



## Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

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

My Dear Friends:

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath. If we take this commandment literally, babies will go un-diapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)? We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

In Christ,

*Fr. William*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Every Sunday at 11am  
**ADORATION:** Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** April 6, 2018  
**PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday after the 9:30am mass  
**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY:** March 7, 2018  
**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:** Monday, March 5, 10:30am

#### 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

**BAPTISMS:** For information contact the Parish office or Sundays after mass.

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 - Rectorv #: 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

**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.

#### PRO LIFE PRAYER

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life,

Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care. Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society. Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen (EWTN)

**Mass of Intention + in Memory of Teresa Vilaro+  
Saturday, February 24, 5pm - at the request of her family**

**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH [www.stmaryandedward.org](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)**

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

**CONFIRMATION MEETING:** A Confirmation meeting will be held Sunday, March 4, after the 12pm mass to inform parents about the Confirmation, provide the forms that parents need to fill out and to do pre-sacramental preparation.

**FLU SEASON:** The Diocese of Raleigh has asked pastors to implement guidelines and practices within their own parishes for the prevention of the transmission of the flu. For this reason, the Blood of Christ will not be distributed to our Faithful until the flu season is over, we will keep you informed.

**LECTORS:** The 5pm mass needs lectors, if you are interested in being part of this ministry please sign the form that is at the back of the Church. The date of the training will be announced.

**MARIAN FUNDRAISING:** The Altar Society will be doing a fundraising of a fun games gift basket. Tickets will be sold after each mass, \$5 per ticket. The money raised will be used to build a grotto for our Holy Mother the Virgin Mary on the grounds of our Parish. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the Parish office.

**LILIES FOR THE ALTAR:** If you would like to buy lilies for the altar "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one, please write the information in the form that is at the back of the Church. Each plant is \$12. Money should be placed in the envelope with lilies on. The list of names will be inserted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**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.

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** Meeting will be held Monday, March 5 at 10:30am in the Price building. Also if there is anyone struggling with an illness or know of anyone, please call Joanne Agro at 336-597-3051.

**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, March 9, the group of EMMAUS will be in charge of the light meal.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** During the past two weekends, each Parishioner was asked to participate in the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. All funds raised are designated to support ministries in the areas of Charity, Evangelization and Worship across the Diocese. Each gift has a tremendous impact in the lives of the neediest in our communities. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we ask you to do so today. BAA pledge envelopes are available in the church or you can donate online at [BAA.DioceseOfRaleigh.org](http://BAA.DioceseOfRaleigh.org). Thank you for your generosity.

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH**

**40 Days for Life Campaign:** There will be three 40 days for Life campaigns this year in the Diocese of Raleigh beginning on Ash Wednesday, which is February 14, and ending on March 25. The campaigns will each take place from 7am-7pm daily at Planned Parenthood facilities in each city. Pray for closing of Abortion Centers and to protect mothers and babies at Planned Parenthood 1765 Dobbings Dr., Chapel Hill.

**EASTER GIFT OF HEALING:** If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat April 27-29. The weekend retreat, for both men and women will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and mercy.. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com) or call 919-852-1021. Cost for the weekend is \$150.00 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials; Deadline April 16.

**IGNITED BY TRUTH:** The 15th annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference will be held on April 28th at Reynolds Coliseum on the NC State Campus, Raleigh. The Saturday program includes 5 renowned speakers: Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Robert Spitzer, Fr. Donald Calloway, Mark Hart, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Unique tracks are offered for middle and high school students, Vigil Mass with Bishop Zarama; Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Free Young Adult (18+) evening social, followed by a concert with Dana Catherine and Mathias Michael for all. New this year is an evening in Spanish with Fr. Rafael Capó and concert with Darwin Lechler. Purchase your tickets while they last; visit [IgnitedByTruth.org](http://IgnitedByTruth.org).

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

146. In this sense, it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values. When they remain on their land, they themselves care for it best. Nevertheless, in various parts of the world, pressure is being put on them to abandon their homelands to make room for agricultural or mining projects which are undertaken without regard for the degradation of nature and culture.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings  
(Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offeratory: \$2,068.00  
Maintenance & Repair: \$190.00  
Candles: \$36.81