



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.— *John 3:17*

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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 21, 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: 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

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

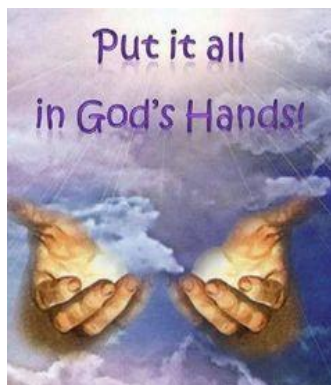
If you need to speak with Fr. William please call the Office during office hours and make an appointment. In case of an emergency, if a family member dies or is in the hospital, please call the office. If the office is closed, please call the Rectory and leave a message, Fr. William will return your call as soon as possible.
 Office #: 336-599-4122 - Rectory #: 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 Clavton.



If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. (Psalm 23)

Our Deepest Condolences to the Viall Family, especially to our parishioners Mike and Jean Viall for the loss of their granddaughter +Hannah Viall+

Our Deepest Condolences to the Masslofsky Family, especially to our parishioners Andy and Colleen for the loss of their niece +Dawn Swick+

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and with your family.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for March 17 and 18 is for Maintenance and Repair.

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.

ENTHRONEMENT MASS IN HONOR OF THE DIVINE MERCY: will be celebrated Sunday, March 11, 10am and 12pm masses.

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.

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 16, **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** will be in charge of the light meal.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE DOCUMENT: In our complex world of advanced medical technology and life-prolonging treatments, we can easily become confused by the many choices presented to us. The Church gives us guidance to navigate these choices, and to choose medical treatments that are morally sound and that respect both the dignity of our humanity and our destiny to live with Jesus Christ forever in heaven. To learn more attend a presentation at the Price Building Sunday, April 15 at 1:30pm or Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm. You will receive a copy of the Advance Directive Document and will learn on how to navigate life issues according to the teaching of our Catholic church. If you are interested please sign the form that is at the back of the Church. For questions contact Pat Erdner 336-597-3457, Mary Collins mc3526@gmail.com or Jerri Garretson rsgarretson@centurylink.net

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: If there is anyone struggling with an illness or know of anyone, please call Joanne Agro at 336-597-3051.

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 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.

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

III. ECOLOGY OF DAILY LIFE

147. Authentic development includes efforts to bring about an integral improvement in the quality of human life, and this entails considering the setting in which people live their lives. These settings influence the way we think, feel and act. In our rooms, our homes, our workplaces and neighborhoods, we use our environment as a way of expressing our identity. We make every effort to adapt to our environment, but when it is disorderly, chaotic or saturated with noise and ugliness, such overstimulation makes it difficult to find ourselves integrated and happy.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings
(Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
[3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory: \$1,951.60
Maintenance & Repair: \$681.00