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Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God?— 1 John 5:5

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

In Christ,

Fr. William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am
ADORATION: Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)
FIRST FRIDAY: May 4, 2018
PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday after the 9:30am mass
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY: April 4, 2018
CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Wednesday, May 2, at 7pm.
PARISH COUNCIL: Sunday, April 15, 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

BAPTISMS: For information contact the Parish office or Sundays after mass.

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

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

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 Savoxsky, 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, Neil Clayton.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with *(three times)*: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death.

Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy....""....When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior".



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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY: All parishioners are invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 8 (Feast of the Divine Mercy); at 3pm, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for April 15 and 16 is for Maintenance and Repair.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation retreat will be held Sunday, April 8 at 3pm at Immaculate Conception. Confirmation will be held Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30pm. Candidates have to be at Immaculate Conception no later than 5:30pm to meet with Bishop Zarama. Please pray for our Candidates.

SPECIAL THANKS: To all who with love and devotion participated during the Season of Lent and in the Holy week. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue guiding and blessing you all.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: If there is anyone struggling with an illness or know of anyone, please call Joanne Agro at 336-597-3051.

PARISH LIST: Please come to the Parish office and update your address and phone number on your registration cards.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Parish goal is of \$12,540 and right now we have \$10,000. We still need \$2,540 to complete our goal. We ask for your generosity, if you have already made your pledge, please consider in adding an extra \$20 or \$25 to the BAA, if you have not participated in this campaign, please prayerfully consider doing so. Together we will make a big difference in our neighbors with physical, financial and spiritual needs. Thank you for your support to the BAA.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE DOCUMENT: In our complex world of advanced medical technology and life-prolonging treatments, we can easily become confused by the many choices presented to us. The Church gives us guidance to navigate these choices, and to choose medical treatments that are morally sound and that respect both the dignity of our humanity and our destiny to live with Jesus Christ forever in heaven. To learn more attend a presentation at the Price Building Sunday, April 15 at 1:30pm or Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm. You will receive a copy of the Advance Directive Document and will learn on how to navigate life issues according to the teaching of our Catholic church. If you are interested please sign the form that is at the back of the Church. For questions contact Pat Erdner 336-597-3457, Mary Collins mc3526@gmail.com or Jerri Garretson rsgarretson@centurylink.net

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH: Welcome! Introduce yourself to Fr. William, fill out a registration card and return it to the Parish office.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

Search Retreat for 10-12 Graders: Don't miss this opportunity to interact and share your faith with other Catholic teenagers from across the Diocese of Raleigh on April 27-29, 2018, at Camp Rockfish, Parkton, NC (near Fayetteville).

To register for Search 190, follow the link, <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/search-190> and click on the appropriate registration type, youth or adult. The final day to register is April 22. Cost for the Search weekend is \$120; however, no one is denied participation because of inability to pay. Financial assistance is available; please work with your parish. Adult chaperones must be 25 years old and Safe Environment trained. The cost for adults is covered. For more information, please contact the diocesan directors of Search, Monique and Joe Wertis at (919) 426-6608 at (919) 520-7059.

IGNITED BY TRUTH: The 15th annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference will be held on April 28th at Reynolds Coliseum on the NC State Campus, Raleigh. The Saturday program includes 5 renowned speakers: Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Robert Spitzer, Fr. Donald Calloway, Mark Hart, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Unique tracks are offered for middle and high school students, Vigil Mass with Bishop Zarama; Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Free Young Adult (18+) evening social, followed by a concert with Dana Catherine and Mathias Michael for all. New this year is an evening in Spanish with Fr. Rafael Capó and concert with Darwin Lechler. Purchase your tickets while they last; visit IgnitedByTruth.org.

EASTER GIFT OF HEALING: If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat April 27-29. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at projectrachel@nc.rr.com or call 919-852-1021. Cost for the weekend is \$150.00 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials; Deadline April 16.

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

150. Given the interrelationship between living space and human behaviour, those who design buildings, neighborhoods, public spaces and cities, ought to draw on the various disciplines which help us to understand people's thought processes, symbolic language and ways of acting. It is not enough to seek the beauty of design. More precious still is the service we offer to another kind of beauty: people's quality of life, their adaptation to the environment, encounter and mutual assistance. Here too, we see how important it is that urban planning always take into consideration the views of those who will live in these areas.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory: \$2,467.55

Maintenance & Repair \$812.00