

# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

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*April 26, 2015—Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the "good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep." It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of "trampling" on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today's scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate--the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today's scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us--to build up rather than to tear down.

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## EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

### Weekend

### Fin de Semana

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

### Días de Semana

9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
lunes, martes, miércoles, viernes

7:00 PM Jueves en Español

No 9 AM Mass on Thursday

No hay Misa los jueves a las 9 AM

Holy Days check inside Bulletin

Revise dentro del Boletín que se entrega en las Misas

First Friday Adoration begins after morning Mass  
and ends with Benediction at 10:00 PM.

Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM Adoración  
al Santísimo a 10:00 PM.

## WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

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

## BIENVENIDOS LOS NUEVOS MIEMBROS

Para registrarse hablar con Elvira Ponce  
o llamar a la oficina

## *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.

## *Misión de la Parroquia*

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.

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

**CHURCH**

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 Mrs. Vicki Ellis,  
 Choir Director, 10:00 AM  
 Mr. Philip Eubanks, Organist  
 Mr. Mike Nault, Organist & Choir  
 Director, 5:00 PM  
 Mr. Van Tran, Sacristan

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

**PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chair Kevin Bacon, Vice-Chair John Marguglio, Secretary Sharon Thomas  
 Finance Council Chair John Heeden, Steve Balli, Sheila Covar, Anne Hurrey, Joseph Jones, Paula Long, Carlos Morales San Juan, Phyllis Radford, Donna Stevenson, Gene Seward.

The Parish Advisory Council meets August through May. Our next meeting will be April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Room. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Mass Intentions and Readings for April 25 to May 3, 2015**

<b>Sat.4/25</b>	<b>1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16:15-20</b>
5:00PM	Anne Mae Moore, dec. by St. Mary Parish
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun.4/26</b>	<b>Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18</b>
10:00AM	Carol-Anne Carter dec by Jim & Carla Berger
1:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>Mon.4/27</b>	<b>Acts 11:1-8; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; John 10:1-10</b>
9:00AM	Thu Thi Nguyen Vu, dec. by St. Mary Parish
<b>Tue.4/28</b>	<b>Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-7; John 10:22-30</b>
9:00AM	Jean Agnes Swope Lutz, dec. by Fr. Alex & St. Mary Parish
<b>Wed.4/29</b>	<b>Acts 12:24—13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44-50</b>
9:00AM	Deceased members of the Johnson Family by Francis Lawrence
<b>Thu.4/30</b>	<b>Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; John 13:16-20</b>
9:00AM	No Mass
7:00PM	Gioankim Hoe & Anna Bot, dec. by Gia Nguyen
<b>Fri.5/1</b>	<b>Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-11ab; John 14:1-6</b>
9:00AM	Eleanor Burns, dec. by Burns Family
<b>Sat.5/2</b>	<b>Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1-4; John 14:7-14</b>
5:00PM	A.V. Laffiteau, dec. by Laffiteau Family
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun.5/3</b>	<b>Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8</b>
10:00AM	Mathilda Markowitsch, dec. by Olga & Paul Markowitsch
1:00PM	Spanish Mass

**Sacramental Life**

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday ~ 4-4:40PM and by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third week-end of each month. Preparation is required before *scheduling* the time and date.

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**

Altar Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a person or event. You may make arrangements for flowers by calling the Parish Office at 734-5033 ext. 10 or 26.

**The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of April 26 to May 2**

**Church Lamp:** will be lit in Honor of **Judy Cordeiro** on the occasion of her Birthday by Effie Labrecque

**Chapel Lamp:** will be lit in Honor of **Debbie & Gary Vaccaro** on the occasion of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations...**

Join us today at 3PM, in the Chapel, for a Holy Hour and Rosary to pray for Vocations on this World Day of Prayer.

**First Friday Devotions...**

Friday, May 1st we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00am to 10:00pm in the Chapel. Come and spend some time with Jesus.

**Benediction** will take place at 10:00pm.

**Do you have a Ticket?**

**TYM is having a Bar-b-Que Dinner and you will want to get a ticket for this event....**

Saturday, May 2nd from 4:30pm to 7:30pm you can eat in or take-out. This is bar-b-que made here on site and it is delicious!!! Get you tickets from any of our TYM members after all Masses this weekend or come to the Parish Office get one there.

**Cost** just \$7 a plate.

Desserts will be sold for \$1.00 each.

**SVDP Breakfast...**

Sunday, May 3rd our SVDP Society will host the last of their monthly breakfasts for this season. Come and enjoy a home cooked breakfast of sausage, eggs, grits, pancakes, biscuits, juice, coffee, tea and all for just a donation. All proceeds go toward the works of the Society with those in need in Wayne County.

**Son Sparks Labs...VBS**

Saint Mary will host its annual VBS week from June 15 to 19 so get ready to be WOWED!!! Watch for more information in next weeks Bulletin and for registration forms.

All children rising PK through current 5th grade students are invited to attend this VBS week.

**Men's Fellowship Group...**

Have you joined the 27:17 Men's Fellowship Group? If not join us on Wednesday, April 29th, 7:00am at Five Star Restaurant on Berkeley.

# Parish Calendar

**Sunday, April 26 –4th Sunday of Easter**

* Faith Formation 5th to High School	classrooms	11:15am to 12:45pm
* Faith Formation K to 4th grade	classrooms	11:30am to 12:30pm
* RCIA	Lounge	after 10:00am Mass
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	after 1:00pm Mass
* Holy Hour & Rosary for Vocations	Chapel	3:00pm
* Faith Formation beyond Confirmation	Cafeteria	6:00pm to 7:30pm

**Monday, April 27**

* K of C Directors Meeting	Cafeteria	7:00pm
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**Tuesday, April 28**

* PAC Meeting	FF Conf. Room	6:00pm
* SVDP Meeting	6th grade classroom	6:00pm
* Perpetual Novena	Chapel	6:45pm
* Legion of Mary	Library	7:00pm

**Wednesday, April 29**

* 27:17 Fellowship (Men's Group)	5 Star Restaurant	7:00am
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**Thursday, April 30**

* 10:00am Choir Practice	Lounge	7:00pm
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**Friday, May 1-First Friday**

* School Liturgy	Church	9:00am
* Exposition	Chapel	10:00am
* Benediction	Chapel	10:00pm
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Lounge	6:00pm
* SMS Variety Show	Auditorium	6:30pm

**Saturday, May 2**

* 5:00pm Choir Practice	Church	4:00pm
* TYM Bar-b-que dinner	Cafeteria	4:30pm to 7:30pm

**Sunday, May 3-5th Sunday of Easter**

* SVDP Breakfast	Cafeteria	9:00am to noon
* Youth Board Meeting	FF Conf. Room	9:00am
* AAMEN Meeting	Parish House	after 10:00am Mass
<b>* No Faith Formation Classes</b>		
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	after 1:00pm Mass
* Faith Formation Beyond Confirmation	Cafeteria	6:00 to 7:30pm

**Congratulations to our Knights Celebrating Anniversaries...**

**25 years as a Knight...**

Gene Thomas, David Thayer, Richard Slozak, James Meeker, and Charles Gray.

**10 years as a Knight...**

Jose Ponce Garcia, William Miller, Travis Kibler, Jeffrey Kedzierski and Michael Daly.

## Offertory Report

April 12	\$10,415.42
Budgeted:	<u>\$ 7,750.00</u>
Over (Under)	\$ 2,665.42

Saint Mary School: \$1,418.10

**Second Collection May 3:** Saint Mary School Support



### 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:

Robert Ames, José David Ariza, Ralph Bailey, Jesse Brickhouse, Nubia Cano, Judy Cordeiro, Andrea Cruz, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Gustavo Gonzalez, Agnes Harris, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Christine Marguglio, Pat Marguglio, Billie Myers, Jim Myers, Wilbur & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, Gary Soloman.

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 Barbara at 919-751-0024.

### Do you commute from Goldsboro to Raleigh?

One of our parishioners is looking to carpool from Goldsboro to Raleigh (NC State) from May 18th to June 15th. If you travel to Raleigh each day and would be interested in carpooling please, call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26. The person looking for the carpool will be happy to pay gas and all expenses.

### SVDP In Need of...

Peanut Butter and Jelly...if you can donate a jar of peanut butter or jelly please, just drop it in the baskets at the side entrance of the Church. It will be greatly appreciated by the families we assist in Wayne County. Thank you for your kindness.

### Treasures From Our Tradition

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all-too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God's love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home-based and family-centered. Pagans didn't especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God's love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure.

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### April is Prevent Child Abuse Month...

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's Web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. Visit the NCMEC web site at: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com). If you need particular help you may call: the Diocese of Raleigh office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233.

### Diocese of Raleigh

[www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)

### Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker, May 1

"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts..."

- Pope Francis, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and World Labor Day, 5/1/13

Saint Joseph, as the foster father of the Lord, witnesses in a unique way to the care of the family and providing for its spiritual and material needs. Employment is one of these most important material needs. The Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker on Friday, May 1, 2015, invites us to turn to him, Protector of the Universal Church and all of us, to ask his assistance for the unemployed who often feel utterly alone, abandoned, and many times guilty about their situation. Our prayers for the unemployed are a sign of our own concern and a hope for God's providence in a most challenging situation.

### Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of Workers

St. Joseph, Patron of Workers, Help us to respect the dignity of all workers.

Help us to learn about and to care about

Workers who do not have fair wages, just benefits, safe working environments.

Help us to raise our voices for justice for workers.

Help us to ask our government and our representatives

To develop policies that create jobs with dignity.



### Connect with the Diocese!

Look for photos, videos and stories of your favorite ministries, parishes and schools on our [Diocesan Facebook page!](#)



## Saint Mary School Corner

*Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education*

We are in the final stretch of this school year! Where has the time gone. So much learned, so much fun! Our students are performing in our Annual Variety Show which will be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 6:30pm in the school auditorium. Join us for this evening of fun and entertainment.

- Thursday, April 30th the 4th grade has the Bake Sale
- Friday, May 1st School Liturgy at 9:00am in the Church.

### **TYM Upcoming Events...**

Saturday, May 2nd the TYM will host a Bar-b-Que dinner. We will serve beans, potatoes and pork bar-b-que. Each plate will cost \$7.00 and tickets are available after Masses each week from our TYM members or from the Parish Office. Desserts will be available for \$1 each.

The dinner is eat in or take out. All proceeds from this dinner will go to assist with the cost of our summer Mission Trip. Thank you in advance for your support of our TYM.

- Saturday, May 9th Mother's Day Makeover.

Interested in being a member of our TYM (Total Youth Ministry)...call the parish office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26 and give us your name and phone number and we will have our teen leaders get in touch with you.

## Respect Life



### **When Life Begins**

Pro-choice advocates are invariably loathe to acknowledge the most important medical and scientific fact of all, namely that life begins at conception. Indeed, they will find no medical textbooks or scientific reference works that say that life begins at any time other than at conception.

Many are no doubt aware that some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians have testified at a Senate committee that life begins at conception. At these same hearings, the pro-choice lobby, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would (or could) contradict or even question this accepted fact.

Moreover, pro-choice advocates often accuse pro-lifers of having no plan for all those lives "forcibly brought into being". When they say this, they often appear resentful that some lives are being saved, instead of aborted. This is surprising in that pro-choice rhetoric insists that they want abortion to be "safe, legal and rare," despite the fact that more than 3,000 abortions are carried out each and every day.

Another fact that is often ignored is that there are more than 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the United States staffed almost entirely by pro-life volunteers. These centers, unlike abortion clinics, offer expectant mothers a real "choice" other than abortion, and provide post-pregnancy medical and other assistance free of charge. So where as the abortion industry has raked in hundreds of millions of dollars since abortion was legalized in 1973, the motive of pro-lifers, in offering their time and money to support women in problem pregnancy situations, is entirely selfless.

~Respect Life Articles for Bulletins

### **Update on Joseph's Development April 26 (week 6)**

Joseph is now 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg and he is developing rapidly.

His heart is pumping and increasing quantities of blood through his body. The placenta forms a unique barrier between mother and her baby. The baby likely has a different blood type, different DNA and is not part of the mother's body.

### **Project Rachel Retreat...**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 5-7. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, and the sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and 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 [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com) or call 919-852-1021. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available. Registration deadline is May 29, 2015.

### **Calling all Graduates...**

If you are graduating this June from 8th grade, High School, College, Masters or Doctorate Programs we, your parish family, would like to celebrate with you by inviting you to a special Mass, in your honor, on Sunday, June 7th at 10:00am. We will have reserved pews for the graduates and their families. After Mass our Social Committee will host a reception for the graduates and their families to be held in the school auditorium.

Please, call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26 to give us your name and the number of people who will be attending.

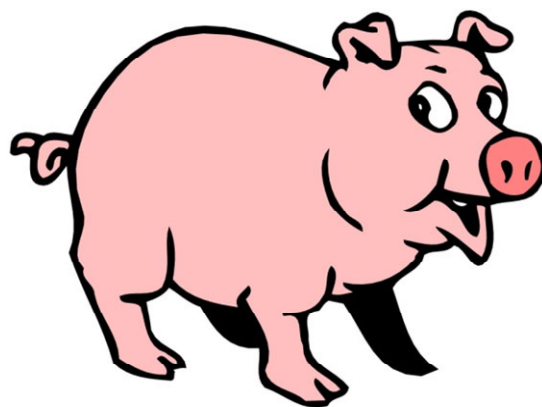
# Barbecue Dinner

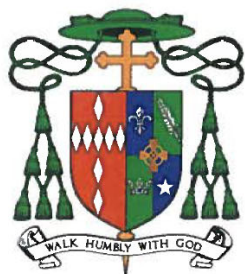
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Please help support Saint Mary's TYM by joining us for dinner on May 2, from 4:30-7:30p.m. All proceeds will go towards helping our youth with the mission trip costs this summer. This July, the youth will be going to Cocoa Beach, FL.

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- Eat-in or Take-out
- \$7 a plate
- Each plate will have beans, potatoes, and barbecue.
- Desserts will be sold for \$1





DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

Office of the Bishop

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April 26, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, the universal Church celebrates the 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All of us have a responsibility to join in the essential work of the Church in promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. I am grateful for all of your efforts in making our Diocese a place where God's infinite love is proclaimed and vocations can be carefully discerned through prayer at home, Catholic schools and faith formation classes. May the example of our lives also help to encourage our youth and young adults to draw nearer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd and to follow Him.

As we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we also pray in a special way for all the priests and consecrated religious serving in our Diocese. With God's grace, may they be renewed in their intimacy with Christ and their total self-giving to Him.

May Our Risen Lord Jesus bless you and your family in this sacred Season of Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Raleigh

**Directorio**

Padre John Alexander Gonzalez  
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 4:40pm

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.

**Platicas 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.

**Presentaciones**

Requisitos:

- \* Solicitarla 2 meses antes.
- \* Estar bautizado (a).
- \* Donación
- \* Se hacen en la Misa del sábado o Domingo

**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 con María la coordinadora.
- \* Asistir a la preparación
- \* Donación
- \* Llevarse un volante de información y seguir las reglas.

**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 252-355-5111

(habla español)

2717 Memorial Blvd., Greenville

**EL BUEN PASTOR**

El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua tradicionalmente se conoce como el "Domingo del Buen Pastor". Hoy escuchamos las palabras del Señor cuando se llama a sí mismo "el buen pastor que da la vida por sus ovejas." A veces es tan difícil para nosotros comprender la realidad de que alguien esté dispuesto a dar su vida por alguien. Esto es muy cierto en una sociedad que pone tanto énfasis en el poder y en el avance social, con frecuencia a expensas de "pisotear" a otra gente para escalar a la cima. Las Escrituras de hoy nos muestran a quién debemos imitar -al que da su vida por las ovejas. Las Escrituras de hoy nos retan a descubrir la manera de llevar vida a los que están a nuestro alrededor -a construir y no a destruir.  
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**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Imágenes antiguas de Cristo lo mostraban como un pastor joven cargando una ovejita en sus hombros. Él mismo se presenta como el buen Pastor (Juan 10:11). Esta imagen que nos conforta con el amor de Cristo, es en realidad una imagen radical. Hay que saber dos cosas sobre el pastor palestino de aquella época: 1) los pastores eran considerados sucios, peligrosos y ladrones, y 2) cuando cargaban una ovejita era porque ellos mismos le habían quebrado la pierna.

¿Porque Jesús se describe como uno de ellos? Jesús ve más allá de las apariencias y los estereotipos, y se asocia con

aquellas personas que la sociedad de su tiempo odiaba y marginaba. Por voluntad propia decide estar entre los pobres y despreciados. Si Jesús viniera a la tierra en nuestro tiempo, se describiría a sí mismo como el buen inmigrante.

En cuanto a la ovejita sobre el hombre: en casos extremos, de ovejas rebeldes que se alejaban del rebaño, los pastores tenían que quebrarles la pierna para cargarlas sobre los hombros. De esta manera las amansaban para que no se alejaran de él. Dios no hace esto en nosotros, pero tampoco nos evita el sufrimiento. Antes bien, nos ayuda a llevarlo de manera heroica, como lo hizo con el santo Job.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM,  
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**Prevención del Abuso Infantil  
Abril 2015...**

Los padres, tutores y adultos que cuidan niños enfrentan constantes desafíos al tratar de ayudar a mantener a los niños alejados del peligro en el acelerado mundo de hoy. El Centro Nacional para Menores Desaparecidos o Explotados (NCMEN)- ofrecen de asuntos públicos- ofrece recursos fáciles de utilizar para ayudar a abordar los desafíos. La página web NCEMEC's ofrece una variedad de información práctica para padres y tutores que ayudan a mantener los niños alejados del peligro. Visite la página web NCEMEC [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com). Si necesita ayuda especial pueden llamar a la Oficina de Protección de Niños y Adolescentes de la Diócesis de Raleigh al 1-866-535-7233.

**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 Sra. Teresa Aldahondo (919-821-9758 or [Teresa.Aldahondo@raldioc.org](mailto:Teresa.Aldahondo@raldioc.org)) con sus preguntas, o usted puede visitar nuestro sitio web <http://www.diocesofraleigh.org/how/tribunal> para más información. Damos la bienvenida a la oportunidad de poder ayudarle.



**Lecturas De La Semana**

**Lunes:** Hechos 11:1-8; Salmos 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Juan 10:1-10

**Martes:** Hechos 11:19-26; Salmos 87 (86):1b-7; Juan 10:22-30

**Miércoles:** Hechos 12:24—13:5a; Salmos 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Juan 12:44-50

**Jueves:** Hechos 13:13-25; Salmos 89 (88):2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Juan 13:16-20

**Viernes:** Hechos 13:26-33; Salmos 2:6-11ab; Juan 14:1-6

**Sábado:** Hechos 13:44-52; Salmos 98 (97):1-4; Juan 14:7-14

**Domingo:** Hechos 9:26-31; Salmos 22 (21) :26-28, 30-32; 1 Juan 3:18-24;  
Juan 15:18

**Cuando la vida comienza**

Los defensores del aborto invariablemente detestan reconocer el hecho médico y científico más importante de todos, es decir, que la vida comienza en la concepción. De hecho, no van a encontrar libros de texto médicos u obras de referencia científica que dicen que la vida comienza en cualquier momento que no sea en la concepción. Muchos son, sin duda, conscientes de que algunos de los científicos y los médicos más destacados del mundo han testificado en un comité del Senado que la vida comienza en la concepción. En estas mismas audiencias, el lobby pro-elección, aunque invitado a hacerlo, no produjo ni un solo testigo experto que pudiera contradecir o incluso cuestionar este hecho aceptado.

Por otra parte, los defensores del aborto suelen acusar a los pro-vida de no tener un plan para todas esas vidas "traídos por la fuerza a la existencia".

Cuando dicen esto, aparecen a menudo resentidos que se están salvando algunas vidas, en lugar de abortarlas. Esto es sorprendente en cuanto que la retórica pro-elección insiste en que quieren que el aborto sea "seguro, legal y poco frecuente", a pesar de que más de 3.000 abortos se llevan a cabo todos los días. Otro hecho que a menudo se pasa por alto es que hay más de 3.000 centros de crisis de embarazo en los Estados Unidos con un personal que casi en su totalidad son voluntarios pro-vida. Estos centros, a diferencia de las clínicas de aborto, ofrecen a las futuras madres una verdadera "opción" que no sea el aborto, y proporcionan asistencia médica gratuita post-embarazo y de otros tipos. Así que en tanto que la industria del aborto ha recaudado cientos de millones de dólares desde que el aborto fue legalizado en 1973, el motivo de los pro-vida, al ofrecer su tiempo y dinero para apoyar a las mujeres en situación de emembarazo con problemas, es totalmente desinteresado.