



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

— Psalm 118:17

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!"

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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:** April 4, 2018
- CHOIR PRACTICE:** Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Wednesday, April 4, at 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
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Reconciliation Service:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm or with appointment

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

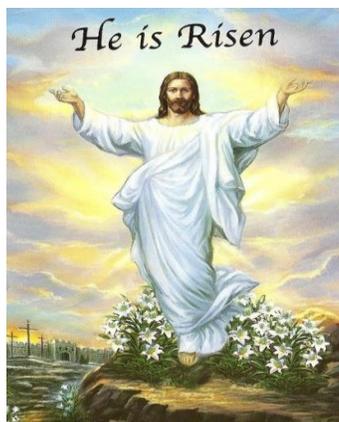
If you need to speak with Fr. William please call the Office during office hours and make an appointment. In case of an emergency, if a family member dies or is in the hospital, please call the office. If the office is closed, please call the Rectory and leave a message, Fr. William will return your 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. Marv. 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.



He is Risen

Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,

the will to want to do it,

the courage to undertake it,

the perseverance to continue to do it,

and the strength to complete it. Amen

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for March 31 and April 1 is for the Maintenance and Repair.

EASTER EGG HUNT: after each Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1. Children under age 4 will hunt for eggs in the front yard and children 5-9 will hunt for eggs in the back yard. Special thanks to Tammy Sanford for her generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY: April 6, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:30am mass. Prayer and Meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask him for graces, reflect on his word or just keep Him company.

FAITH FORMATION: Classes will restart Sunday, April 8 at 11am.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation retreat will be held Sunday, April 8 at 3pm at Immaculate Conception. Confirmation will be held Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30pm. Candidates have to be at Immaculate Conception no later than 5:30pm to meet with Bishop Zarama. Please pray for our Candidates.

SPECIAL THANKS: To the Emmaus group for their beautiful donation of a Monstrance for our Church. God bless them.

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

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Parish goal is of \$12,540 and right now we have \$10,000. We still need \$2,540 to complete our goal. We ask for your generosity, if you have already made your pledge, please consider in adding an extra \$20 or \$25 to the BAA, if you have not participated in this campaign, please prayerfully consider doing so. Together we will make a big difference in our neighbors with physical, financial and spiritual needs. Thank you for your support to the BAA.

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

Search Retreat for 10-12 Graders: Don't miss this opportunity to interact and share your faith with other Catholic teenagers from across the Diocese of Raleigh on April 27-29, 2018, at Camp Rockfish, Parkton, NC (near Fayetteville).

To register for Search 190, follow the link, <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/search-190> and click on the appropriate registration type, youth or adult. The final day to register is April 22. Cost for the Search weekend is \$120; however, no one is denied participation because of inability to pay. Financial assistance is available; please work with your parish. Adult chaperones must be 25 years old and Safe Environment trained. The cost for adults is covered. For more information, please contact the diocesan directors of Search, Monique and Joe Wertis at (919) 426-6608 at (919) 520-7059.

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.

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. 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)

149. The extreme poverty experienced in areas lacking harmony, open spaces or potential for integration, can lead to incidents of brutality and to exploitation by criminal organizations. In the unstable neighborhoods of mega-cities, the daily experience of overcrowding and social anonymity can create a sense of uprootedness which spawns antisocial behavior and violence. Nonetheless, I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people in these conditions are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome. This experience of a communitarian salvation often generates creative ideas for the improvement of a building or a neighborhood.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

**Offertory: \$2,016.75
Catholic Relief Services \$330.75
Maintenance & Repair \$53.00**