



# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15

## *From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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

**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY:** January 24 (every other Wednesday)

**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 Building

### Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm

### Reconciliation Service:

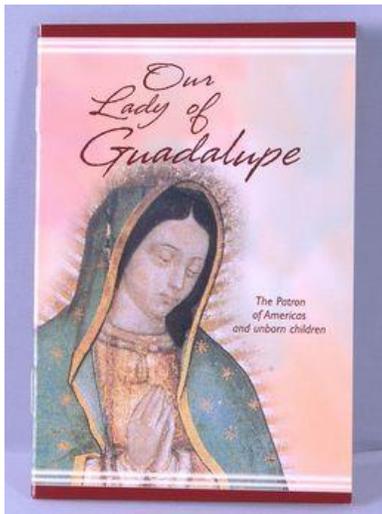
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm or with appointment

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.



Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion.

Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws.

Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. 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:** The 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds 30 ministries in the areas of charity, evangelization and worship. The greatest area that your donations are used is through charity to those in most need. The BAA provides one-third of all funding for Catholic Charities. Last year alone, they served over 59,000 individuals; many of these multiple times in a year. In addition to food, clothing, and housing, Catholic Charities provides baby supplies, adoption assistance and immigration services. The BAA assists couples preparing for marriage as well as seniors who cannot afford those medicines that are needed to fight diseases. 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](http://BAA.DioceseOfRaleigh.org). Thank you for your participation.

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

**SPECIAL THANKS:** To Karen Abruzzo, Maria Alcaraz and all who made possible for our youth to attend the March for Life in Raleigh on January 13. 45 people from our Parish participated in this important event.

**CONFIRMATION SECOND YEAR:** An important meeting will be held Sunday, January 21 after the 12pm mass to talk about the Confirmation retreat. The meeting will take approximately between 20 – 30 minutes.

**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.

**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.

**PRO-LIFE:** Monday, January 22 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. It is the 45<sup>th</sup> year since abortion was de-criminalized in the United States. The March for Life took place in Washington DC Friday, January 19.

**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: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;  
Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41  
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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

**Offertory: Will be updated in the next bulletin**