

# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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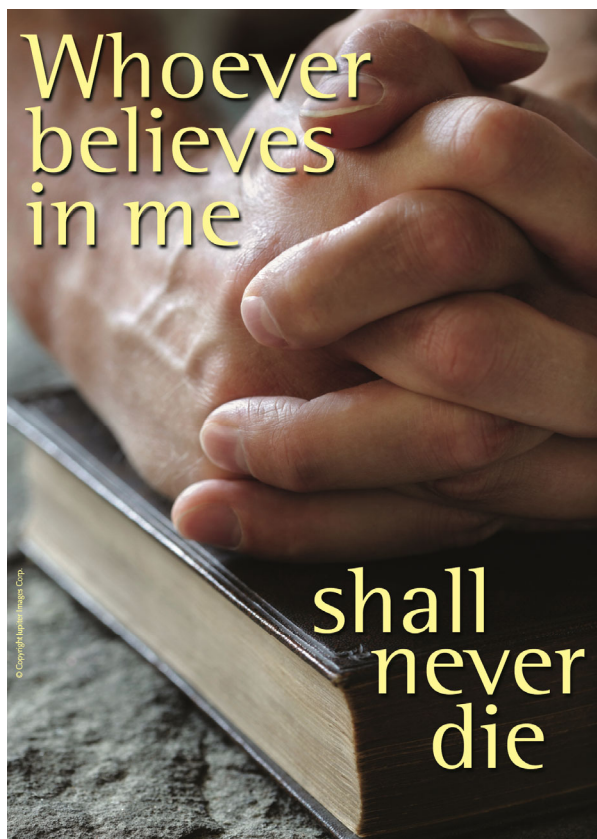
Rev. Patrick Keane, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

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April 6, 2014—Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## LIFE FROM DEATH

Lent is about Easter, and Easter is about life after death. As we draw closer to Easter, the Sunday readings become more and more explicit about this.

In a rather dry, matter-of-fact way, today's reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans teaches that our "mortal bodies" will be raised to life. But in a far more gripping way, the Lord shouts at us through the prophet Ezekiel, "O my people, I will open your graves . . . I will put my spirit in you . . . I have promised, and I will do it." When Jesus saw the people weeping over the death of Lazarus, he was troubled in spirit and moved by the deepest emotions. Approaching the tomb, Jesus himself began to weep. He loved Lazarus.

In fact, Jesus loved Lazarus so much that he snatched him out of his tomb, back to life. That's how God loves us.

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM English      Sábado ~ 5:00 PM En Inglés  
7:00PM Spanish      Sábado ~ 7:00 PM En Español

Sunday

10:00 AM English      Domingo ~ 10:00 AM En Inglés  
1:00 PM Spanish      Domingo ~ 1:00 PM En Español

### Weekdays

9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
lunes, martes, jueves, Viernes

7:00 PM jueves en Español

No Mass on Wednesday      No hay Misa los miércoles

### Holy Days

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM No Vigil Masses

Adoración al Santísimo 9:00 AM y 7:00 PM

First Friday Adoration begins after morning Mass and ends with Benediction at 7:00 PM.

Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM a 7:00 PM

## WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

New members may register by calling the parish office (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM).

## Mission Statement

Saint Mary is a diverse Catholic community working together to live the Gospel, grow in faith through the Eucharist, and share our gifts in service to others.

## WELCOME HOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

*Landings* is designed to help people return to Mass and the Sacraments.

Call the office for information.

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

**CHURCH**

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 E-Mail: [office@saintmarygoldsboro.org](mailto:office@saintmarygoldsboro.org)  
 Web: [www.saintmarygoldsboro.org](http://www.saintmarygoldsboro.org)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Patrick Keane, Pastor.....ext. 27  
 Deacon Webster A. James.....ext. 29  
 Director of Faith Formation  
 Mrs. Carole Sears.....ext. 34  
 Liturgy Coordinator  
 Mrs. Debbie Gambella, Parish Secretary.....ext. 10  
 Mrs. Kathy Hennessy, Parish Secretary.....ext. 26  
 Mrs. Tracey Davis, Parish Bookkeeper.....ext. 28  
 Mrs. Elvira Ponce, Hispanic Ministry.....ext. 22  
 Mrs. Vicki Ellis, Choir Director, 10:00 AM  
 Mr. Philip Eubanks, Organist  
 Mr. Van Tran, Sacristan

**SCHOOL**

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[annemariegambella@smsgoldsboro.org](mailto:annemariegambella@smsgoldsboro.org)

SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Lynn Magoon, Principal.....ext. 33  
 Mrs. Anne Marie Gambella, Admn. Assistant.....ext. 11

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Mr. Harold Jones, Supervisor.....ext. 31  
 Mr. Larry Jones, Assistant.....ext. 31

**PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chair Hank Daniels, Vice-Chair John Marguglio  
 Secretary Sharon Thomas  
 Finance Council Chair John Heeden  
 Steve Balli, Richard Conger, Sheila Covar, Tiffany Ingram,  
 Sam Jernigan, Joseph Jones, Paula Long.

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday ~ celebrated from 4-4:30 PM and by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third weekend of each month.  
 Preparation is required *before scheduling* the time and date.  
 Call the Parish Office to register for baptismal class.

Marriage

Contact the Deacon *six months in advance* of the ceremony.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you wish to receive the sacrament of the sick during a prolonged illness or before surgery, please call the office.

Communion

If you wish to receive communion from a Eucharistic Minister due to illness, age, or handicap, please call the office. These visits are made after the Mass has been celebrated.



**Altar Flowers**

During Lent there are no flowers on the altar.

Please, return your **Easter Flower Offering by April 13th** if you would like those you are remembering with your donation mentioned in our Easter Flower Pamphlet.

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*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
 for the week of April 6 to April 12  
**Church Lamp:** will be lit in Honor of  
*Dr. & Mrs. Richard Conger*  
**on the occasion of their**  
**25th Wedding Anniversary**

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**Mass Intentions for April 5 to April 13, 2014**

Saturday,	5 p.m.	Sal & Elaine Gatta & Daniel Gatta, dec. by Mary & Austin Perry
	7 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday,	10 a.m.	Thang Nguyen, dec. by Nguyen Family
	1 p.m.	Pro Populo
Monday,	9 a.m.	For a Special Intention by Kuczynski Family
Tuesday,	9 a.m.	Mary Wooten, dec. by St. Mary Parish
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday,	9 a.m.	Arnold Kuczynski, dec. by Kuczynski Family
	7 p.m.	Jim Klein by Mike Kapp
Friday,	9 a.m.	Kenneth Douglas Lake, Jr., dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
	7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	5 p.m.	Harold Davis, dec. by Peggy Davis
	7 p.m.	Shirley Burbidge, dec.
Sunday,	10 a.m.	David Perez, dec. by DeVarona Family
	1 p.m.	Pro Populo

**Rosary and Prayer Service for Vocations**  
**Monday, April 7th at 5:30pm in the Chapel.**  
 Join us for this Lenten Rosary to pray for an increase in vocations.

#### **Auction Update...**

The Auction Planning meeting will take place on Monday, April 7th at 6:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge. The Ladies Guild Board (chairs of this years Auction) would like to thank all the people who have been working on the Auction and donating to the Auction. This year our Auction will take place on Friday, May 2, 2014.

### *Altar Society*

We are forming an **Altar Society** for the care and maintenance of all the sacred materials used at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

This ministry is to help prepare for Mass and make sure everything is in place for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as well as cleaning and putting all the items used during the Liturgy in their proper places after Mass.

The Altar Society will function for all weekend and Holy Day Masses. To volunteer for this important ministry please see Deacon Webster after Mass or call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26

**It's Coming...the 7th St. Mary Family Life Center**  
**Gold Tournament**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2014**  
**Walnut Creek Country Club**  
**1:00pm tee-off**

**Watch the Bulletin for more updates or call the**  
**Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26.**

#### **Family Life Center Update...**

**To date our Family Life Center Account stands at:**  
**\$218,658.85**

**Family Life Center Collection for March 23rd was:**  
**\$1,632.23**

**Our Scrip orders to date have contributed \$8,218.87**  
**to the account total.**

**Let's keep Scrip going so we can watch that figure**  
**rise!!**

#### **Altar Server Training...**

The second week of our **New Altar Server Training** will take place on Saturday, April 12th from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Church.

If you attended the first week on April 5th please, be sure to complete the training by attending the session on the 12th of April.



## Parish Calendar

### **Sunday, April 6—Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- \* SVDP Breakfast, Cafeteria, 9:00am to noon
- \* Faith Formation Middle & High School, classrooms, 11:15am to 12:45pm
- \* Faith Formation K to 5th grade, classrooms, 11:30am to 12:45pm
- \* RCIA, Lounge, after 10:00am Mass
- \* AAMEN Meeting, Parish House, after 10:00am Mass
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice, Church, after 1:00pm Mass

### **Monday, April 7**

- \* Rosary & Prayers for Vocations, Chapel, 5:30pm
- \* Baptismal Preparation Class, FFO, 6:00pm
- \* Auction Meeting, Lounge, 6:00pm
- \* Ladies Guild Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:00pm

### **Tuesday, April 8**

- \* SVDP Meeting, 6th grade classroom, 6:00pm
- \* School Commission Meeting, Computer Lab, 6:30pm
- \* Perpetual Novena, Chapel, 6:45pm
- \* Legion of Mary, Library, 7:00pm

### **Wednesday, April 9**

- \* No Meetings

### **Thursday, April 10**

- \* "High Nooners" Book Club, FFO, noon
- \* 10:00am Choir Practice, Church, 7:00pm

### **Friday, April 11**

- \* School Liturgy, Church, 9:00am
- \* K of C Family Fish Dinner, Auditorium, 4:30 to 7:00pm
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice, Lounge, 6:00pm
- \* Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00pm

### **Saturday, April 12**

- \* Soup Kitchen Duty, Team 4, 10:00am to noon
- \* First Reconciliation, Church, 10:00am
- \* Altar Server Training, Church, 1:00 to 3:00pm
- \* 5:00pm Choir Practice, Church, 3:30pm

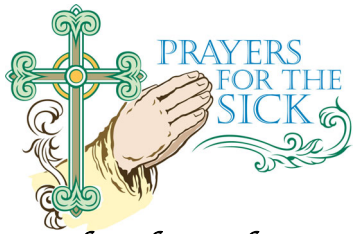
### **Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday**

- \* Faith Formation Middle & High School, classrooms, 11:15am to 12:45pm
- \* Faith Formation K to 5th grade, classrooms, 11:30am to 12:30pm
- \* Parents Meeting, Auditorium, 11:30am to 12:30pm
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice, Church, after 1:00pm Mass

### **Offertory Report**

March 23	\$6,396.18
Budgeted:	<u>\$7,750.00</u>
Over (Under)	(\$1,353.82)

**Family Life Center:** \$1,623.23  
**Second Collection April 13:** Family Life Center



*In our thoughts and prayers:*

Pray for the intentions of those in nursing facilities, the homebound, the chronically ill, and those who are critically ill.

Please remember in a special way the following parishioners who have requested your prayers: Ralph Bailey, Judy Cordeiro, Lee Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Hattie Evans, Agnes Harris, Bill Irvine, Diane Kendall, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Billie Myers, Wilbur & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, Natlie Ulrey and Terry Williams.

If you would like your name included in the Prayers for the Sick in the Bulletin please contact our coordinators for "Prayers for the Sick", Gloria at 919-734-3810 or JoAnn at 919-736-7266.

**Please also remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in the military especially those who are deployed.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Psalm 23:1-6; John 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21; John 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-42
- Thursday: Genesis:17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-9; John 8:51-59
- Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-7; John 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-13; John 11:45-56
- Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 [27:11-54]

Don't forget your cookies for our Airmen on Base! They really look forward to some home baked cookies. Just drop your cookies off any Monday at the Parish Office during regular business hours.



The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are May 16-18, 2014 in Raleigh, NC and Aug. 1-3, 2014 in Charlotte, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at : <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

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**Pope Francis to Canonize Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II on April 27, 2014, Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II transform the world**

**Pope John Paul II**, known as a world traveler who made 104 trips outside Italy, served as Pope from 1978 to 2005. Pope Francis told reporters, "I think of him as 'the great missionary of the Church,'" because he was "a man who proclaimed the Gospel." He believed that faith could move the world, and he proved it. Historians believe he played a huge role in the end of the Cold War and the fall of Soviet communism. Even Mikhail Gorbachev agreed. "Everything that happened in Eastern Europe in these last years," Gorbachev wrote in 1992, "would have been impossible without the presence of this Pope and without the important role that he played on the world stage." His writings, from his 14 encyclicals and countless other official documents, to his popular books such as *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* and *Theology of the Body*, instructed, influenced and inspired a generation of Catholics.

**Pope John XXIII**, although his pontificate lasted less than 5 years, made revolutionary contributions to the renewal of the Church. Often referred to as "the good Pope," he is most well-known for opening the Second Vatican Council, which addressed relations between the Catholic Church and the modern world. "He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humor and, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council, was a man of courage," Pope Francis said. "He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord." John XXIII was Pope from 1958 until his death in 1963. *Pacem in Terris* (Latin for "Peace on Earth") is the last of eight encyclicals Pope John wrote. It addressed the establishment of universal peace in truth, justice, charity and liberty. Pope John XXIII was the first Pope to publish a spiritual journal from his days as a seminarian until his death. *Journal of a Soul* was published, posthumously, in 1964.



Thank you to all our Parishioners who have so generously donated to our supply of food. Thank you also to the students and parents of Saint Mary School for all the wonderful donations they have sent our way this school year.

If you are looking to donate something we could use toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

**HSTYM**

ST. MARY'S TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

*"Making A Difference for Jesus"***Faith Formation Schedule****MSTYM****Respect Life****Lent and Magic**  
**By Fr. Frank Pavone****National Director of Priests for Life**

One of the things the discipline of Lent teaches us is that we don't believe in magic. Fasting, abstaining from meat, denying ourselves certain legitimate pleasures in order to strengthen ourselves against temptation, spending more time in prayer and Scripture, making reparation for sin by concrete acts of charity—all of this and much more flows from the conviction that God's forgiveness does not take away our role in repairing the damage done by sin.

Sin destroys a fourfold set of relationships: our relationship with God, with others, with creation, and with ourselves.

Even when we mess things up like that, God loves us as we are. Yet he also loves us too much to let us stay the way we are. He calls us to repentance and reform. Repentance, whereby we see the evil of sin and resolutely turn away from it, is a gift. We can't presume upon it. I'll always remember the time someone asked me whether he could confess a sin before committing it. The answer is no, because if we intend to commit the sin, we are obviously not repenting, and we cannot presume on the grace to repent.

We need to ask that grace now. "Of forgiveness be not overconfident," Scripture tells us. "Delay not your conversion to the Lord" (Sirach5:5-8). Once we do respond to the gift of repentance and receive forgiveness, there is still work to be done. God's forgiveness is not a magic wand that removes all the wounds of sin and bypasses our need to freely cooperate in healing those wounds. This is precisely where penance comes in. Penance—and Lenten practices—are meant to strengthen the fourfold relationships that have been harmed by sin. If, indeed, we are serious about turning away from sin, we have to work in some fashion to repair the harm sin has done. I have seen vivid examples of the willingness to do this in the work I have done with doctors who used to perform abortions and no longer do so. They know that what they did was wrong, and they have sought and received God's forgiveness. But that does not bring the babies back to life, nor does it heal the wounds—physical, emotional, and spiritual—that abortion has inflicted on the mother, the father, and many others, including the doctor. Therefore, as part of the realistic effort to repair the damage of sin, a number of these doctors have made the resolution to seek out the women on whom they have performed abortions—and apologize to them!

**Sunday, April 6—** Faith Formation Classes, Middle and High School

**Sunday, April 13—** Faith Formation Classes, Middle and High School

**Sunday, April 20—** No Faith Formation Classes—Easter Sunday.

**Sunday, April 27—** No Faith Formation Classes

**Tuesday, April 29th—** Confirmation, 6:00pm

**St. Mary TYM Information****Dance for Christ**

If members of our TYM would like to see **Dance for Christ** on Sunday, April 13th please contact the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26 and give us your name and phone number. We need you to call ASAP so we can get tickets in advance so our group can sit together.

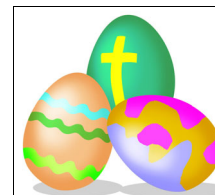
**Marriage and the Reception of the Sacraments**

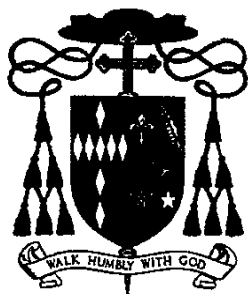
The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator. By its very nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament...CCC 1660

For Catholics, the proper form of marriage is to be married in the presence of a Deacon, Priest or Bishop. If a Catholic is married outside of Church law he or she is not able to receive the Sacraments, particularly Communion, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick unless as a couple they are living in perfect continence as brother and sister.

The Church regards marriage as a very sacred act but acknowledges that some marriages may need to end through civil divorce. Divorce is not a sin or a stigma that bars someone from receiving the sacraments. The problem is if someone who is divorced remarries without presenting to the Church the prior marriage to have it declared null, they are not free to attempt marriage on their own outside of Church law. This comes from Christ who says three different times in the gospels that the one who divorces and remarries commits adultery. Christ has entrusted to the Church the authority to bind and loose and we praise God that we have access to such a healing remedy through Holy Mother Church.

If you find yourself in the situation where you are married outside of Church law or would like to pursue a decree of nullity for a prior marriage, please contact Fr. Pat or Deacon Webster at your convenience. We want all of the members of the Body of Christ to be in perfect union with Our Lord. May God bless you abundantly now and always.

**Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt****Saturday, April 12, 2014****Starting at 1:00PM****On the Soccer Field/Playground****This event is for all children****age 8 and younger. After the egg hunt we will serve ice cream to the participants.****Please park in the back parking lot when you arrive. Sponsored by "Crossroads" Young Adult Group**



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April 6, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In April of each year, our nation highlights how we are all called to create and maintain a safe environment for our children and young people. As your Bishop, I invite you to join me in renewing the commitment to ensure a safe environment through the many initiatives used to guide our parishes and ministries throughout our Diocese, as well as those which guide parents in their sacred vocation to educate and form their children in the gift of our Catholic faith.

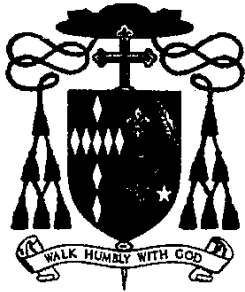
Every year, through our Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, over 2,000 adults receive training on how to ensure a safe environment, as well as how to properly recognize and report child abuse and neglect. I extend my gratitude to all of our priests and consecrated religious, the members of our Diocesan Safe Environment Committee, our Diocesan Review Board, the staff of our parishes, our catechists and volunteers that each serve as a witness to our commitment to this important endeavor.

Our Lord has given us the gift of our Catholic faith and the blessing of children, in whom we are called to foster those vocations which will bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. May the Holy Family continue to watch over and guide us in this work, in union with the Heart of Our Lord Jesus, now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Raleigh



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Abril 6 de 2014

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

En abril de cada año, nuestra nación resalta cómo todos estamos llamados a crear y mantener un ambiente seguro para nuestros niños y jóvenes adolescentes. Como su Obispo, les invito a acompañarme a renovar el compromiso para asegurar un ambiente seguro a través de las muchas iniciativas que se utiliza para guiar nuestras parroquias y ministerios a lo largo de nuestra Diócesis, así como aquellos que guían a los padres de familias en su sagrada vocación para educar y formar a sus hijos en el regalo de nuestra fe Católica.

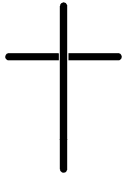
Cada año, a través de nuestra Oficina Diocesana de Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, más de 2.000 adultos reciben entrenamiento para asegurar un ambiente seguro, así como reconocer adecuadamente y denunciar el abandono y abuso infantil. Extiendo mi agradecimiento a todos nuestros sacerdotes y religiosos/as, miembros del comité Diocesano de Ambiente Seguro, nuestra Mesa Directiva Diocesana, al personal de nuestras parroquias, a nuestros catequistas y voluntarios que sirven como testimonio de nuestro compromiso a este importante esfuerzo.

Nuestro Señor nos ha dado el regalo de nuestra fe católica y la bendición de los niños, en la que estamos llamados a fomentar las vocaciones que dan testimonio de nuestra fe en Jesucristo. Que la Sagrada Familia continúe protegiéndonos y guiándonos en esta obra, unidos al corazón de Nuestro Señor Jesús, ahora y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

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Reverendísimo Michael F. Burbidge  
Obispo de Raleigh



### Afirmación de misión

La parroquia de Santa María es una comunidad católica y diversa que trabaja unida para vivir el evangelio, crecer en fe por la Eucaristía y compartir nuestros talentos en servicio a otros.

### Directorio

Padre Patrick Keane 919 734-5033 ext. 27  
Bautismos—Elvira Ponce 919-252-0768

### Sacramentos

**Bautismo:** Asistir a la preparación, padres y padrinos y fijar la fecha con el sacerdote.

**Confesión:** Sábados de 4:00pm a 4:30pm  
Para enfermos en el hospital o en casa comuníquese con la parroquia.

**Unción de los Enfermos:** Si usted quiere recibir el sacramento por enfermedad u operación favor de comunicárnoslo.

**Comunión para enfermos:** Si tiene algún familiar en el hospital o en casa que desee recibir la comunión comuníquese con la parroquia.

**Matrimonios:** Iniciar la preparación con seis meses de anticipación.

### Pláticas Pre-Bautismales

Requisitos:

- Asistir a las pláticas, padres y padrinos
- Traer copia del acta de nacimiento del niño (a)
- Traer copia del acta de matrimonio de los padrinos
- Llenar una solicitud por niño.
- Estar registrados o registrarse en la parroquia.

### Confirmaciones

- Estar bautizado
- Haber hecho la primera comunión
- Ser mayor de 15 años

### Presentación de 3 Años

Requisitos:

- Solicitarla 2 meses antes
- Estar bautizado (a)
- Donación

### XV Años

Si cumples y/o deseas celebrar tus XV años en los primeros 6 meses del año te invitamos a inscribirte para la preparación:

Requisitos:

- Estar bautizada
- Haber hecho la primera Comunión
- Inscribirse con 4 meses de anticipación
- Asistir a la preparación
- Donación

### Abogado Certificado en Migración

El ministerio social católico tiene un abogado autorizado y reconocido para casos de migración Si usted necesita algún servicio comuníquese con:

Jim Palmer Tel. (252) 355-5111 (Habla español)  
2717 Memorial Boulevard, Greenville

### LA VIDA VIENE DE LA MUERTE

La Cuaresma es sobre la Pascua, y la Pascua es sobre la vida después de la muerte. Al acercarnos a la Pascua, las lecturas dominicales son más y más claras sobre este punto. Viviremos para siempre.

De manera seca, sin rodeos, la lectura de la carta de san Pablo a los romanos nos enseña que nuestros "cuerpos mortales" resucitarán. Pero de manera más dramática, el Señor nos grita por boca de Ezequiel, "Pueblo mío, yo mismo abriré sus sepulcros... les infundiré a ustedes mi espíritu... yo, el Señor, lo dije y lo cumplí". Cuando Jesús vio a la gente llorando por la muerte de Lázaro, sintió una gran tristeza y se conmovió mucho. Se acercó a la tumba y empezó a llorar. Jesús amaba a Lázaro.

En verdad, Jesús amaba a Lázaro tanto que lo rescató de la tumba y le devolvió la vida. Es así como Dios nos ama.

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### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Vicente Ferrer, patrón de los obreros de la construcción, falleció el 5 de abril de 1419. Este santo varón nació en Valencia, España, en 1350, vivió y predicó el Evangelio en una época muy difícil del cristianismo. Además de la peste, guerras y otros problemas sociales, la Iglesia estaba dividida por dos o tres hombres que insistían ser el verdadero Papa.

Vicente, un religioso dominico, dedicó su vida a reconstruir la Iglesia promoviendo la virtud de la caridad interna y externa mediante una predicación que relacionaba la Palabra de Dios con la vida cotidiana. Vicente se valía de la teología, poesía, repetición y otros medios para inculcar la sabiduría bíblica en sus oyentes. De esta manera supo construir la fe tanto en los fieles y en la Iglesia como comunidad.

Los cuadros de este santo español normalmente lo presentan con una llama ardiente en una mano y en la otra, con una Biblia abierta. De esta manera los artistas subrayan el amor ardiente que los cristianos debemos tener por la Palabra de Dios, un amor que Vicente edificaba en el corazón de los fieles.

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**Divorciado? Vuelto a casar? Pensando en casarse con alguien que se divorció?**

¿Tiene preguntas acerca de la libertad de casarse en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Sabía usted que el Tribunal está disponible para responder a estas y otras preguntas que usted pueda tener acerca de volverse a casar en la Iglesia? Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Padre Jonathan Woodhall (919-821-9758) con sus preguntas, o usted puede visitar nuestro sitio web <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/tribunal> para más información. Damos la bienvenida a la oportunidad de ayudarle.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Salmo 23 (22):1-6; Juan 8:1-11

Martes: Números 21:4-9; Salmos 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Juan 8:21-30

Miércoles: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52-56; Juan 8:31-42

Jueves: Génesis 17:3-9; Salmos 105 (104):4-9; Juan 8:51-59

Viernes: Jeremías 20:10-13; Salmos 18 (17):2-7; Juan 10:31-42

Sábado: Ezequiel 37:21-28; Jeremías 31:10, 11-13; Juan 11:45-56

Domingo: Mateo 21:1-11; Isaías 50:4-7; Salmos 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Filipenses 2:6-11; Mateo 26:14—27:66 [27:11-54]

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**Vivamos la Palabra de Dios**

A Lázaro se le dio una nueva oportunidad de vida, pero eso no lo hizo inmoortal. A la larga él moriría igual que Jesús, que nuestros seres queridos y que todos nosotros moriremos.

¿Creemos, como Marta, que nuestra muerte sera un nacer a una experiencia más rica de vida nueva?