



# Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. — *Psalms 103:6*

## *From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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, April 3th, 2019  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** SPANISH: Tuesday, 6pm, ENGLISH: Friday, 7pm  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** April 3, at 7pm.  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** To be announced  
**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. Marv. 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 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

**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



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD  
 God Our Father,  
 Your Word became Man  
 and was born of the Virgin Mary.  
 May we become more like Jesus Christ,  
 whom we acknowledge as our Redeemer, God and man.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen

## Mass Intention

Saturday, March 23rd 5pm; for the Intentions of Stephen Cagney requested by Ronnie Webb  
Sunday, March 24th 10am; +In Memory of Jean Ellen Jackson+ at the request of Beverly M. Jackson

### NEWS FROM OUR PARISH [www.stmaryandedward.org](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection for April 6 and 7 is for Maintenance and Repair.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Come and pray every Friday during Lent at 7pm. A light meal (soup, bread, etc.) with no meat will be served at 5:45pm. Friday, March 29, **THE GROUP OF EMMAUS** will be in charge of the light meal.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 75% is remitted to CRS for overseas projects and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs. (Individual and family offerings through Lent) Boxes are at the back of the Church.

**EASTER EGGS:** If you have plastic empty Easter eggs to donate, please leave them in the box in the foyer. We will fill them again for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave eggs no later than Sunday, March 31. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** The Confirmation retreat will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church (1001 Mason Rd, Durham, NC) Saturday, April 6, 2019. Students should be at St. Mathew at 9:30am and should be picked up at 6pm. Please remember to bring the permission forms and the letters and return them to their Assistant Teacher Isabel Luebbert no later than March 31. If you don't have transportation, please talk to your teachers. Each candidate need to bring a box of granola Or protein bars.

### 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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Monthly Budget \$ 9,500  
Offertory: \$2008.74  
Maintenance & Repair: \$477.00