



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

In Christ,

Fr. William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am
ADORATION: Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)
FIRST FRIDAY: March 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: 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

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

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

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.

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds 30 ministries in the areas of charity, evangelization and worship. The BAA impacts each parishioner and visitor to our Diocese every week through the area of worship. In addition to the ongoing formation of the Priests and Deacons currently serving in our Diocese, the BAA funds nearly the entire amount needed to educate our future Priests. There are currently 27 Seminarians in Priestly formation for the Diocese. The BAA also funds six college Campus Ministry Centers. College campuses have an average Catholic population of 28%, but receive no funding from non-Catholic institutions. Without the BAA, there would be no opportunity for our college age youth to practice their religion or learn about the Catholic faith for the first time. This support is incredibly important in that participation at these Catholic Campus Ministries is at an all-time high. 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. Thank you for your participation.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 14. Blessing and distribution of ashes, 9:30am mass in English and 7pm Bilingual Mass. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: The Lenten Reconciliation service will be held Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm in the Price Building. First Communion and Confirmation students must attend to this Reconciliation Service. *"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."* (Pope Francis)

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH: Welcome! Introduce yourself to Fr. William and fill out a registration card.

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

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.

END OF THE YEAR DONATION STATEMENTS: End of the year statements are at the back of the Church and Price Building this weekend. They are in alphabetical order.

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

142. If everything is related, then the health of a society's institutions has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life. "Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment".[116] In this sense, social ecology is necessarily institutional, and gradually extends to the whole of society, from the primary social group, the family, to the wider local, national and international communities. Within each social stratum, and between them, institutions develop to regulate human relationships. Anything which weakens those institutions has negative consequences, such as injustice, violence and loss of freedom. A number of countries have a relatively low level of institutional effectiveness, which results in greater problems for their people while benefiting those who profit from this situation. Whether in the administration of the state, the various levels of civil society, or relationships between individuals themselves, lack of respect for the law is becoming more common. Laws may be well framed yet remain a dead letter. Can we hope, then, that in such cases, legislation and regulations dealing with the environment will really prove effective? We know, for example, that countries which have clear legislation about the protection of forests continue to keep silent as they watch laws repeatedly being broken. Moreover, what takes place in any one area can have a direct or indirect influence on other areas. Thus, for example, drug use in affluent societies creates a continual and growing demand for products imported from poorer regions, where behavior is corrupted, lives are destroyed, and the environment continues to deteriorate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory \$2,210.29
Church in Latin America \$133.00