



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit. — *John 15:16*

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

My Dear Friends:

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise. In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

In Christ,  
*Fr. William*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Every Sunday at 11am  
**ADORATION:** Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** June 1, 2018  
**PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday after the 9:30am mass  
**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY:** May 16, 2018  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Wednesday, June 6, 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  
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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. 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 Clayton.



**The Prayer, Thanksgiving for Mary, Our Mother**  
O Jesus, Divine Master, I thank and bless Your most merciful Heart for having given us Mary most holy as our Mother, Teacher and Queen. From the cross You placed us all in her hands. You gave her a great heart, much wisdom and immense power. May all mankind know her, pray to her! May all permit themselves to be led by her to You, the Savior of mankind! I placed myself in her hands, as You placed Yourself. With this Mother I want to live now, in the hour of my death, and for all eternity.  
**Amen.**

**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 19 and 20 is for Maintenance and Repair. Thank you for your generosity.

**PRAYER OF THE ROSARY:** May is the month of the Holy Virgin Mary. Sunday, May 6, at 11am, all Faith Formation students will gather outside of the Price Building to pray the rosary in honor of our Lady. All parishioners are invited. After the rosary, all children and youth will meet with Faith Formation teachers outside of the Price Building, we ask each child to bring a flower, they will go in a procession at the beginning of the mass and will offer the flower to our Lady.

**FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL:** First Communion rehearsal will be held Sunday, May 6, after the 12pm mass. Please make sure your student information form is turned in and to do your registration payments.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** The celebration of the First Communion will be held Saturday, May 19 at 11am in the Price Building Chapel. Children need to be at the Price Building no later than 10:15am, they will meet with their teachers at the Confirmation Class.

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Last day of Faith Formation, Sunday, May 13.

**BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER:** Pregnancy Support Center-Life Choices will begin their Baby Bottle Fund Raiser on Mother's Day and end on Father's Day. You may take a small bottle home and fill it or just use the Big Bottle in the lobby of the Church.

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH**

**YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 – 18 INVITED TO THE WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA:** The Office of the Secretariat for Lay Formation, Marriage and Family Life of the Diocese of Raleigh invites young adults to join in the common celebration of World Youth Day (WYD) 2019 in Panama.

We would like, as one diocesan family, to live and celebrate the universal Church!

Our pilgrim group will be in Panama from January 21-28, 2019, and our invitation extends to adults ages 18-35. The trip includes round-trip airfare from Raleigh to Panama, lodging at a 4-star hotel within walking distance of the WYD main events, covers the cost of WYD fees, lunches and dinners, and a bonus day trip to the Panama Canal to discover the Miraflores Locks, the Biodiversity Museum and explore the ruins of Panama Viejo.

The total cost per pilgrim is \$2,750, which can be paid through a payment plan.

Interested young adults should please contact Mr. Ricardo Veloz at 919-600-8750 or [Ricardo.Veloz@raldioc.org](mailto:Ricardo.Veloz@raldioc.org).

For information and registration visit: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wvd2019>.

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

**IV. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE COMMON GOOD**

156. An integral ecology is inseparable from the notion of the common good, a central and unifying principle of social ethics. The common good is "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment".[122]

157. Underlying the principle of the common good is respect for the human person as such, endowed with basic and inalienable rights ordered to his or her integral development. It has also to do with the overall welfare of society and the development of a variety of intermediate groups, applying the principle of subsidiarity. Outstanding among those groups is the family, as the basic cell of society. Finally, the common good calls for social peace, the stability and security provided by a certain order which cannot be achieved without particular concern for distributive justice; whenever this is violated, violence always ensues. Society as a whole, and the state in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn4:11-16; Jn 17:11b19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

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

**Offertory: \$1,332.00**  
**Catholic Home Missions \$149.67**  
**Maintenance & Repair \$10.00**  
**Candles \$56.10**