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## 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.*

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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: Genesis 2:18-24  
Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-6  
Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11  
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



*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:

**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.

**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

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 29, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal. The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others. Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

## 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	\$441.25 <b>(\$376.06)</b>
Votive Stand:		\$318.00

### Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**September 22nd**  
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# Vigésimo sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del

**Evangelio** Marcos 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

En el Evangelio de hoy, el discípulo Juan interroga a Jesús sobre un exorcista desconocido que estaba expulsando demonios en nombre de Jesús. La pregunta de Juan podría haber sido motivada por celos. Anteriormente, en el Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús sanó a un niño a quien los discípulos no habían podido curar. La pregunta de Juan es una prueba más de que los discípulos aún no han comprendido las palabras que Jesús les dirigió. Continúan comparándose con otros que parecen tener mayores poderes curativos, y no quieren compartir el poder del nombre de

Jesús con los demás.

Hoy en día, la posesión demoníaca descrita en los Evangelios podría verse como una forma de enfermedad mental, pero la necesidad de curar estos síndromes era tan real entonces como lo es ahora. El exorcismo era una práctica común en la Palestina del siglo I. Algunas personas tenían el poder de curar los síntomas de la posesión. Una de las estrategias utilizadas era invocar el nombre de una persona o figura que se creía que tenía el poder de curar. Los discípulos observaron que el exorcista desconocido invocó el nombre de Jesús y tuvo éxito en sus esfuerzos de curación. Este sanador desconocido reconoció el poder del nombre de Jesús, pero no era un

seguidor de Jesús. En su respuesta a sus discípulos, Jesús reconoce que las obras de fe pueden preceder a las palabras de fe. También enseña que los discípulos no deben ser reacios a compartir los poderes sanadores de Jesús con otros.

Más adelante en este Evangelio, Jesús nos enseña a no crear obstáculos para aquellos que recién comienzan a tener fe, sino a alentar incluso los signos más pequeños de fe. La palabra griega que se usa aquí para pecado también connota "tropezar" o "causar escándalo". En términos vívidos, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos las consecuencias para aquellos que ponen obstáculos a las personas que están en el camino de la fe.

## 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
		Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
		Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

### Next Week's Cleaning Group

Christine Smith	Vanessa Carillo
Stevie Thomas	Mary Ann Newsome
Lois Gownley	