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Mass Intention



Rosemary Seif

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

Contact Elizabeth Martin to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please give Mass intentions to Father.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm:

90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

July Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 5 **Fitzgerald Marcelin**
- 10 **Aylin Verduzco**
- 15 **Maria de Carmen**
- 15 **Ramos**
- 16 **Mary Anne Newsome**
- 17 **Kaity Leon**
- 20 **Kiara Gonzalez Aleman**
- 22 **Julia Maldonado**
- 24 **Santiaga Gasalao-Epps**
- 27 **Carmen Cornely-Clark**
- 28 **James Alston**
- Santes Leocardio**
- Elsie Moleno**
- 31 **Louise Nery**



Please use this list to pray for those who are in need. May we all lift one another up in prayer.

Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

Upcoming Events:

July 29: Kickoff for Adult Book Club

July 28-30: Office Closed

Aug 17: Finance Council

Aug 24: Pastoral Council

Officers for 2025-2026

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: John Husson

Deputy Grand Knight: Isaac Bette

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

Recorder: Bobby Berndt, PGK*

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Tom O'Neill, PGK*

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Trustee One Year:

Bobby Berndt, PGK*

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Wilson Youngblood, PGK*

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Mark Fracassa, PGK*

*PGK-Past Grand Knight

Catholic men 18 years or older are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact John Husson (919)740-8405 or Tom O'Neill (252)308-0493.

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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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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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 27, 2025

Encountering the Word with Jeff Cavins.
Luke 11:1-13

The powerful theme of persistence in prayer is our focus this week. The story of Abraham interceding for Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18) highlights the importance of tenacity. Abraham repeatedly asks God to spare the city if righteous people can be found, showing us that prayer requires perseverance, even when the outcome seems uncertain!

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches his disciples both the structure and spirit of prayer. When the disciples ask, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1), Jesus offers them the Lord’s Prayer, a model for praising God, seeking his will, and asking

for daily needs. More than a formula, this prayer reflects the heart of Jesus’ relationship with the Father. It reminds us that prayer is not only about asking but also about aligning ourselves with God’s will.

Jesus emphasizes the need for persistence in prayer through a parable of a man who knocked on a friend’s door at midnight, asking for bread. Though initially reluctant, the owner of the house eventually responds because of the persistence of the friend’s request. Jesus uses this story to encourage us to keep asking, seeking, and knocking, trusting that God hears us and will respond in his time.

This week, consider the areas in your life that require persistent prayer—whether it’s your family, work, health, or important decisions. Whatever you face, pray consistently and persistently. Jesus assures us: When we ask, we will receive; when we seek, we will find; when we knock, the door will be opened.

How does Jesus’ invitation to ask, seek, and knock challenge your current approach to prayer?

El Decimoséptimo Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario

Encuentro con la Palabra con Jeff Cavins.
Lucas 11:1-13

El poderoso tema de la persistencia en la oración es nuestro enfoque esta semana. La historia de Abraham intercediendo por Sodoma y Gomorra (Génesis 18) destaca la importancia de la tenacidad. Abraham le pide repetidamente a Dios que salve la ciudad si se pueden encontrar personas justas, mostrándonos que la oración requiere perseverancia, incluso cuando el resultado parece incierto.

En el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos tanto la estructura como el espíritu de la oración. Cuando los discípulos

preguntan: “Señor, enséñanos a orar” (Lucas 11:1), Jesús les ofrece el Padre Nuestro, un modelo para alabar a Dios, buscar su voluntad y pedir por las necesidades diarias. Más que una fórmula, esta oración refleja el corazón de la relación de Jesús con el Padre. Nos recuerda que la oración no solo se trata de pedir, sino también de alinearnos con la voluntad de Dios.

Jesús enfatiza la necesidad de persistencia en la oración a través de una parábola de un hombre que golpeó la puerta de un amigo a medianoche, pidiendo pan. Aunque inicialmente fue reacio, el dueño de la casa finalmente responde debido a la persistencia

de la solicitud del amigo. Jesús utiliza esta historia para animarnos a seguir pidiendo, buscando y llamando, confiando en que Dios nos escucha y responderá a su debido tiempo.

Esta semana, considera las áreas de tu vida que requieren oración persistente, ya sea tu familia, trabajo, salud o decisiones importantes. Sea lo que sea que enfrentes, ora de manera constante y persistente. Jesús nos asegura: Cuando pidamos, recibiremos; cuando busquemos, encontraremos; cuando toquemos, se nos abrirá la puerta. ¿Cómo desafía la invitación de Jesús a pedir, buscar y llamar tu enfoque actual de la oración?

PARISH NEWS

Faith Formation & Communications News/Events

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- Baby Bottle Campaign: If you have not returned your baby bottle, please do so as soon as possible so the Knights can finalize the campaign and provide all donations to Pregnancy Support Center. The Knights thank all parishioners who have contributed.
- Clothing Drive: The Knight’s of Columbus will have clothing drive next weekend, Aug 3rd. Please bring adult and children clothing in good shape; we will be distributing to local charities. There will be a drop off location in Narthex. The Knight’s thank you in advance.
- Parish Council Meeting has been rescheduled from Aug 10 to Aug 24

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Noticias y eventos de Formación en la Fe y Comunicaciones

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- Campaña de Biberones: Si no has devuelto tu biberón, por favor hazlo lo antes posible para que los Caballeros puedan finalizar la campaña y entregar todas las donaciones al Centro de Apoyo para el Embarazo. Los Caballeros agradecen a todos los feligreses que han contribuido, por su apoyo.
- Recolección de Ropa: Los Caballeros de Colón tendrán una recolección de ropa el próximo fin de semana, 3 de agosto. Por favor, traiga ropa para adultos y niños en buen estado; la estaremos distribuyendo a organizaciones benéficas locales. Habrá un lugar de entrega en el Nártex. Los Caballeros les agradecen de antemano.
- La reunión del Consejo Parroquial ha sido reprogramada del 10 de agosto al 24 de agosto.

Last Week’s Offertory

	Needed	Actual	Over/(Under)
Offertory:	\$1055.77	\$893.75	(\$162.02)
*Spanish Mass 7/19		\$70.00	
Building Fund	\$433.33		

Mass Attendance

Date	No. People
7/20/25	103

Next Week’s Ministry Schedule

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Servers
Jero Enoc	Janet McKenzie	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez, Vanessa Ramirez,
Maria Vasquez	John Jones	Dave Thomas	Allison Castro, Luis Ramos

Next Week’s Cleaning Group

Ramis Celedona, Pee Jay Andres, Belinda Baron, Mary Joy Lerdon

*Spanish Mass totals included in Offertory Actual

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