

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

919-734-5033

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

September 21, 2014—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— Isaiah 55:7b



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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, Wednesday, Friday
lunes, martes, miércoles, viernes

7:00 PM jueves en Español

No 9 AM Mass on Thursday No 9 AM 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 Secretary.....ext. 10

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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. Mike Nault, Organist & Choir

Director, 5:00 PM

Mr. Van Tran, Sacristan

SCHOOL

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Mrs. Lynn Magoon,

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Admn. Assistant.....ext. 11

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Mr. Harold Jones,

Supervisor.....ext. 31

Mr. Larry Jones,

Assistant.....ext. 31

PASTORAL ADVISORY**COUNCIL**

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Seward.

**Mass Intentions and Readings
for September 20 to September 28, 2014**

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| Sat. 9/20 | 1 Corinthians 15:35 –37, 42-49; Psalm 86:10c-14; Luke 8:4-15 |
| 5:00PM | Mary Wooten, dec. by Tommy & Sterling Jarrett |
| 7:00PM | Spanish Mass |
| Sun. 9/21 | Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a |
| 10:00AM | Michael Kutz, dec. by Bob & Gerry Crocker |
| 1:00PM | Pro Populo |
| Mon. 9/22 | Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalm 15:2-5; Luke 8:16-18 |
| 9:00AM | No Mass Today |
| Tue. 9/23 | Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 8:19-21 |
| 9:00AM | No Mass Today |
| Wed. 9/24 | Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6 |
| 9:00AM | Bil Hammond, dec. by his wife & family |
| Thu. 9/25 | Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Luke 9:7-9 |
| 9:00AM | No Mass Today |
| 7:00PM | Spanish Mass |
| Fri. 9/26 | Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Luke 9:18-22 |
| 9:00AM | In Honor of Pam Hammond by the Lovick children |
| Sat. 9/27 | Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Luke 9:43b-45 |
| 5:00PM | For the members of the SVDP Society |
| 7:00PM | Spanish Mass |
| Sun. 9/28 | Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-9; Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]; Matthew 21:28-32 |
| 10:00AM | Mikiala Etheridge, dec. by Effie Labrecque |
| 1:00PM | Pro Populo |

Sacramental Life**Penance and Reconciliation**

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

BaptismBaptisms 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

The Sanctuary Lamps

For the week of September 14 to 20

Church Lamp: will be lit in Loving Memory of **Amy McCormick**

By: her family

Chapel Lamp: will be lit in Loving Memory of **Sue Smyk**

By :The Robertson Family

Annual Fall Festival Book Fair is Back...

This year, by popular demand, we are bringing back the Book Fair section of our Fall Festival. If you have gently used books, cd's, videos, or tapes please, bring them to the Parish Office or School Office the weeks of September 22nd and 29th. Then remember to stop by the Cafeteria on Saturday, October 4th (Fall Festival Day) and check out the items for sale.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

If you celebrated or will celebrate your 25th, 50th or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2014 Bishop Burbidge invites you to attend a special Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 3:00PM at the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary in Wilmington, NC.

Please call the Parish Office by Thursday, October 2nd if you are going to attend this Mass. Office phone is 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26. Family and friends are invited to attend with you.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

On **Monday, September 29** on the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael **during 9:00am Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick will be offered.**

Traditionally referred to as Extreme Unction or Last Rites, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was previously most commonly administered to the dying, for the remission of sins and the provision of spiritual strength and health. In modern times, however, its use has been expanded to all who are gravely ill, advanced in age or are about to undergo a serious operation. The Church stresses a secondary effect of the sacrament: to help a person recover their health. Like Confession & Holy Communion, to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as is necessary.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 21– 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| * RCIA | Lounge | 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 |
| * Spanish Language Choir Practice | Church | after 1:00pm mass |

Monday, September 22

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| * No Morning Mass Today | | |
| * Fall Festival Meeting | Lounge | 6:00pm |

Tuesday, September 23

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| * No Morning Mass Today | | |
| * PAC Meeting | Parish House | 6:00pm |
| * SVDP Meeting | 6th grade classroom | 6:00pm |
| * Perpetual Novena | Chapel | 6:45pm |
| * Legion of Mary | Library | 7:00pm |

Wednesday, September 24

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| * Great Bible Time Line | 6th grade classroom | 7:00pm |
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Thursday, September 25

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| * Senior Bible Study | FF Conference Room | 10:00am |
| * 10:00am Choir Practice | Lounge | 7:00pm |

Friday, September 26

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| * Spanish Language Choir Practice | Church | 6:00pm |
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Saturday, September 27

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| * AAMEN Diocesan Meeting | Parish House | 10:00am to 2:00pm |
| * 5:00pm Choir Practice | Church | 4:00pm |

Sunday, September 28-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| * RCIA | Lounge | 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 |

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

The next weekends are November 7-9, 2014 in Atlantic Beach, NC and February 6-8, 2015 in Ashville, 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.

Offertory Report

September 7 \$11,042.92
 Budgeted: \$ 7,750.00
 Over (Under) \$ 3,292.92

Saint Mary School Support:
 \$1,599.37

Second Collection September 28th:
 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, 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, Simon Scott, 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 deployed.

SVDP Christmas Baskets

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Conference are in the process of gathering items for the Christmas Baskets they give out each year. If you can donate any of the following items bring them to the Parish Office: toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, lotion, fragrance, mouthwash, dishcloths, dish detergent, paper towels, band aids, tissues, laundry detergent, household cleaning detergent.

Thank you for your generosity to our ministry of assisting those in need within Wayne County.

Treasures From Our Tradition

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

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Memorial Donations...

Memorial Donations have been made to the St. Mary Parish Family Life Center in memory of **Dennis Charbonneau** by Jim & Billie Myers and Russ & Maureen Prys.

Diocese of Raleigh

www.dioceseofraleigh.org

God's Holy Family: Rooted in Love, Sent to Serve is the theme for **Catholic Convocation 2014** on October 18, St. Michael the Archangel, Cary, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Whether you are a parish staff member, a life-long Catholic, new to the faith or interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, we encourage you to attend this dynamic, one-day conference. The day offers Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh; dozens of workshops presented by national and local speakers; networking opportunities; national publishers, retailers, religious communities and Diocesan services. **New this year** is a Children's Track for registered participants' children ages 3-11. Early Bird Rates available through September 15. Inquiries/Brochures call 919.645.4447; or to register online visit: www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

Bishop Burbidge Celebrates Respect Life Mass, October

5 The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on Sunday, October 5, 2014, at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Garner at 10:00 a.m. October has been designated as Respect Life month by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The theme for Respect Life month this year is, "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation," taken from the Day for Life greeting by Pope Francis: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

All are invited to observe Respect Life Sunday and celebrate the Mass for Life with Bishop Burbidge.

- See more at: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.u0zH5K5Q.dpuf>



Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education

Remember Saint Mary School will be closed on Monday, September 22nd as we have a Diocesan Development Day. May our students enjoy the extra day to rest.

- Thursday, September 25th the Kindergarten class has the Bake Sale.
- Friday, September 26th school Liturgy at 9:00am

Box Tops for Education

Please, remember to cut out those Box Tops from any grocery items that support this program and then bring the box tops to Saint Mary School Office or you can drop them in the boxes at the entrances to the church. Boxes are on the bottom shelf of the tables at the Church entrance. Thank you for your support of our school.



Welcome to Our Parish Family

Daniel Stamper, son of William Stamper and Lindsay McNally who was Baptized here on September 6, 2014.

Brandon Casaneda, son of Alberto and Teresa Castaneda who was Baptized here on September 6, 2014.

Respect Life



Life Chain...

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 5, 2014 as **Life Chain Sunday**. If you plan to participate in the Life Chain meet other participants at 2:30pm in the parking lot of Five Star Restaurant and Caterers at 212 Berkeley Blvd. The Respect Life Committee of St. Mary Catholic Church will provide water and prayer cards. But we need you and your family and friends to make the Chain for Life.

Remember to bring a folding chair if you can not stand for long periods of time.

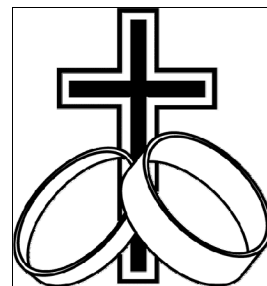
Not sure what Life Chain is...it is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

This is the 27th year of Life Chain and the chain takes place all across America and Canada on the same day. So consider joining with other Christians in Goldsboro and being a witness to life.



Diaper Drive Update...

We are doing well and are ahead of our total from last year but lets make a push this last week ...just for the BABIES!



Congratulations and Welcome to Our Parish Family

We send special congratulations to Diana Kay Lewis who made a Profession of Faith on August 31, 2014. On the same day Diana also received her First Communion and was Confirmed in the Catholic Faith.

Diana's Marriage was also validated and Blessed by the Church. Welcome, Diana, to the St. Mary Parish Family.

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.

RED Mass

The annual Red Mass, which offers prayers and gratitude to those serving in the legal and judicial professions, will be celebrated on October 10, 2014 at 12:10 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh. Those serving in these professions and all the faithful are most welcome. The Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh, will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass.

Pet Blessing

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi and his feast day we will have a Blessing of the animals on Monday, October 6th at 6:00pm. We will gather in front of the church. All animals from, goldfish to great Danes, are welcome. So bring your pets for this special Blessings.

If you have not had a chance to volunteer for our Fall Festival or if you would like to give a donation toward the Inflatables there is still time to do so. Just fill in the form below and cut it out and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish or School Office. Thank you for your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.



Saint Mary Fall Festival Volunteers

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Name(s) _____

Phones: _____ (Work/Home/Cell)

_____ (Work/Home/Cell)

E-Mail: _____

(Email is only for reminders and confirmations)

Stewardship Opportunities!

Sponsorship for Inflatables

My donation amount is \$_____

Volunteer Opportunities:



_____ Friday Set Up 4:00pm to 7:00pm

_____ 10:00AM to Noon

_____ Noon to 2:00pm

_____ 2:00pm to 4:00pm

_____ 4:00pm to 6:00pm

_____ Clean up 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Donate food for:

_____ Country Bakery

_____ Cake Walk

_____ Hispanic Food Booth

_____ International Food

Thank you!

The Fall Festival Needs your donations!!

We need your gently used books

Our Fall Festival Book booth is in need of gently used books, cassette tapes, cd's, and video tapes.

So go through the book shelves and weed out all those books you have already read...get the cd's that have been downloaded to your iPod and bring them all to the Parish or School Offices by

Tuesday, September 29th.



Remember our Fall Festival is Saturday, October 4, 2014 and this is our 60th Annual Fall Festival...help make it a great event!!!

Don't forget we are also selling wrist bands for all day fun on the Inflatables...be sure to get your wrist band in advance for all day Bounce fun!!

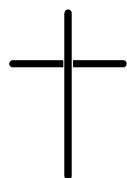
Prices:

**Before Oct. 4—\$15 each
(max \$45 per family)**

**On Oct. 4—\$20 each
(max \$60 per family)**



St. Mary Catholic Church



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

BUSCAR AL SEÑOR

En la primera lectura de hoy, Isaías nos insta a "buscar al Señor" que está "cerca" y puede "encontrarse" (Isaías 55:6). Entonces Isaías dice que los caminos de Dios se elevan por encima de nuestros caminos, "así como el cielo está muy alto por encima de la tierra" (Isaías 55:9). Buscamos, no porque Dios está escondido, sino porque nuestras tendencias son tan diferentes a los caminos de Dios que nos perdemos.

¿Cómo es que los caminos de Dios están por encima de nuestros caminos? El ejemplo que Isaías nos da es que el camino de Dios es ser "generoso en perdonar" (Isaías 55:7). ¿Y cómo es nuestro camino? Nosotros tratamos de ser "justos". Tú me ofendes, entonces yo te ofendo también. Entonces, por supuesto, tú. . . Y así sucesivamente. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que Dios no es "justo" de esa manera. Al contrario, Dios es tan generoso que no podemos ni siquiera entenderlo.

¿Pagar el mismo salario por una hora que por todo un día? ¿No es justo! "Busca al Señor" y encontrarás a un Dios que me llama a ser, no justo, sino más generoso de lo que nos podemos

imaginar.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1535 los frailes mercedarios construyeron la primera iglesia en Lima Perú dedicada a su patrona, Nuestra Señora de la Merced. Esta orden religiosa se remonta al siglo XIII, mientras algunos musulmanes tomaban prisioneros cristianos en España. Era su misión rescatar a los cautivos, incluso, hasta tomar su lugar si fuera necesario. Con el paso de los siglos, los mercedarios se han dedicado a rescatar todo tipo de cautivos del abuso social. Por tal razón, muchas imágenes de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de la Merced la pintan con dos bolsitas de monedas usadas para comprar la libertad de los encarcelados o esclavizados. En otras imágenes carga cadenas abiertas como símbolo de libertad.

Esta patrona de Perú recuerda el deseo latinoamericano de la liberación. Este deseo de liberación se ha convertido en un compromiso urgente para la Iglesia latinoamericana en protesta por los muchos abusos por parte de militares, guerrilleros y carteles de la droga que amenazan la libertad. Jesús vino a liberarnos del pecado y sus consecuencias y su madre (la Merced) ayuda fielmente en esa obra. Su Iglesia no puede hacer otra cosa sino lo mismo.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM,
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Felicitaciones a **Ximena Huerta**

Ponce hija de Joaquín Huerta Torres y Rufina Ponce Castaneda se bautizó aquí el 13 de septiembre de 2014

Lecturas De La Semana

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| Lunes: | Proverbios 3:27-34; Salmos 15 (14):2-5; Lucas 8:16-18 |
| Martes: | Proverbios 21:1-6, 10-13; Salmos 119 (118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lucas 8:19-21 |
| Miércoles: | Proverbios 30:5-9; Salmos 119 (118):29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lucas 9:1-6 |
| Jueves: | Eclesiastés 1:2-11; Salmos 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lucas 9:7-9 |
| Viernes: | Eclesiastés 3:1-11; Salmos 144 (143):1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lucas 9:18-22 |
| Sábado: | Eclesiastés 11:9—12:8; Salmos 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17; Lucas 9:43b-45 |
| Domingo: | Ezequiel 18:25-28; Salmos 25 (24):4-9; Filipenses 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mateo 21:28-32 |

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Isaías 55:6-9 / Salmo 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 / Filipenses 1:20-24, 27 / Mateo 20:1-16

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios
¿Qué es un salario justo? Podríamos decir que es un pago proporcionado a

la cantidad de trabajo ejecutado; pero en la parábola de hoy aprendemos que la visión de Dios acerca de un salario justo está muy por encima de nuestra visión. Según la visión de Dios el salario justo es lo que necesita una persona para vivir diariamente, o sea, para hacerle frente a su “desafío cotidiano”. Según la justicia de Dios el valor de una persona (o su paga) no lo

determina su laboriosidad, su rectitud, estatus queda determinado por lo que una persona posee o hace. El valor humano se basa solamente en nuestra misma cualidad y condición como ser humano. A los ojos de Dios no es “justo” que una persona reciba menos que el salario necesario para vivir diariamente con dignidad. ¿Es generoso el dueño de la viña? Ciertamente que sí. A los ojos de Dios, sólo esa generosidad indiscriminada sería lo verdaderamente justo. La visión de justicia de Dios está intrínsecamente vinculada a su generosidad y por tanto requiere la generosidad nuestra. Ya sea que nos refiramos a “la paga” espiritual o material, aquí o en el más allá, Dios quiere pagarnos no según lo merezcamos, sino de acuerdo a lo que necesitamos. Todos tienen derecho a un salario justo a los ojos de nuestro Dios generoso.

—Virginia Stillwell

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