



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2019

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”  
“Here I am, “I said, “Send me!”— *Isaiah 6:8*

*From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips,” he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man. ”Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah answered, “Here I am, send me. ”We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything. What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

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 20, 2019  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** SPANISH: Tuesday, 6pm, ENGLISH: Friday, 7pm  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Wednesday, March 6, at 7pm.  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Sunday, February 10, 1:15 pm, Price Building  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Sunday February 10, 11am, Price Building  
**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](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019:** "We have much work to do, we have many challenges; but we also have much to celebrate. We have a growing Church in Eastern North Carolina. We have young people whose faith is strong and growing. We are becoming more Catholic, more universal. People want more, to know their faith better. They are hungry for love – to let the light of Christ shine. We need to help each other to satisfy that hunger, to be more holy, and to shine."

- In 2018, three men were ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Raleigh.
- Our faithful in the diocese celebrated over 4,000 years of marriage.
- More than 7,000 students attended a Catholic school in the diocese, and 31,000 received catechesis and faith formation.

Growth in numbers is wonderful, but most important are brothers and sisters who help one another become more holy. The diocese is thankful and celebrates this every day! +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 16 and 17 is for Maintenance and Repair.

**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

**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](http://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 include 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](mailto: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)**

**ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY: 202.** Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.

**I. TOWARDS A NEW LIFESTYLE: 203.** Since the market tends to promote extreme consumerism in an effort to sell its products, people can easily get caught up in a whirlwind of needless buying and spending. Compulsive consumerism is one example of how the techno-economic paradigm affects individuals. Romano Guardini had already foreseen this: "The gadgets and technics forced upon him by the patterns of machine production and of abstract planning mass man accepts quite simply; they are the forms of life itself. To either a greater or lesser degree mass man is convinced that his conformity is both reasonable and just".[144] This paradigm leads people to believe that they are free as long as they have the supposed freedom to consume. But those really free are the minority who wield economic and financial power. Amid this confusion, postmodern humanity has not yet achieved a new self-awareness capable of offering guidance and direction, and this lack of identity is a source of anxiety. We have too many means and only a few insubstantial ends.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Monthly Budget \$ 9,500**

**Offertory: \$1,906.00**

**Maintenance and Repair: \$471.00**

**Fund Raiser: \$165.00**