



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.— 2 Corinthians 5:17

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshipping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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: Sunday, April 7, 1:15pm, Price Building

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY:

10am Mass in English – Price Building

12pm Mass in Spanish – Price Building

5pm Mass – English - (Saturday April 13, Church)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16:

Chrism Mass, 2pm, Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 – HOLY THURSDAY:

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm, Price Building

FRIDAY, APRIL 19– GOOD FRIDAY:

The Passion of the Lord, 7pm, Price Building

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 – HOLY SATURDAY:

Easter Vigil, 8pm, Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, EASTER SUNDAY:

10am Mass in English, Price Building

12pm Mass in Spanish, Price Building

(EASTER EGG HUNTS AFTER EACH MASS)

Our Deepest Sympathy to Teresa Rodriguez
for the loss of her grandmother + Danute Paskonis +
Our thoughts and prayers are with her and with her family
Rest in Peace

Mass Intention
+In Memory of Eileen Donahue+
Sunday, March 31st at 10am

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for March 30 and 31 is for Catholic Relief Services. 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, April 5, **THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** will be in charge of the light meal.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to buy Easter Lilies "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one, please write the information in the form that is at the back of the Church. The cost of each plant is \$12.50. Money should be placed in the envelope with lilies on. The list of names will be inserted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

FAMILY LENTEN RETREAT: A Family Lenten Retreat in Spanish will be held Sunday, April 13 from 8am – 3pm in the Price building, for more information please contact Teresa Garivaldi after the 12pm mass.

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.

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. Candidates should be at St. Mathew at 9:30am and should be picked up at 6pm. Please return the permission forms and the letters to their Assistant Teacher Isabel Luebbert no later than March 31. If you don't have transportation, please let your teachers know. Each candidate need to bring a box of granola or protein bars.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING: will be held Sunday, April 7 at 1:15m in the Price building.

EMMAUS: The group of Emmaus had a taco sale, Sunday, March 24 after the 12pm mass. The amount raised is \$1271; this amount will be donated to buy the security system for our Parish. Special thanks to the Hispanic Community for their support.

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.

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

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

208. We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, other creatures will not be recognized for their true worth; we are unconcerned about caring for things for the sake of others; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings. Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us. If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Monthly Budget \$ 9.500

Offeratory: \$1,745.83
Maintenance & Repair: \$20.00.