



First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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 21
CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Every first Wednesday of the month, 7pm.
PARISH COUNCIL: Sunday, March 11, 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

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, 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



PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,
 You have given the human race
 Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
 He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
 And giving His life on the Cross.
 Help us to bear witness to You
 By following His example of suffering
 And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Your Son. Amen

Mass Intention
+ In Memory of David Bretl +
Sunday, February 4 – 10am Mass at the request of Cathy Kotrba

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

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION: This is a reminder for parents of Faith Formation students to please come to the office Sundays after the 12pm mass to make your registration payments.

RITE OF ELECTION: The Rite of Election will be held Sunday, February 25 at 3:30pm at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. The Liturgy will be bilingual. Please be there no later than 3pm to be seated and receive prior instructions. You can meet with your teacher Refugio Rodriguez at the Parish at 1:30pm and follow him to the Cathedral. Please don't forget that candidates and catechumens should be accompanied by godparents.

MARIAN FUNDRAISING: The Altar Society will be doing a fundraising of a fun games gift basket each ticket cost \$5 and will be sold Saturday February 24 and Sunday February 25 after each mass. On Sunday February 25 there will be a cake sale. The money raised will be used to build a grotto for our Holy Mother the Virgin Mary on the grounds of our Parish.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 75% is remitted to CRS for overseas projects and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs. (Individual and family offerings through Lent) Boxes are at the back of the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come and pray every Friday during Lent at 7pm. A light meal (soup, bread, etc.) with no meat will be served at 5:45pm. Friday, February 23, the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be in charge of the light meal.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds 30 ministries in the areas of charity, evangelization and worship. In recent weeks, you have hopefully received information at home and here in church about the BAA. It impacts all of us in this community, and more importantly, provides critical assistance for those in most need across our entire Diocese. In addition, once our parish achieves our goal, (80% or 100%) of the funds over goal are collected are returned for our parish to use directly for our community. I want to thank you for your generous participation to the BAA this year. If you have not participated yet, I ask you to please consider a gift. Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church and you can also donate online. 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. Thank you for your participation.

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

144. A consumerist vision of human beings, encouraged by the mechanisms of today's globalized economy, has a levelling effect on cultures, diminishing the immense variety which is the heritage of all humanity. Attempts to resolve all problems through uniform regulations or technical interventions can lead to overlooking the complexities of local problems which demand the active participation of all members of the community. New processes taking shape cannot always fit into frameworks imported from outside; they need to be based in the local culture itself. As life and the world are dynamic realities, so our care for the world must also be flexible and dynamic. Merely technical solutions run the risk of addressing symptoms and not the more serious underlying problems. There is a need to respect the rights of peoples and cultures, and to appreciate that the development of a social group presupposes an historical process which takes place within a cultural context and demands the constant and active involvement of local people from within their proper culture. Nor can the notion of the quality of life be imposed from without, for quality of life must be understood within the world of symbols and customs proper to each human group.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

February 4, 2018

Offertory: \$1,970.00

Maintenance & Repair: \$764.00

February 11, 2018

Offertory: \$1,837.00

Maintenance & Repair: \$133.00.