disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all. Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Family Picnic

All Parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle and St. Richard Catholic Churches are invited to a Family Picnic hosted by your Knights of Columbus Council 9309.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, fixin's and drinks will be provided.

(BYOB adult beverages if desired.) Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

**When:** Sunday, October 13, 2024, starting at 1:00

**Where:** St. Peter the Apostle Church grounds

Please use the sign up sheet at the back of the church so we can determine food requirements.

If you have any questions contact Luis Medina 757-692-5498 or Jerry Beil 252-586-0635.

Last Week's Offertory

|               | Needed   | Actual              |
|---------------|----------|---------------------|
| Offertory:    | \$817.31 | \$443.00 (\$374.31) |
| Votive Stand: |          | \$318.00            |

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

September 15th  
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Vigésimo quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del  
Evangelio Marcos 9:30-37

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos a Jesús predecir nuevamente su pasión, muerte y resurrección a sus discípulos. El entorno aquí es importante. Jesús y sus discípulos se preparan para viajar a través de Galilea, un territorio judío en el que Jesús ya ha tenido problemas con los fariseos. Tal vez por eso Marcos indica que Jesús estaba tratando de viajar en secreto. Al predecir su pasión, Jesús está reconociendo el peligro que enfrentarán y está tratando de preparar a sus discípulos para ello. Sin embargo, Marcos nos dice que los discípulos no entendieron lo que Jesús estaba diciendo y tenían miedo de preguntar lo que quería decir. Tal vacilación por parte de los discípulos no es un comportamiento característico.

Pedro no tuvo miedo de reprender a Jesús en el Evangelio de la semana pasada. Tal vez esto sea una indicación de que los discípulos eran conscientes de que estaba surgiendo una nueva situación. Marcos pinta un cuadro vívido en el Evangelio de hoy. Al llegar a Cafarnaúm, Jesús y sus discípulos entran en una casa. En este lugar privado, Jesús pregunta a sus discípulos sobre la discusión que tuvieron mientras viajaban. Una vez más, los discípulos están inusualmente silenciosos y temerosos de responder. Han sido descubiertos. A continuación, Jesús convoca a los Doce, a quienes Marcos identificó anteriormente en su Evangelio como los elegidos por Jesús para predicar y expulsar a los demonios. A este selecto grupo de discípulos, Jesús les enseña que los que quieren ser los

primeros en el reino de Dios deben ser siervos de todos. Entonces Jesús llama a un niño y enseña a los Doce que recibir a un niño en el nombre de Jesús es recibir tanto a Jesús como a Aquel que lo envió. Es fácil que no comprendamos el significado de esta acción. En la Palestina del primer siglo, los niños carecían de estatus ni poder, no poseían derechos legales. En esta acción, Jesús está enseñando a sus discípulos y a nosotros que cuando servimos a los más pequeños entre nosotros, servimos a Jesús mismo. ¿Quiénes son las personas sin poder o estatus en nuestra sociedad a las que Jesús nos está llamando a servir? ¿Lo hacemos de buena gana? Jesús enseña que el juicio de Dios sobre nosotros se basará únicamente en este criterio.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Picnic Familiar Parroquial

Todos los feligreses de las iglesias católicas de San Pedro Apóstol y San Ricardo están invitados a un picnic familiar organizado por su Consejo de Caballeros de Colón 9309.

Se proporcionarán perros calientes, hamburguesas, guarniciones y bebidas.

(Bebidas BYOB para adultos si lo desea). Por favor, traiga su guarnición o postre favorito para compartir.

Cuándo: domingo 13 de octubre de 2024, a partir de la 1:00

Dónde: Recinto de la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol

Por favor, use la hoja de registro en la parte trasera de la iglesia para que podamos determinar los requisitos de alimentos.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

| READERS           | E. MINISTER   | USHERS         | SERVERS         |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mary Anne Newsome | Stevie Thomas | Elizer Carillo | Jesus Ramirez   |
| George Seif       | Dave Thomas   | Dave Thomas    | Vanessa Ramirez |
|                   |               |                | Allison Castro  |

Next Week's Cleaning Group

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Ramis Celedona | Belinda Baron   |
| Pee Jay Andres | Mary Joy Lerdon |