



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son? "Surely the people know who he is, the carpenter's son, the young man who had learned in this very synagogue, the boy down the street. Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all. In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

In Christ,

Father William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am
ADORATION: Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)
FIRST FRIDAY: March 1, 2019
PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday after the 9:30am mass
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY: February 6, 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 - Rectorv #: 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

SPECIAL THANKS: To the Emmaus group and to all who helped with the planning in the preparation for the visit of our Bishop Luis Zarama. It was a beautiful and blessed day. May God bless you all and bless our Bishop.

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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019: "The hurricane is one of the many challenges we faced this year. I say to my brother priests that one of our biggest challenges is not to lose hope – to not let the people lose hope. We must renew people's faith through formation. Teach people how to love Jesus, teach seminarians to serve through the sacraments. When our hope is renewed, we can show the true light of Christ."

- Through Mass, prayer, retreats, service and formation, the faithful may deepen their relationship with God and grow spiritually.
- More than 25 seminarians from our diocese are studying to become priests and serve the sacramental needs of Catholic parishes.
- When hope is renewed, women religious, brothers, clergy and the laity show the true light of Christ in their communities of faith, and beyond. +Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama.

FUNDRAISER: A poster board with attached envelopes and dollar amounts written on it will be outside the church; anyone that can, please take one and return by putting in church basket. Money raised will be used for our Parish needs.

FIRST COMMUNION: A meeting with the parents will be held Sunday, February 17 after the 12pm mass. The meeting is mandatory.

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 and fill out a registration card.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to bring flowers for the altar please contact Maria Alcaraz

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: We're hiring in our Raleigh Office! We're looking for a dedicated individual to serve as our Disaster Services Program Coordinator to assist with developing the NC Catholics Volunteer program, improving current disaster services policies and procedures, and coordinating response efforts following a disaster. For more information about the position, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/careers.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat: If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat April 26-28, 2019. The weekend retreat is strictly *confidential* for both women and men includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$150 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

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

201. The majority of people living on our planet profess to be believers. This should spur religions to dialogue among themselves for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity. Dialogue among the various sciences is likewise needed, since each can tend to become enclosed in its own language, while specialization leads to a certain isolation and the absolutization of its own field of knowledge. This prevents us from confronting environmental problems effectively. An open and respectful dialogue is also needed between the various ecological movements, among which ideological conflicts are not infrequently encountered. The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all look to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue which demands patience, self-discipline and generosity, always keeping in mind that "realities are greater than ideas".[143]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

Monthly Budget \$ 9,500

Offertory: \$1,847.76

Latin America: \$256.00

Maintenance and Repair: \$600.00

Candles: \$124.78