



Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.— *Psalm 4:9*

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures. Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

In Christ,

Fr. William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am
ADORATION: Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)
FIRST FRIDAY: May 4, 2018
PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday after the 9:30am mass
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY: April 18, 2018
CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Wednesday, May 2, at 7pm.
PARISH COUNCIL: To be announced
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.

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



Christ Candle of Hope Prayer

God, our loving Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to counter all the forces of evil: sin, suffering and death, and to overcome evil with the force of good; hatred with the power of love, your great love for us in Jesus. Help us never to curse the darkness, but to join with you in bringing Your light into this world, the light that is your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem.

Help us to be instruments of your light and love by doing one special act of kindness or by being your special instrument of reconciliation.

May the Christ Candle we light symbolize our desire to bring light into a world of darkness and hope into a world of despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for April 14 and 15 is for Maintenance and Repair.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our 13 kids that received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 10, at Immaculate Conception. They are: Daniel Mejia, Jazmin Ibarra, Evan Joseph Carr, Ruben Ceballos, Mariana Alcaraz, Varikki Lovei Goods, Crystal Reyes, Justin Ceballos, Victor Daniel Alcaraz, Ana Jazmin Coronado, Dareck Luebbert, Solymar Gonzalez, Alexander Martinez. Special thanks to our Catechists Karen Abruzzo and Isabel Luebbert.

FIRST COMMUNION: First Communion Sacramental Preparation Class for parents will be held Sunday, April 22 after the 12pm mass; a friendly reminder for our parents to please turn in the Student Information Form and Baptismal Certificate and to make the registration payments.

FR. WILLIAM: will be out of town from Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20. There will not be the 9:30am mass.

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

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

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH: Welcome! Introduce yourself to Fr. William, fill out a registration card and return it to the Parish office.

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.

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.

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

151. There is also a need to protect those common areas, visual landmarks and urban landscapes which increase our sense of belonging, of rootedness, of "feeling at home" within a city which includes us and brings us together. It is important that the different parts of a city be well integrated and that those who live there have a sense of the whole, rather than being confined to one neighborhood and failing to see the larger city as space which they share with others. Interventions which affect the urban or rural landscape should take into account how various elements combine to form a whole which is perceived by its inhabitants as a coherent and meaningful framework for their lives. Others will then no longer be seen as strangers, but as part of a "we" which all of us are working to create. For this same reason, in both urban and rural settings, it is helpful to set aside some places which can be preserved and protected from constant changes brought by human intervention.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory: \$1,713.60
Maintenance & Repair \$50.00
Rice Bowl \$200.00