



The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word

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.

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who sanctified and blessed the water of baptism for all Christians through his own baptism by John, continue your work of cleansing the penitent from sin by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who honor Jesus as your beloved Son might live in the holiness of perfect love, to the glory of your holy name. 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

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 Friday, January 18 for the 9:30am mass. The Mass in Spanish will restart Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for January 12 and 13 is for the victims of Hurricane Florence. Many of the families impacted by Hurricane Florence across central and eastern North Carolina have not yet recovered, Bishop Zarama has asked for help and prayer, please be generous with this collection.

VISIT OF OUR BISHOP: Bishop Zarama will visit our Parish Sunday, January 27. Due to his busy schedule, he will be celebrating the 12pm mass only. After the mass there will be a reception to share a moment with our Bishop. All parishioners are invited. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Mrs. Maria Alcaraz.

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.

TRAINING FOR LECTORS AND USHERS FOR THE YOUTH GROUP: Training for Ushers and Lectors for the Youth group will be held Sunday, January 13 after the 12pm mass.

PRAYER OF THE ROSARY: Faith Formation students will be praying the rosary Sunday, January 20 at 11am to ask our Holy Mother of Heaven to protect the life of the babies in the mother's womb. All parishioners are invited.

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.

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

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: Prayer Blanket Ministry has resumed for the year as of January 7. We welcome anyone who would like to join us or who can't attend meetings and just want to donate a blanket. We meet on first Monday of the month at 10:00am in the Price Building, we provide blankets free of charge; however, are open to a monetary donation. If you know of anyone from our Parish or not from our Parish, adult or child that is suffering from an illness, has had surgery, a shut in or just anyone in need of the comfort of a blessed blanket, please contact Joanne Agro, 336-504-1324. Remember these blankets are free, have the name of our Parish and are blessed by our Pastor. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

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 at St. Thomas More Academy.

Mass honoring Martin Luther King Jr.: We invite you to join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama for Mass to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 10:00 am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh. Event is open to the public.

SEMINARY PILGRIMAGE Each Winter/Spring, The Office of Vocations invites men between the ages of 17 and 35 on a pilgrimage to visit two of our seminaries. This pilgrimage helps young men imagine life in seminary in order to help their discernment process. Potential Candidates should have a Letter of Recommendation from their parish Priest.

The General schedule is:

- Day 1 Friday February 8, 2019: Depart by bus from Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, travel to Washington, DC.
- Day 2 Saturday February 9, 2019, Seminarians will host the Raleigh Candidates giving them opportunities to participate in prayer, attend Mass and visit the academic, social and athletic facilities of the seminary.
- Day 3 Sunday February 10, 2019, Candidates will have breakfast, Morning Prayer and Mass before departing for their return to Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

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

198. Politics and the economy tend to blame each other when it comes to poverty and environmental degradation. It is to be hoped that they can acknowledge their own mistakes and find forms of interaction directed to the common good. While some are concerned only with financial gain, and others with holding on to or increasing their power, what we are left with are conflicts or spurious agreements where the last thing either party is concerned about is caring for the environment and protecting those who are most vulnerable. Here too, we see how true it is that "unity is greater than conflict".

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monthly Budget \$ 9,500

Offertory: \$1733.92

Maintenance and Repair: \$499.00