

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.— 1 John 3:1

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

My Dear Friends:

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him. In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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:** May 2, 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

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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.

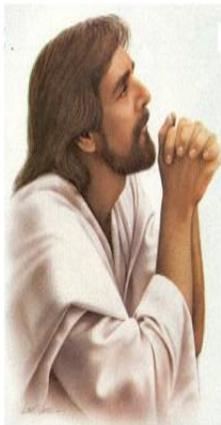
If you need to speak with Fr. William please call the Office during office hours and make an appointment. In case of an emergency, if a family member dies or is in the hospital, please call the office. If the office is closed, please call the Rectory and leave a message, Fr. William will return your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

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

**Mass Intention, Tuesday, April 24, 9:30am**

**+In Memory of Jennifer Clark+**

**Requested by Ronnie Webb**

**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

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection for May 5 and 6 is for Maintenance and Repair.

**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.

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

**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.

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** If there is anyone in need of prayer and would like a blessed prayer blanket, please call Joanne Agro at 336-597-3051.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:** If you would like to bring flowers for the altar please contact Maria Alcaraz after the 12pm mass.

**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)**

152. Lack of housing is a grave problem in many parts of the world, both in rural areas and in large cities, since state budgets usually cover only a small portion of the demand. Not only the poor, but many other members of society as well, find it difficult to own a home. Having a home has much to do with a sense of personal dignity and the growth of families. This is a major issue for human ecology. In some places, where makeshift shanty towns have sprung up, this will mean developing those neighborhoods rather than razing or displacing them. When the poor live in unsanitary slums or in dangerous tenements, "in cases where it is necessary to relocate them, in order not to heap suffering upon suffering, adequate information needs to be given beforehand, with choices of decent housing offered, and the people directly involved must be part of the process".[118] At the same time, creativity should be shown in integrating rundown neighborhoods into a welcoming city: "How beautiful those cities which overcome paralyzing mistrust, integrate those who are different and make this very integration a new factor of development! How attractive are those cities which, even in their architectural design, are full of spaces which connect, relate and favour the recognition of others!"[119]

153. The quality of life in cities has much to do with systems of transport, which are often a source of much suffering for those who use them. Many cars, used by one or more people, circulate in cities, causing traffic congestion, raising the level of pollution, and consuming enormous quantities of non-renewable energy. This makes it necessary to build more roads and parking areas which spoil the urban landscape. Many specialists agree on the need to give priority to public transportation. Yet some measures needed will not prove easily acceptable to society unless substantial improvements are made in the systems themselves, which in many cities force people to put up with undignified conditions due to crowding, inconvenience, infrequent service and lack of safety.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**(Monthly Budget \$9,500)**

**Offertory: \$1,420.00**  
**Maintenance & Repair \$710.54**  
**Rice Bowl: \$10.00**