



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”— *Luke 6:20-21a*

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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: 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.

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



Presidents' Day

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your glory to all nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his/her administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people over whom he/she presides. May he/she encourage due respect for virtue and religion. May he/she execute the laws with justice and mercy. May he/she seek to restrain crime, vice, and immorality. We, likewise, commend to your unbounded mercy all who dwell in the United States. Bless us and all people with the peace which the world cannot give. We pray to you, who are Lord and God, forever and ever. R/. Amen.

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 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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019: The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is the combined effort of all parishes and parishioners in the Diocese of Raleigh to provide this outreach. With the help of God, our combined efforts can have a tremendous impact in responding to those who depend on our help. The theme of the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is Rebuild, Renew, Rejoice in God's Service. The Church and its people are facing challenges. More than ever, it's time to have hope and rebuild. Through Mass, prayer, retreats, service and formation, the faithful may deepen their relationship with God and grow spiritually. We invite you to explore the BAA site to learn more about the impact of your generosity to the campaign.

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!

CONFIRMATION: A meeting with the parents of the second year Confirmation students will be held Sunday, March 3, after the 12pm mass.

FREE DENTAL AND VISION CLINIC: Saturday, March 9, please call 336-599-9248 (Roxboro Baptist Church) to reserve a spot. A bus will take you from Roxboro Baptist Church to the dentist or eye doctor.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

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 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.

Ignited by Truth Catholic Conference: The 16th annual Ignited By Truth Conference will be held April 6 at NC State's Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh, featuring renowned speakers Dr. Tim Gray, Fr. Larry Richards, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Susan Brinkmann, Adam Blai, and Fr. Dwight Longenecker. Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Zarama, and Catholic vendors, Eucharistic Adoration, and confession will be available all day. The student program will include free pizza lunch, vibrant speaker Nick De La Torre, music and prayer with Fr. Ian Van Heusen and Dana Catherine. The day will conclude with a concert performance by Dana Catherine and Nick & Alina De La Torre. Buy your tickets today! Advance price is \$15 for adults. FREE admission for students age 10-college with registration. Visit IgnitedByTruth.org or call 919-789-1428 for more information.

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

204. The current global situation engenders a feeling of instability and uncertainty, which in turn becomes "a seedbed for collective selfishness".[145] When people become self-centered and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears. As these attitudes become more widespread, social norms are respected only to the extent that they do not clash with personal needs. So our concern cannot be limited merely to the threat of extreme weather events, but must also extend to the catastrophic consequences of social unrest. Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monthly Budget \$ 9.500

Offertory: \$1,947.03

Maintenance and Repair: \$125.00

Fund Raiser: \$340.00