



# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

### *From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serve us well today.

In Christ,  
*Fr. William*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Every Sunday at 11am  
**ADORATION:** Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** March 2, 2018  
**PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday after the 9:30am mass  
**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY:** February 7 (every other Wednesday)  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Every first Wednesday of the month, 7pm.  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Sunday, March 11, 2018, 1:15pm, Price Building  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To be announced  
**ALTAR SOCIETY:** To be announced  
**EMMAUS:** Every Thursday, 7pm, Price Building  
**PRISON MINISTRY:** Every Thursday  
**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** To be announced

#### Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Tuesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Wednesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm

#### Reconciliation Service:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm or with appointment

If you need to speak with Fr. William please call the Office during office hours and make an appointment. In case of an emergency, if a family member dies or is in the hospital, please call the office. If the office is closed, please call the Rectory and leave a message, Fr. William will return your call as soon as possible.  
**Office #: 336-599-4122 - Rectory #: 336- 599-6428**

**BAPTISMS:** If you need information please contact the Parish office during office hours or Sundays after mass.

To have a loved one remembered at a Mass (Suggested donation is \$10.00). To provide the Sanctuary Lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament (Suggested offering is \$35.00), or to provide the parish with altar bread and wine used at the Mass (Suggested offering is \$55.00). Please call the Parish office 336-599-4122

**PLEASE PRAY:** For our Church, Pope Francis I, and all our leaders; pray for the Holy Father's intention that the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2018 INSTRUMENTS OF GOD'S SERVICE

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe,  
and the mystery of each human life.

We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us,

You have given us the greatest of all gifts, your son, JESUS CHRIST.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in

His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faithful, caring people.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to  
share our time, our talent and our material gifts  
as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Father, in your plan for our salvation you Shepherd for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of continual love. Give us more priests, worthy ministers for your altar and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant us an increase in vocations to the Religious life. May more of your people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity, may they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ, your Son, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Gary Clements, Linda Toth, Mary Williamson, Gloria Wiener, Scott Varney, Brenda Capps, Bobby Rigsby, Socorro Rigsby, Ken Emser, Paul Cicchetti, Saul Reyes, David Savovsky, Barbara Bland, Virgilo Baltazar, Julie Marshall, Charles Rigsbee, Donald Wilson, Richard Tofte, David Reedy, Rose Pratico, David Ramsey, Julian Alexander, Bo Currier, John Swanik, Marty Martel, Annie O'Connor, Jorge Gamez Magaña, Glafira Rangel, Don Jennings, Dick Cramer.

Dear Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body, and soul. Amen

**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH [www.stmaryandedward.org](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)**

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** The 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds 30 ministries in the areas of charity, evangelization and worship. In recent weeks, you have hopefully received information at home and here in church about the BAA. It impacts all of us in this community, and more importantly, provides critical assistance for those in most need across our entire Diocese. In addition, once our parish achieves our goal, (80% or 100%) of the funds over goal are collected are returned for our parish to use directly for our community. I want to thank you for your generous participation to the BAA this year. If you have not participated yet, I ask you to please consider a gift. Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church and you can also donate online. Overall, the BAA will provide over \$7 million in the upcoming year to help those in physical and spiritual need. You are invited to learn more through the parish, in today's bulletin insert or online at BAA.DioceseOfRaleigh.org. Thank you for your participation.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The collection for Ash Wednesday is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday, February 14. Blessing and distribution of ashes, 9:30am mass in English and 7pm Bilingual Mass. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** The Lenten Reconciliation service will be held Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm in the Price Building. First Communion and Confirmation students must attend to this Reconciliation Service. *"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."* (Pope Francis)

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH:** Welcome! Introduce yourself to Fr. William and fill out a registration card.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:** If you would like to bring flowers for the altar please contact Maria Alcaraz after the 12pm mass.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Offertory Envelopes for the year 2018 are available in the vestibule of the Price Building. If you are a new envelope user, please take an unallocated box and fill in the form with your name, address and the number of the box you've taken.

**END OF THE YEAR DONATION STATEMENTS:** End of the year statements are at the back of the Church and Price Building this weekend. They are in alphabetical order.

**TAMALES SALE:** The youth group representatives will be selling tamales Saturday, February 10 and Sunday February 11 after each mass. The money raised will be for the Youth Group Retreat.

**FAITH FORMATION:** This is a reminder for parents of Faith Formation students to please come to the office Sundays after the 12pm mass to make your registration payments.

**LAUDATO SI': ON THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME (Pope Francis)**

**II. CULTURAL ECOLOGY**

143. Together with the patrimony of nature, there is also an historic, artistic and cultural patrimony which is likewise under threat. This patrimony is a part of the shared identity of each place and a foundation upon which to build a habitable city. It is not a matter of tearing down and building new cities, supposedly more respectful of the environment yet not always more attractive to live in. Rather, there is a need to incorporate the history, culture and architecture of each place, thus preserving its original identity. Ecology, then, also involves protecting the cultural treasures of humanity in the broadest sense. More specifically, it calls for greater attention to local cultures when studying environmental problems, favouring a dialogue between scientific-technical language and the language of the people. Culture is more than what we have inherited from the past; it is also, and above all, a living, dynamic and participatory present reality, which cannot be excluded as we rethink the relationship between human beings and the environment.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory (will be updated)