



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.— *Philippians 3:8*

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints. We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

In Christ,

Father William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am
ADORATION: Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)
FIRST FRIDAY: May 3, 2019
PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday after the 9:30am mass
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, April 17th, 2019
CHOIR PRACTICE: SPANISH: Tuesday, 6pm, ENGLISH: Friday, 7pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: May 1, at 7pm.
PARISH COUNCIL: Sunday, April 14, 1:15pm, Price Building
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. Mary, 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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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)

**Mass Intention +In Memory of Loretta Levinus+
Sunday, April 7th at 10am; at the request of Bill & Joanne Agro**

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SPECIAL THANKS: To Fr. Nakireru for who will celebrate the masses during this weekend. God bless him.

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

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation students will not have classes Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) and Sunday, April 21 (Easter Sunday). Students should attend mass and are encouraged to participate in the services of the Holy Week.

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 12, **ALTAR SOCIETY** 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.

PALM SUNDAY: Sunday, April 14. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Holy week. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus was received by a crowd of followers who waved branches of palms while Jesus continued his journey through the city riding a donkey as a sign of peace.

CHRISM MASS: Join us for the Annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 16 at 2:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Bishop Luis Zarama will preside the Mass, consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens which will be used in the parishes of the Diocese throughout the year. Also at this Mass, the priests gathered will renew their priestly promises.

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

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. Boxes are at the back of the Church.

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.

DRESS CODE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The attire of the Liturgical Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Choir, etc.) should express respect and reverence. Please do not wear tennis shoes, flip flops, jeans, shorts, sweat pants, t-shirts, no spaghetti straps; when you serve, it is recommended to wear a sweater or jacket over sleeveless blouses or dresses, and for men dress pants, dress shoes and socks.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: *The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 or email safe@raldioc.org. Information is also available at: <http://www.nreventchildabuseenc.org/>*

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. The cost is \$150.

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

II. EDUCATING FOR THE COVENANT BETWEEN HUMANITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

209. An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits. Many people know that our current progress and the mere amassing of things and pleasures are not enough to give meaning and joy to the human heart, yet they feel unable to give up what the market sets before them. In those countries which should be making the greatest changes in consumer habits, young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and some of them are making admirable efforts to protect the environment. At the same time, they have grown up in a milieu of extreme consumerism and affluence which makes it difficult to develop other habits. We are faced with an educational challenge.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Monthly Budget \$ 9,500

Offertory: \$1,680.00

Maintenance & Repair: \$55.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$92.00

Donation from Emmaus group:

\$1,281.00 (for security system)