



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.— *Isaiah 60:1*

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

In Christ,

Father William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am
ADORATION: Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)
FIRST FRIDAY: February 1, 2019
PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday after the 9:30am mass
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY: January 9, 2019
CHOIR PRACTICE: SPANISH: Tuesday, 6pm, ENGLISH: Friday, 7pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Wednesday, February 6, at 7pm.
PARISH COUNCIL: Sunday, January 20th, 1:15 pm, Price Building
FINANCE COMMITTEE: To be announced
ALTAR SOCIETY: To be announced
EMMAUS WOMEN: Every Thursday, 7pm, Price Building
EMMAUS MEN: Every Monday, 7pm, Price Building
PRISON MINISTRY: Every Thursday
PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: First Monday of the month at 10am

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

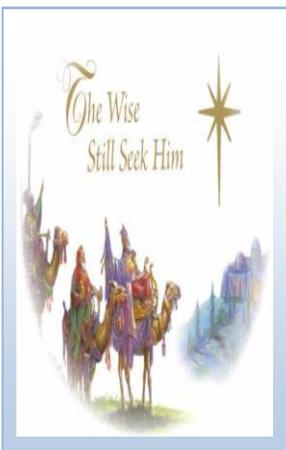
BAPTISMS: For information contact the Parish office or Sundays after mass.

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



Be Our Daily Star

God of all heaven and earth,

From the breath of your love came the creation of the world.

We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children.

Be our daily star,

Guiding our lives to search for kingdom love.

May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do,

Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.

Lift our eyes tonight to see your eternal life shining brightly,

Leading us home.

Amen.

Mass Intention

+In Memory of Bobby Michalec, Ashley Michalec and Debbie Michalec+
Saturday, January 5, 5pm Mass, requested by Dolores Watson

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS: Linda Toth, Mary Williamson, Gloria Wiener, Scott Varney, Brenda Capps, Bobby Rigsby, Socorro Rigsby, Paul Cicchetti, Saul Reyes, David Savoxsky, Merle and Barbara Bland, Julie Marshall, Charles Rigsbee, Donald Wilson, Richard Tofte, David and Barbara Reedy, David Ramsey, Julian Alexander, Bo and Leila Currier, John and Anita Swanik, Annie O'Connor, Jorge Gamez Magaña, Glafira Rangel, Neil Clayton, Sheila Clark, Brenda and James Flowers, Beth Howarth, Alejandro Garcia Zamudio, Sharon Palmieri, Gary and Claire Clements, Richard and Jerry Garretson, Don and Sybil Jennings, Bob and Rebecca Larson, Eliza Spoto. Dear Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body, and soul. Amen

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SPECIAL THANKS: to Fr. Nakireru who will be celebrating the mass in the absence of Fr. William the following weekends: Saturday, January 5, 5pm mass; Sunday, January 6, 10am and 12pm masses; Saturday, January 12, 5pm mass; Sunday January 13, 10am and 12pm masses.

WEEKDAY SERVICE: A Communion Service will be offered to our faithful Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Fr. William will be back Thursday, January 17 for the 9:30am mass. The Mass in Spanish will restart Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for January 5 and 6 is for Maintenance and Repair. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2019 are at the back of the Church. They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please take an unmarked box and fill in the information form on the clipboard. Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS HOMILY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY MASS: At the beginning of the year, let us implore from Mary the grace to be amazed at the God of surprises. Let us renew the amazement we felt when faith was first born in us. The Mother of God helps us: the Mother who gave birth to the Lord, now presents us, reborn, to the Lord. She is a mother who generates in her children the amazement of faith, because faith is an encounter, not a religion. Without amazement, life becomes dull and routine, and so it is with faith. The Church too needs to renew her amazement at being the dwelling place of the living God, the Bride of the Lord, a Mother who gives birth to her children. Otherwise, she risks turning into a beautiful museum of the past. A "Church museum". Our Lady instead gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God, as the inhabitants of Ephesus did at the time of the Council. Like them, let us acclaim her "Holy Mother of God". From her, *let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon, to be embraced, to be taken by the hand.*

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

NC Rally and March for Life: The Diocese is partnering with NC Right to Life to continue the tradition of taking a stand for the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. All the faithful of North Carolina are invited to participate in the NC Rally for Life at 1:00pm and the NC March for Life at 2:00pm on Jan. 12, 2019 at the Halifax Mall in Downtown Raleigh. The keynote speaker will be Dr. George Delgado, a national Catholic Speaker on Pro-Life themes, and is a regular on "Catholic Answers Live". Along with the keynote speaker there will be live music, youth speakers, an invocation from our bishop, local politicians and much more.

NC Mass for Life at the National Basilica in Washington, DC: Bishop Luis Zarama will be celebrating the NC Mass for Life at 11:30am on Friday, Jan. 18th at the National Shrine Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Any priests, groups or faithful who plan on attending the National March for Life in DC are invited to attend.

John 6:35 Eucharistic Youth Retreat: Looking for a way to bring your believing kids to the next level in their relationship with Christ? Look no further than the John 6:35 Eucharistic retreat. "The charism of the John 6:35 Eucharistic Youth Retreat is to lead young people, through prayer and catechesis before the Blessed Sacrament, to a personal encounter and ever-deepening union of heart and mind with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ." Feb. 17-19, 2019 @ St. Thomas More Academy.

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

197. What is needed is a politics which is far-sighted and capable of a new, integral and interdisciplinary approach to handling the different aspects of the crisis. Often, politics itself is responsible for the disrepute in which it is held, on account of corruption and the failure to enact sound public policies. If in a given region the state does not carry out its responsibilities, some business groups can come forward in the guise of benefactors, wield real power, and consider themselves exempt from certain rules, to the point of tolerating different forms of organized crime, human trafficking, the drug trade and violence, all of which become very difficult to eradicate. If politics shows itself incapable of breaking such a perverse logic, and remains caught up in inconsequential discussions, we will continue to avoid facing the major problems of humanity. A strategy for real change calls for rethinking processes in their entirety, for it is not enough to include a few superficial ecological considerations while failing to question the logic which underlies present-day culture. A healthy politics needs to be able to take up this challenge.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104: 1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monthly Budget \$ 9.500

Offertory Dec 30: \$1,355.00\$
Offertory Jan 1: \$212.75