



The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.
— Mark 16:16

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name. Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

In Christ,
Fr. William

- FAITH FORMATION: Last day, Sunday, May 13, 2018
- ADORATION: Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)
- FIRST FRIDAY: June 1, 2018
- PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday after the 9:30am mass
- ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY: May 16, 2018
- CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Wednesday, June 6, at 7pm.
- PARISH COUNCIL: To be announced
- 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.

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



AN ASCENSION DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
Right before your Ascension into Heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen



A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

God our creator, we come before You and lift up in prayer all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and Mothers to be who gave the gift of life we give you thanks for their presence, talents and gifts which they share in our church, society and world.

May all mothers know of Your loving and gentle presence and may they always turn towards You in times of joy, sorrow and glory.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.

In memory of +Urgel Armand “Marty” Martel+
Our deepest sympathy to his family especially to our parishioners David and Barbara Reedy
May the comfort of our Lord Jesus Christ help you during this difficult time!
Rest in Peace

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. 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

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for May 19 and 20 is for Maintenance and Repair. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST COMMUNION: The celebration of the First Communion will be held Saturday, May 19 at 11am in the Price Building Chapel. Children need to be at the Price Building no later than 10:15am, they will meet with their teachers at the Confirmation Class.

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.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: If there is anyone in need of prayer and would like a blessed prayer blanket, please call Joanne Agro at 336-597-3051.

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

FAITH FORMATION: Last day of Faith Formation, Sunday, May 13. Special thanks to our Catechists, to our youth and children and to all the families from whom we received support and love during this Faith Formation year 2017-2018. Have a blessed summer and remember that registrations for the year 2018-2019 will start in August.

BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER: Pregnancy Support Center-Life Choices will begin their Baby Bottle Fund Raiser on Mother's Day and end on Father's Day. You may take a small bottle home and fill it or just use the Big Bottle in the lobby of the Church.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 – 18 INVITED TO THE WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA: The Office of the Secretariat for Lay Formation, Marriage and Family Life of the Diocese of Raleigh invites young adults to join in the common celebration of World Youth Day (WYD) 2019 in Panama.

We would like, as one diocesan family, to live and celebrate the universal Church!

Our pilgrim group will be in Panama from January 21-28, 2019, and our invitation extends to adults ages 18-35. The trip includes round-trip airfare from Raleigh to Panama, lodging at a 4-star hotel within walking distance of the WYD main events, covers the cost of WYD fees, lunches and dinners, and a bonus day trip to the Panama Canal to discover the Miraflores Locks, the Biodiversity Museum and explore the ruins of Panama Viejo.

The total cost per pilgrim is \$2,750, which can be paid through a payment plan.

Interested young adults should please contact Mr. Ricardo Veloz at 919-600-8750 or Ricardo.Veloz@raldioc.org.

For information and registration visit: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wyd2019>.

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

158. In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters. This option entails recognizing the implications of the universal destination of the world's goods, but, as I mentioned in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, [123] it demands before all else an appreciation of the immense dignity of the poor in the light of our deepest convictions as believers. We need only look around us to see that, today, this option is in fact an ethical imperative essential for effectively attaining the common good.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory: \$2,573.60
Maintenance & Repair \$810.00