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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: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm: 146:7-10

Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

## November Birthdays

- 2 **Alberto Rosales**
- 5 **Maveli Ramos**
- 11 **Liam Torres**
- 14 **Teresa Verduzco**
- 18 **Misael Vallejo**
- 20 **Rosemary Seif**
- 21 **Yamila Amarillo**
- 25 **Ruth Santes**
- 27 **Lois Gownley**
- 28 **Dunn Nery**

## Happy Anniversary

**Sonia & Fitzgerald Marcelin**  
**Nov. 21, 1998**



*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:

- Nov. 9-VIRTUS Class**
- Nov. 10-Finance Council**
- Nov. 17-Pastoral Council**

## 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, PGK\*

**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\*

\*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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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

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 3, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 12:28b-34

The context for today's Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the

Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection

between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

# Trigésimo primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Marcos 12:28b-34

El contexto del Evangelio de hoy es la creciente exposición de Jesús ante las autoridades judías. Jesús está siendo interrogado y puesto a prueba por las autoridades judías, sin embargo, el escriba que se dirige a Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy parece ser un admirador; él no está probando a Jesús.

La pregunta requiere que Jesús interprete la Ley de Moisés. La Ley mosaica consta de los Diez Mandamientos y muchos mandamientos adicionales, que se cuentan por cientos. Para un judío devoto, la adhesión a la Ley mosaica es una expresión de fidelidad al

pacto de Dios con Israel. La clasificación de estos mandamientos era debatida regularmente entre los maestros de la Ley.

Jesús no fue el único maestro religioso judío que conectó estos dos mandamientos, el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo. Ambos mandamientos fueron elementos centrales de la tradición religiosa que Jesús aprendió de su comunidad judía. De hecho, estos mandamientos siguen siendo aspectos centrales de la comprensión religiosa contemporánea. La respuesta de Jesús a sus interrogadores propuso una conexión integral entre estos dos aspectos de la Ley judía. El amor a


Dios encuentra su expresión en nuestro amor al prójimo. Muchos creen, sin embargo, que esta conexión se escuchó de una manera nueva y fresca cuando Jesús la habló.

El escriba que interroga a Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy entabla un diálogo positivo con Jesús. Está de acuerdo con la enseñanza de Jesús de que los mandamientos de amar a Dios y amar al prójimo están por encima del mandamiento de ofrecer adoración y sacrificio en el Templo. Con este diálogo, Jesús aparece para cerrar el debate con las autoridades judías. Marcos relata que nadie se atrevió a interrogar más a Jesús.

## PARISH NEWS

Protecting God's Children for Adults is a training conducted by **VIRTUS** certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training is required for all faith formation volunteers and homebound ministers. The class will be offered at St. Richard on November 9th at 9:00 am. Contact the office or Ana Verduzco to sign up.

**IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution**



If you're over 70 ½, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution to our parish from your IRA will support the good works we do in our parish community. To make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA, contact your IRA administrator or parish staff with questions.

**Save the Date**

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ON GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 3, 2024



## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Protegiendo a los Hijos de Dios para Adultos es una capacitación realizada por facilitadores certificados por VIRTUS sobre la prevención del abuso sexual infantil. La capacitación es obligatoria para todos los voluntarios de formación en la fe y ministros confinados en sus hogares. La clase se ofrecerá en St. Richard el 9 de noviembre a las 9:00 am. Contacta con la oficina o con Ana Verduzco para inscribirte.

Si tiene más de 70 años y medio, hacer una Distribución Caritativa Calificada a su parroquia desde su IRA apoyará las buenas obras que hacemos en nuestra comunidad parroquial. Para hacer una Distribución Caritativa Calificada (QCD, por sus siglas en inglés) de su IRA, comuníquese con el personal de la parroquia si tiene preguntas.

**Aparte la Fecha**

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ON GIVING TUESDAY

Martes, 3 de Diciembre, 2024



## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$996.25 <b>\$178.94</b>
Spanish Mass 10/26:	\$77.00	

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

**October 27th**  
**110**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

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

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

Monica Perez	Maria Vazquez
Miryam Ramirez	Manuel Vazquez
Monserrat Ramirez	