



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — *Jeremiah 31:33*

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ. Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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, April 15, 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.



SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY:

10am Mass in English – Price Building
12pm Mass in Spanish – Price Building
5pm Mass – English - (Saturday March 24, Church)

TUESDAY, MARCH 27:

Chrism Mass, 2pm, Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 – HOLY THURSDAY:

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm, Price Building

FRIDAY, MARCH 30– GOOD FRIDAY:

The Passion of the Lord, 7pm, Price Building

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – HOLY SATURDAY:

Easter Vigil, 8pm, Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, EASTER SUNDAY:

10am Mass in English, Price Building
12pm Mass in Spanish, Price Building
(EASTER EGG HUNTS AFTER EACH MASS)

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

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

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.

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 23, ALTAR SOCIETY will be in charge of the light meal.

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

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL: Most parishioners realize that their Bishop's Annual Appeal gifts support the hungry, the homeless, the frail and the sick. But your help goes beyond that. Every parishioner benefits from the BAA. Every Catholic school and parish faith formation program, like the one here in our parish, is helped by your gift. Marriage preparation programs, seminarian and deacon formation as well as a host of other spiritual and educational activities exist through God's grace and your generosity. If you have not yet participated, BAA pledge envelopes are available in the church, if you did please don't forget to make your payments.

PARISH LIST: Please come to the Parish office and update your address and phone number on your registration cards.

SPECIAL THANKS: To a special family who donated the Image of the Divine Mercy, May God pour many blessings on them.

CHRISM MASS: Join us for the Annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 27 at 2:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Bishop Luis Zarama will preside the Mass, consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens which will be used in the parishes of the Diocese throughout the year. Also at this Mass, the priests gathered will renew their priestly promises.

FAITH FORMATION: There is no class of Faith Formation on Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday) and Sunday, April 1 (Easter Sunday). Students should attend mass and are encouraged to participate in the services of the Holy Week.

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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

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.

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

148. An admirable creativity and generosity is shown by persons and groups who respond to environmental limitations by alleviating the adverse effects of their surroundings and learning to orient their lives amid disorder and uncertainty. For example, in some places, where the façades of buildings are derelict, people show great care for the interior of their homes, or find contentment in the kindness and friendliness of others. A wholesome social life can light up a seemingly undesirable environment. At times a commendable human ecology is practised by the poor despite numerous hardships. The feeling of asphyxiation brought on by densely populated residential areas is countered if close and warm relationships develop, if communities are created, if the limitations of the environment are compensated for in the interior of each person who feels held within a network of solidarity and belonging. In this way, any place can turn from being a hell on earth into the setting for a dignified life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7;
Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23- 24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory: \$1,583.85
Maintenance & Repair: \$150.00
Flowers: \$113.00
Grotto: \$533.00