



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history. In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to

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: Wednesday, March 6th, 2019
CHOIR PRACTICE: SPANISH: Tuesday, 6pm, ENGLISH: Friday, 7pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Wednesday, March 6, at 7pm.
PARISH COUNCIL: Sunday, March 17, 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

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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



Prayer for the Spread of Perpetual Adoration

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins.

We need your peace in our hearts and among nations.

We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness.

May we obtain this through prayer and our union with the Eucharistic Lord.

Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Eucharistic Adoration.

We beseech You to spread Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Help us to spread the glory of Your Son through Perpetual Adoration.

MASS INTENTION
+In memory of Hannah Viall+
Sunday, February 24 at 11am; at the request of Bill and Joan Agro

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

FIRST FRIDAY: March 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, March 6. Blessing and distribution of ashes, 9:30am mass in English (Church) and 7pm Mass in Spanish (Price Building). Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

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. The theme for 2019 is Rebuild, Renew, and Rejoice in God's Service. Our goal is \$12,550, if you have not done your promise please do so now. Envelopes are at the back of the Church.

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

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: Prayer Blanket Ministry welcomes anyone who would like to join us or would like to donate a blanket or give a monetary donation. If you know of anyone, 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: It's time to take a stand for life! Join other like-minded Americans in the 2019 40 Days for Life spring campaign in Chapel Hill. This campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness for an end to abortion, begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and ends April 14 (7am-7pm daily). Location: public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, 1765 Dobbins Drive. For more information or to volunteer: 40daysforlife.com/chapel-hill or email 40dayschapelhill@gmail.com

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)

205. Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning. We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom. No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts. I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monthly Budget \$ 9,500

Offertory: \$1,454.50

Maintenance and Repair: \$385.02

BAA 2018 Rebate \$271.12

Fund Raiser: \$25.00