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## February Birthdays

- 1 **Andres Zepeta Gonzalez**
- 12 **Wayne Wallace**
- 14 **Manuel Vazquez**
- 15 **Agatha Pascal**  
**Mary Rodgers**
- 16 **Julio Gonzalez-Zepeta**
- 22 **Stephen Abernathy**  
**Eddy Dubon**  
**Brian Dubon**  
**Maria Dubon**
- 26 **Ruby Rodriguez**

## 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 Rumprik

#### 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.*



*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.*



**2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

### Upcoming Events:

**Feb. 14-17**-Office Closed

**Feb. 19**-No Hospital Mass

**Feb. 25**-Knights Meeting

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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: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm: 1:1-4, 6

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

# 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

434-636-6277

### 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

# The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 9, 2025

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Luke 5:1-11

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created

abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a

different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

# Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Lucas 5:1-11

Jesús enseña desde la barca de Simón. Jesús se dirige a Simón y le indica dónde bajar las redes de pesca. Simon y otros han estado pescando toda la noche y no han pescado nada. Simon protesta, alegando que tal esfuerzo sería inútil. Simón finalmente obedece a Jesús y baja sus redes a las aguas más profundas como se le indicó. Pedro llama a Jesús por el título de "maestro". Ya reconoce a Jesús como una persona de autoridad. Atrapan tantos peces que las redes comienzan a rasgarse; La presencia de Jesús ha creado abundancia a partir de la escasez, tal como lo hizo

en las bodas de Caná, que escuchamos en la Misa hace unas semanas. Pedro se convierte en un seguidor de Jesús inmediatamente. Llama a Jesús "Señor" —el título que se le dio a Jesús después de su resurrección— y protesta su dignidad de estar en la presencia de Jesús. El Evangelio de hoy, por tanto, marca un punto de inflexión en la relación entre Jesús y Pedro. Dos de los socios de Simón también son nombrados como testigos del evento: los hijos de Zebedeo, Santiago y Juan. Sin embargo, las palabras de Jesús se dirigen solo a Simón. Jesús le da a Simón un nuevo trabajo, diciéndole que se convertirá en un tipo diferente de pescador. Ya no pescará; en

cambio, atraparé a la gente. En estas palabras, escuchamos el comienzo del papel de liderazgo que Pedro tendrá dentro de la comunidad de discípulos. Pedro fue elegido para este papel. Su tarea será llevar a otros a Jesús. Ya lo está haciendo; el Evangelio nos dice que también todos los pescadores que estaban con Pedro dejaron sus redes y siguieron a Jesús. Seguimos hablando del liderazgo y la influencia de Pedro en la Iglesia hoy cuando llamamos al Papa el "sucesor de Pedro". Participamos en la misión de la Iglesia cuando llevamos a las personas a Cristo a través del ejemplo y la influencia positiva de nuestras vidas.

## PARISH NEWS

### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others A Message from Our Bishop

Whenever I visit our parishes, I see how our faith and hope is manifested through Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments, Eucharistic devotion, and a commitment to grow closer to Christ. I also see our faith and hope expressed through works of charity such as the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and his Church; assist college students to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; and ensure that vital resources are made available for children and families facing homelessness and hunger.

During this time of Jubilee in the life of our Church, I ask you to consider contributing to the Appeal so we can spread love and hope for all the world as we empower the people and ministries of the Diocese of Richmond to move our Church forward.

*This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.*

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### Campaña Diocesana Anual del 2025: Compartiendo Su Amor con los demás Un Mensaje de Nuestro Obispo

Siempre que visito nuestras parroquias, veo cómo nuestra fe y esperanza se manifiestan a través de la asistencia a la Misa, la recepción de los sacramentos, la devoción eucarística y el compromiso de acercarnos más a Cristo. También veo nuestra fe y esperanza expresadas a través de obras de caridad como la Campana Diocesana Anual.

Sus donaciones a la campana apoyan la educación de seminaristas y sacerdotes que están dedicando sus vidas a servir a Cristo y a su Iglesia; ayudan a los estudiantes universitarios a crecer en su fe y en su relación con el Señor; y aseguran que se pongan a disposición recursos vitales para niños y familias que enfrentan la falta de vivienda y el hambre.

En este tiempo de Jubileo en la vida de nuestra Iglesia, les pido que consideren contribuir a la Colecta para que podamos difundir el amor y la esperanza a todo el mundo, empoderando a las personas y ministerios de la Diócesis de Richmond para avanzar juntos en nuestra misión como Iglesia.

*Esta semana y la próxima, muchos de ustedes recibirán una carta del Obispo Knestout pidiéndoles su apoyo a la Campana Diocesana Anual 2025. Es nuestra sincera esperanza que respondan a la solicitud de nuestro Obispo y hagan un compromiso generoso con este esfuerzo.*

## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$684.75 <b>(\$132.56)</b>
Spanish Mass 02/01:		\$116.00
Building Fund:		\$402.00

### Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**February 2nd**  
**123**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	George Seif	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Tom Valencia	John Jones	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

Ramis Celedona  
Pee Jay Andres

Belinda Baron  
Mary Joy Lerdon