



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.— Luke 4:18a

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time. When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep. "The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on 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: February 23, 2019
CHOIR PRACTICE: SPANISH: Tuesday, 6pm, ENGLISH: Friday, 7pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Wednesday, February 6, at 7pm.
PARISH COUNCIL: Sunday, February 10, 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 second and fourth Tuesday
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, Gary and Claire Clements, Richard and Jerry Garretson, Don and Sybil Jennings, Bob and Rebecca Larson, Eliza Spoto, Joan Desroches
 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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019



Lord, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.

We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us, You have given us the greatest of all gifts, your son, JESUS CHRIST.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faithful, caring people.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. 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

VISIT OF BISHOP LUIS ZARAMA: Bishop Zarama will visit our Parish this coming Sunday, January 27. Due to his busy schedule, he will be celebrating the 12pm mass only. After the Mass everybody is invited to a reception to spend some time with our Bishop. If you would like to help with the reception, please bring a dish or a desert to share.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019: "We have a lot of rebuilding to do in Eastern North Carolina. People have lost homes, jobs, farms...30 parishes and schools in our diocese were damaged. And we know this will happen again. How can we be better prepared for another hurricane or another disaster? A poor person, a hungry person, someone who has lost their home...how can we help that person to recover? How can we also help them be better prepared to help others in the future?"

- The Church and its people are facing challenges. More than ever, it's time to have hope and rebuild.
- Our neighbors impacted by natural disasters need assistance as they repair their homes, find affordable housing and replace necessities such as clothing, furniture and household goods.
- Recovery is an ongoing effort. +Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

FIRST FRIDAY: February 1, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:30am mass. Prayer and Meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask him for graces, reflect on his word or just keep Him company.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE: Starting Tuesday, January 29, 2019 the 9:30am mass will change to 3:30pm. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be recited every Tuesday at 3pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for February 2 and 3 is for Maintenance and Repair.

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.

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 después de la misa de las 12pm.

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

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)

200. Any technical solution which science claims to offer will be powerless to solve the serious problems of our world if humanity loses its compass, if we lose sight of the great motivations which make it possible for us to live in harmony, to make sacrifices and to treat others well. Believers themselves must constantly feel challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. They need to be encouraged to be ever open to God's grace and to draw constantly from their deepest convictions about love, justice and peace. If a mistaken understanding of our own principles has at times led us to justify mistreating nature, to exercise tyranny over creation, to engage in war, injustice and acts of violence, we believers should acknowledge that by so doing we were not faithful to the treasures of wisdom which we have been called to protect and preserve. Cultural limitations in different eras often affected the perception of these ethical and spiritual treasures, yet by constantly returning to their sources, religions will be better equipped to respond to today's needs.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Monthly Budget \$ 9.500
Offertory: \$1,743.00
Maintenance and Repair:
\$571.05