



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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

My Dear Friends:

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

In Christ,

*Fr. William*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Every Sunday at 11am  
**ADORATION:** Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** February 2, 2018  
**PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday after the 9:30am mass  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Every first Wednesday of the month, 7pm.  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Sunday, February 4, 2018, 1:15pm, Price Building  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To be announced  
**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Sunday, January 28, 1:15pm, Price Building  
**EMMAUS:** Every Thursday, 7pm, Price Building  
**PRISON MINISTRY:** Every Thursday  
**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** Mon. Jan 22, 10:30am. Price Bulding

### BAPTISMS

If you need information please call the Parish office during office hours or Sundays after mass.

### Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Tuesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
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### Reconciliation Service:

Saturday, 4:00-430pm 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

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.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Dr. King reminded us of the power of prayer and action. I invite everyone, this day and every day, to implore God to make us his instruments in creating a more just society. (Archbishop Kurtz)*

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of [those] who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words “division”, “hatred” and “war” be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be “brother”, and our way of life will always be that of. . . Peace. . .! 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 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.

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 2018:** This week, we begin the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). Each registered parishioner in our Diocese will be receiving information about the 30 ministries that the BAA funds. The BAA is our opportunity as members of the larger Catholic community to have an impact on the physical and spiritual lives in our Parish as well as those in great need across Eastern North Carolina. Over 59,000 were served by Catholic Charities alone last year. It is also the primary funding to educate Seminarians, campus ministry centers, and so many more. Our 2018 BAA theme is, "Instruments of God's Service," which serves as a reminder to imitate God's mercy through love and support to our neighbors. We invite you to respond to the mailing with your gift or pledge. Over the next few weeks, you will hear more stories as samples of where your gift to the BAA will be used in this upcoming year. You can also learn more and donate online at [BAA.DioceseofRaleigh.org](http://BAA.DioceseofRaleigh.org). Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection for January 20 and 21 is for Maintenance and Repair. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

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

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** Meeting will be held Monday, January 22, 2018 at 10:30am at the Price Building. All are invited.

**PRO-LIFE MINISTRY:** Starting Sunday, January 14, 2018, after the 10am and 12pm masses, we will be offering pro-life movies. There is one copy of Bella and 2 copies of October baby. If you would like to borrow a movie please fill out the form with your name and phone # and return the movie within one week. There will be a waiting list. We will offer the movies for the 5pm mass in a few weeks.

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28 at 1:15pm at the Price Building.

**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.

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

140. Due to the number and variety of factors to be taken into account when determining the environmental impact of a concrete undertaking, it is essential to give researchers their due role, to facilitate their interaction, and to ensure broad academic freedom. Ongoing research should also give us a better understanding of how different creatures relate to one another in making up the larger units which today we term "ecosystems". We take these systems into account not only to determine how best to use them, but also because they have an intrinsic value independent of their usefulness. Each organism, as a creature of God, is good and admirable in itself; the same is true of the harmonious ensemble of organisms existing in a defined space and functioning as a system. Although we are often not aware of it, we depend on these larger systems for our own existence. We need only recall how ecosystems interact in dispersing carbon dioxide, purifying water, controlling illnesses and epidemics, forming soil, breaking down waste, and in many other ways which we overlook or simply do not know about. Once they become conscious of this, many people realize that we live and act on the basis of a reality which has previously been given to us, which precedes our existence and our abilities. So, when we speak of "sustainable use", consideration must always be given to each ecosystem's regenerative ability in its different areas and aspects.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21  
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**(Monthly Budget \$9,500)**

**Offertory: \$1,417.00**

**Maintenance and Repair: \$647.00**