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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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Responsorial Psalm:  
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15  
Reading II: Romans 10:8-13  
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

# March Birthdays

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

- 1 **Valeria Verduzco**
- 2 **Lieu Nguyen**
- 4 **Niurka Verduzco**  
**Belinda Baron**
- 5 **Kenji Carillo**
- 7 **Alondra Leon**  
**Janet McKenzie**  
**Jose Carlos Reyes**
- 9 **Jerome Moleno**
- 11 **Venise Carillo**  
**Vanessa Ramirez**  
**Kelly Plascencia**
- 13 **Rixi Beatriz**
- 31 **Ivana Reyes**

### 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



*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:

**Mar. 5-Mass** 12 pm at SVMC

Mass at 5:30 pm

**Mar. 7-5:30 pm** Stations of the  
Cross

*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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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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—March 2, 2025

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Luke 6:39-45

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck

out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.



"Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

# Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las lecturas

### Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Lucas 6:39-45

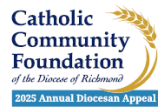
La tercera y última sección del Sermón de Lucas en la llanura comienza: Y les contó una parábola. En realidad, hay cuatro parábolas, tres de las cuales leemos hoy. Se trata de cómo ser un buen discípulo. Los ciegos no pueden guiar a los ciegos. Y un discípulo no puede ser un buen discípulo a menos que haya aprendido del maestro. Todo el que está completamente entrenado es como el maestro que sabe cómo curar a los ciegos. Antes de que puedas ser un buen discípulo y enseñar a los demás, debes cuidar de ti mismo. No trates de sacarle una

paja del ojo a tu hermano hasta que hayas sacado la tabla del tuyo. Finalmente, sólo cuando te hayas purificado a ti mismo podrás producir las buenas obras que el maestro requiere. El discipulado nos pide que produzcamos buenas obras. Pero para producirlos se requiere la integridad y la pureza de corazón que se encuentran en el maestro. Cuando las personas vean tus buenas obras, sabrán que esto se debe a que tienes un buen corazón. La parábola final, que no leemos hoy, trata de construir sobre el sólido fundamento de la roca y no sobre la arena. Esta es la única manera de enfrentar las dificultades que un discípulo encontrará y sobrevivirá.



- Miércoles de Ceniza- 5 de marzo 2025—Misa 5:30 pm --- Misa en el Hospital a las 12 (mediodía)
- Estaciones de la Cruz—todos los viernes a las 5:30 p.m.

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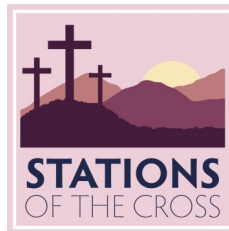
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**OPTION B**  
Donating the Stock Directly

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## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

### El registro parroquial demuestra un compromiso financiero.

Proporcionar ofrendas regulares en la Misa semanal mediante el uso de los sobres de ofrendas después de la inscripción demuestra un compromiso financiero con la Iglesia semanalmente. Es importante enfatizar, sin embargo, que registrarse en la parroquia no requiere que un feligrés haga contribuciones financieras; Tampoco se espera que los particulares aporten grandes contribuciones.

Los formularios de inscripción se encuentran en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$817.31	\$724.00 <b>(\$93.31)</b>
Spanish Mass 02/22:		\$113.00

### Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/>  
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### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**February 23rd**  
**117**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	Maria Vasquez	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez
Jeromil Enoc	Manuel Vasquez	Dave Thomas	Jesus Ramirez

## Next Week's Cleaning Group

Teresa Verduzco	Nélida Rosales
Ester Zepeda	Jennifer González
Concepcion Mendoza	Juan González