

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

919-734-5033

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

September 7, 2014—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 18:19

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, Wednesday, Friday
lunes, martes, miércoles, viernes

7:00 PM jueves en Español

No Mass on Thursday No hay Misa los jueves

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 5:30 PM.

Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM a 5:30 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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PARISH STAFF

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 Parish Secretary.....ext. 26
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 Parish Bookkeeper.....ext. 28
 Mrs. Elvira Ponce,
 Hispanic Ministry.....ext. 22
 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

SCHOOL

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PASTORAL ADVISORY

COUNCIL

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**Mass Intentions and Readings
 for September 6 to September 14, 2014**

Sat. 9/6	1 Corinthians 4:6b -15; Psalm 145:17-21; Luke 6:1-5
5:00PM	A. V. Laffiteau, dec. by th Laffiteau family
7:00PM	In Honor of David
Sun. 9/7	Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20
10:00AM	Joseph Diliberto, dec. by Joan Baier
1:00PM	Pro Populo
Mon. 9/8	Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Psalm 13:6; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
9:00AM	Peter J. Savino, dec. by his family
Tue. 9/9	1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b; Luke 6:12-19
9:00AM	Zeke Farfour, dec. by Judy Farfour
Wed. 9/10	1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-17; Luke 6:20-26
9:00AM	For a Special Intention by Kuczynski family
Thu. 9/11	1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Luke 6:27-38
9:00AM	No Mass Today
7:00PM	Hap Hansen, III, dec. by Frank DeLorenzo
Fri. 9/15	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Psalm 84:3-6, 12; Luke 6:39-42
9:00AM	In Honor of Gail Bobrowski by the Lovick children
Sat. 9/13	1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18; Luke 6:43-49
5:00PM	Mary Wooten, dec. by Gary & Debbie Vaccaro
7:00PM	Spanish Mass
Sun. 9/14	Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
10:00AM	In Honor of Pat & John Marguglio on their 46th Wedding Anniv. by a friend
1:00PM	Pro Populo

Sacramental Life

Penance and Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third weekend 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

The Sanctuary Lamps

For the week of September 7 to 13

Church Lamp: will be lit in Loving Memory of **Joh Czarnecki**

By: Vince & Gail Bobrowski

Chapel Lamp: If you would like to reserve the Chapel Lamp in Memory or Honor of a person or an event please call the Parish Office.

Annual Fall Festival

Our Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for October 4th this year, so please, mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us for food and fun!

We need volunteers to help make this a wonderful Parish event. Each ministry needs to send a representative to our meetings so we can plan our strategy for this years Festival. The following dates are set for planning meetings:

Monday, September 8th, September 22nd, September 29th at 6:00pm in the Lounge.

We look forward to working together to plan an event that will be fun and help us raise funds for our Parish.

Great Adventure Bible Study

The Great Adventure Bible Study for Catholics begins Wednesday, September 17th from 7PM to 8:30PM in the 6th grade classroom. Please pre-register for study materials at the Parish office. **Cost** of the study is \$25.00; scholarships are available.

Ladies Guild...

The St. Mary's Ladies Guild will be starting the new season with their covered dish supper on Monday, September 8th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria of the school.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join them for this opening meeting and covered dish. If you would like more information on our Ladies Guild please, contact Maureen Prys at 919-778-8793.

Altar Server Training

If you would like to be an Altar Server and you are in grade 4 and up come to the training sessions on September 13 and 27 from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Church.

Offertory Report

August 24 \$7,236.25
 Budgeted: \$7,750.00
 Over (Under) (\$ 513.75

Family Life Center: \$1,467.76

Second Collection September 14th:
 Catholic University of America

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 7– 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

* Youth Board Meeting	FF Conference Room	9:00am
* AAMEN Meeting	Parish House	after 10:00am Mass
* Faith Formation Middle & High School	Classrooms	11:15am to 12:45pm
* Faith Formation K to 4th	Classrooms	11:30am to 12:30pm
* Parents Meeting for K to Middle School	Auditorium	11:30am
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	after 1:00pm mass

Monday, September 8

* Baptismal Prep. Class	FF Conference Room	6:00pm
* Fall Festival Meeting	Lounge	6:00pm
* Ladies Guild Meeting	Cafeteria	6:30pm

Tuesday, September 9

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

Wednesday, September 10

* No Meetings

Thursday, September 11

* H.S.A. Executive Board Meeting	Cafeteria	8:15am
* Senior Bible Study	FF Conference Room	10:00am
* 10:00am Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm

Friday, September 12

* School Liturgy	Church	9:00am
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	6:00pm

Saturday, September 13

* Soup Kitchen Duty team 1	Soup Kitchen	10:00am to noon
* Altar Server Training	Church	10:00am to 11:30am
* Rosary for Life	Church	before 5:00pm Mass
* 5:00pm Choir Practice	Church	4:00pm

Sunday, September 14-Exaltation of the Holy Cross

* Rosary for Life	Church	before 10:00am Mass
* Respect Life Meeting	Parish House	after 10:00am Mass
* Faith Formation Classes Middle & High School	Classrooms	11:15am to 12:45pm
* Faith Formation Classes K to 4th	Classrooms	11:30am to 12:30pm
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	after 1:00pm Mass

Change in Daily Mass Schedule...

Starting the first week of September our daily Mass schedule will change. We will have Mass at 9:00am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &

Friday. **No daily 9:00am Mass on Thursday.**



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, Maria Baleras, Jesse Brickhouse, Wanda Chartier, Judy Cordeiro, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Agnes Harris, Bill Irvine, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Billie Myers, Verna Mullinax, Margie Nowlin, Wilbur & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, Natalie 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

SVDP Is In Need of the Following Items... Food items: spaghetti, noodles, canned tuna, spam or treat, canned fruits, canned peas, hamburger helper, dry beans, rice and mac n cheese.

Thank you to our St. Mary family for your generosity

Cub Scouts Pack 96 chartered by the Knights of Columbus meets here at St. Mary every other Sunday starting September 7th. Please, see the poster on the church bulletin board for more information. All parents and children of the parish are welcome to join us.

Treasures From Our Tradition

We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask for forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Memorial Donations...

Memorial Donations have been made to the St. Mary Parish Family Life Center in memory of **Hank Daniels** by Robin Gordon, Jack Carni, Naga Ganne, Judy Amador, Jeff Smolley, Karen Gilles & Saurav Singh, Susanna Miller, John C. Kuczka.

Diocese of Raleigh

www.dioceseofraleigh.org

The Office of African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization in conjunction with the Raleigh Area Kateri Circle is inviting anyone interested in learning more about Native American Catholic spirituality to the third annual Kateri pilgrimage, Akwe:Kon (All of us/Together). We will travel by chartered bus from St. Mary, Garner on Sunday, October 12, 2014 for visits to the Guilford Native American Museum, Wolf Creek Living History Site, and the Natural Bridge before returning to the Diocese on Monday, October 13, 2014. Fees start at \$88.00 per person and include transportation and overnight accommodations (single occupancy room). Meals are not included. For more details, please contact the Diocesan AAMEN office or the registrar.

Under the Dome Video Series Part 2:

The inspiration for elements of the sanctuary design, such as columns and light fixtures, comes from the Book of Revelation, Chapters 1-2, where Saint John the Apostle describes the vision he has of the elders, the Apostles, the seven burning torches and the "living creatures" in heaven.

Project Rachel Support

Group Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post-abortive woman, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late August. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education

Monday, September 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a school we thought a little background teaching on the origins of this Feast would be appropriate: The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

The Week at Saint Mary:

- Tuesday, Sept. 9 the School Commission will meet in the Computer Lab at 6:30pm
- Thursday, Sept. 11th H.S.A. Executive Board Meeting at 8:15am in the Cafeteria
- Thursday, Sept. 11th the 2nd grade has the Bake Sale.
- Friday, September 12th School Liturgy at 9:00am in the Church.

USO Cookies

We are still accepting cookies every Monday at the Parish Office to be handed over to the USO for our Airmen and women at Seymour Johnson Air Base. The local USO tells us that the young, single, airmen really enjoy getting homemade cookies as it makes them feel more at home. So if you can make some cookies please, do so and just drop them at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity to our military.

Chevrolet American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Mary received \$55.00 from donors give back to the charity or non-profit of their choice. To those who participated we extend our thanks for the financial gift but more so for your gift of life to your fellow man.

Respect Life



Memorial Service for Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 13, 2014, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the second annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 55 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please, join us for the memorial service in our community.

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 2:00pm.

Where: Marian Shrine of the Unborn at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 211 Irwin Drive, Newton Grove, NC.

For more information call Ann Herring, Respect Life Coordinator at 919-594-0287 or email awherring@embarqmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

The next weekends are November 7-9, 2014 in Atlantic Beach, NC and February 6-8, 2015 in Asheville, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Discernment Days for Permanent Diaconate

On Saturday, September 27, and Saturday, October 4, 2014, there will be discernment days for the Permanent Diaconate at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Mount Olive, NC from 9am to noon, both days. Catholic men and their wives (if applicable) who are at least 35 years of age and considering a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate are invited. These meetings are mandatory for those interested in beginning a diaconate formation program in 2015. Following these two meetings, there will be a mandatory Day of Recollection on Saturday, November 8, from 9am to 5pm. For more information and to complete a preliminary application, if you haven't already done so, please contact Deacon Félix Sáez, Jr., Assistant Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Raleigh, at feliz.saez@raldioc.org or 919-658-4023.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

will start up again this Sunday, September 7th. If you feel called to this ministry please contact the Parish Office so we can get you in touch with those in charge. The children need us to help them understand the word of God...consider volunteering to help with this ministry.

Spanish Dancing at the Fall Festival



Do you remember the beautiful Spanish Dancing that we had at last year's Fall Festival? Well, Mrs. Sandra Rios is coordinating that again this year. If any of our English speaking parents would like their children to participate in the dancing please contact Mrs. Rios at 919-440-8050 or email her at: Sandra.rios@goldsboromilling.com.

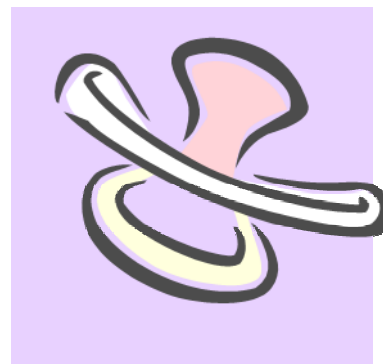


ST MARY CHURCH / ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
DIAPER DRIVE

FROM: SEPT 13, 2014 TO: SEPT 21, 2014

**Diapers size: Mainly Newborn! & size 4
wipes, bibs, pacifiers, socks, blankets, baby bottles.**

**“Little” books suitable for infants and 1 year old
children.**



Fall Festival Bounce Houses Wrist Band

**Buy your Wrist Bands the weekends of
September 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28
After all Masses...get them now and save!!**

**Cost \$15.00 each in advance
(we will have a family cap of \$45.00)
Cost day of event will be \$20.00 each
(with a cap of \$60.00)**

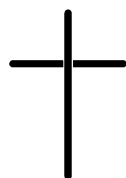
Ride the Super Slide!!



**Compete against friends in
All Star Basketball!!**

**See who's the fastest in the
Adrenaline Rush!!**





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.

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 4:30pm

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 comunicarnoslo.

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 252-355-5111
(habla español)
2717 Memorial Blvd., Greenville

HABLAR CON AMOR

En los versículos finales del Evangelio de hoy Jesús dice que cuando dos o tres se reúnen en su nombre, "yo estoy ahí en medio de ellos". Por eso entendemos que las correcciones fraternales siempre se hacen con Jesús presente ante nosotros.

De la misma manera, animar el bien en otros no es sólo lo correcto, sino que es una necesidad. El Señor le dice al profeta Ezequiel que "si no habla" para que la persona se aparte de su mala vida, él también tendrá que rendir cuenta. Vivimos en una época en que "hacemos lo que queremos" donde la moralidad objetiva se ignora. Claramente cuando el mensaje que compartimos con otros se hace por amor, nuestros motivos no pueden mal interpretarse. Como san Pablo ya lo dice: "Con el amor, no se hace ningún mal al prójimo. Por eso en el amor cabe toda la Ley" (Romanos 13:10).

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos católicos afroamericanos son miembros de los Caballeros de san Pedro Claver, organización fundada para

ellos en 1909, cuando el racismo no les permitía participar en organizaciones euroestadounidenses. Esta organización toma su nombre de un jesuita español del siglo XVII, Pedro, quien llegó a Cartagena (Colombia) en 1610 y se escandalizó ante la trata de esclavos en el continente americano. A pesar de censuras papales en contra de la esclavitud esta pecaminosa costumbre seguía robando humanidad a los africanos. Pedro se consagró al servicio de ellos, recibiéndolos con caridad, comida y alivio apenas llegaban en los barcos. Pedro no pudo liberar a los esclavos pero sí se dedicó a servirlos y convertirlos. Él preparaba catequistas de entre los mismos africanos para que pudieran cristianizar a los recién llegados. Pedro Claver sufrió muchos insultos y calumnias por reunir a los africanos en iglesias y en especial, por darles los sacramentos cristianos. Sus propios superiores, dejándose llevar por las críticas de los criollos, lo castigaban por el trabajo que hacía con los esclavos. Por tal razón se autonóbró como "Pedro Claver, de los negros, esclavo para siempre".
--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM,
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Las Clases de Formación

Las clases de Formación de la Fe comenzarán el domingo, 7 de septiembre de 2014.

Para Middle School: los estudiantes del primer y Segundo año de Confirmación asistirán de 11:15am a 12:45pm.

Desde Kindergarten hasta el 5th grado asistirán de 11:30am a 13:30pm.

Reunión de Padres de Familia: El domingo, 7 de septiembre de 2014 a las 11:30am en el Auditorio para los padres de familia de alumnos desde Kindergarten hasta Middle School.



La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María

Lecturas De La Semana

Lunes:	Miqueas 5:1-4a o Romanos 8:28-30; Salmos 13 (13):6; Mateo 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Martes:	1 Corintios 6:1-11; Salmos 149 (148):1b-6a, 9b; Lucas 6:12-19
Miércoles:	1 Corintios 7:25-31; Salmos 45 (44):11-12, 14-17; Lucas 6:20-26
Jueves:	1 Corintios 8:1b-7, 11-13; Salmos 139 (138):1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lucas 6:27-38
Viernes:	1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22b-27; Salmos 84 (83):3-6, 12; Lucas 6:39-42
Sábado:	1 Corintios 10:14-22; Salmos 116 (115):12-13, 17-18; Lucas 6:43-49
Domingo:	Números 21:4b-9; Salmos 78 (77):1-2, 34-38; Filipenses 2:6-11; Juan 3:13-17

Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Ezequiel 33:7-9/ Salmo 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Romanos 13:8-10/ Mateo 18:15-20

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Durante los primeros meses de casados, el período de la luna de miel, nuestro cónyuge puede parecernos perfecto. Él o ella no puede hacer nada que esté mal. Pronto, sin embargo,

llega la realidad y empezamos a acumular heridas. Podemos herirnos mutuamente a propósito o sin proponérselo. Es básicamente lo que sucede en una familia o en una comunidad. Tarde o temprano nuestro amor de los unos por los otros se pone a prueba por el pecado y la debilidad humana. ¿Soportaremos el comportamiento de otras personas o las confrontaremos? ¿Cuál de las dos opciones refleja el

verdadero amor?

Hoy Pablo nos recuerda algunos signos del amor verdadero al advertirnos lo que no harán aquellos que aman. Las otras Escrituras hacen notar algunos signos sorprendentes del amor verdadero. En el amor de los unos a los otros pudieran estar presentes el atosigar, confrontar, pelear o contar secretos familiares. Ciertamente estará presente el respeto y la aceptación mutua junto a una dosis saludable de oración de los unos por los otros. Y el amor verdadero tratará constantemente de buscar lo mejor en las personas que amamos.

—Virginia Stillwell

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