



# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD  
who made us.— *Psalm 95:6*

## *From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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:** 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, 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:** 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 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. Jesus taught us to go out and spread the Good News. The BAA funds all or portions of programs and ministries that attempt to evangelize across Eastern North Carolina. One hundred years ago, there were fewer than 25,000 Catholics in the entire state. Today we continue to grow and number nearly 500,000 in Eastern North Carolina alone. In addition to providing grants to assist new missions forming in the more rural areas of the Diocese, funds are also crucial to the tens of thousands in faith formation programs in each of our parishes as well as the 29 Diocesan schools and early childhood centers attended by nearly thousands of young men and women. BAA funding supports the NC Catholic magazine, which is mailed to each registered parishioner. It helps fund retreat centers and Marriage classes. 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 or online at [BAA.DioceseOfRaleigh.org](http://BAA.DioceseOfRaleigh.org). Thank you for your participation.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** February 2, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:30am mass. Prayer and Meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask him for graces, reflect on his word or just keep Him company.

**TAMALES:** The Emmaus group will be selling tamales after each mass Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28. The money raised will be used for their upcoming retreat.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection for February 3 and 4 is for Maintenance and Repair.

**RCIA:** A meeting with the parents of the students that are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation will be held Sunday, February 4 at 11am. Please mark your calendars.

**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.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** The Confirmation Retreat will be held Saturday, February 10 at 9:30am at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Durham. The students will meet with the teachers at Sts. Mary and Edward at 8:45am to leave at 9:00am. Each candidate has to bring a box of donuts or muffins.

**POINSETTIAS:** Some poinsettias are available in the foyer of the Price Building; you are welcome to take them home.

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

141. Economic growth, for its part, tends to produce predictable reactions and a certain standardization with the aim of simplifying procedures and reducing costs. This suggests the need for an "economic ecology" capable of appealing to a broader vision of reality. The protection of the environment is in fact "an integral part of the development process and cannot be considered in isolation from it". We urgently need a humanism capable of bringing together the different fields of knowledge, including economics, in the service of a more integral and integrating vision. Today, the analysis of environmental problems cannot be separated from the analysis of human, family, work-related and urban contexts, nor from how individuals relate to themselves, which leads in turn to how they relate to others and to the environment. There is an interrelation between ecosystems and between the various spheres of social interaction, demonstrating yet again that "the whole is greater than the part".

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

January 14, 2018

Offertory: \$1,678.01

Candles \$41.60

January 21, 2018

Offertory \$1,890.70

Maintenance & Repair \$862.00