



## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. — Luke 6:44

### *From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us. Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression- words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws. And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

In Christ,

*Father William*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Every Sunday at 11am

**ADORATION:** Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)

**FIRST FRIDAY:** April 5, 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

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

ASH  
WEDNESDAY



Remember that  
You are dust, and to  
dust You shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

### PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the all-holy one, who gives us life and all things. As we go about our lives, the press of our duties and activities often leads us to forget your presence and your love. We fall into sin and fail to live out the responsibilities that you have entrusted to those who were baptized into your Son.

In this holy season, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace. Help us to remember that we are sinners, but even more; help us to remember your loving mercy.

As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. 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](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)

**SPECIAL THANKS:** to Father Pablo Cesar Cisneros Ayala who will celebrate the 10am and 12pm masses Sunday, March 3. May God bless him.

**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.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** The Lenten Reconciliation service will be held Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm in the Price Building. First Communion and Confirmation students must attend to this Reconciliation Service. *"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."* (Pope Francis)

**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.

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights of Columbus are providing two scholarships for 2019 graduating high school seniors who are active in our Parish. The Robert "Bo" Currier Scholarships are \$250 each. Forms can be obtained in the parish office and must be postmarked by May 1, 2019.

**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](http://40daysforlife.com/chapel-hill) or email [40dayschapelhill@gmail.com](mailto:40dayschapelhill@gmail.com)

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** 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.

**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](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.

**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](http://IgnitedByTruth.org) or call 919-789-1428 for more information.

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

206. A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power. This is what consumer movements accomplish by boycotting certain products. They prove successful in changing the way businesses operate, forcing them to consider their environmental footprint and their patterns of production. When social pressure affects their earnings, businesses clearly have to find ways to produce differently. This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. "Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act".[146] Today, in a word, "the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle".[147]

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Monthly Budget \$ 9,500**  
**Offertory: \$1,538.52**  
**Maintenance and Repair: \$451.00**  
**Donation from Emmaus: \$958.00**