

# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

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Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

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September 28, 2014—Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

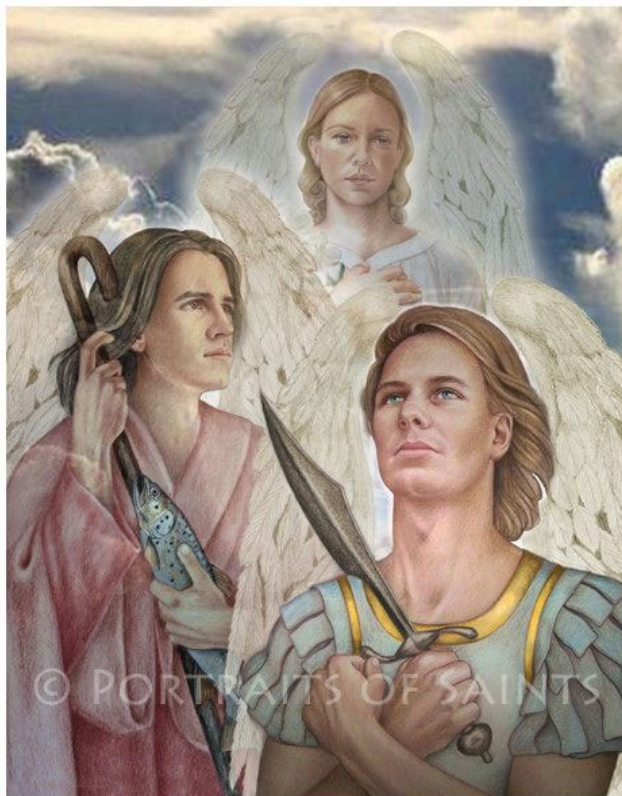
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## St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael

**Feast Day: September 29**

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are angels and the word “angel” means Messenger of God. They are our protectors and we know something about each of the three Archangels from the Bible. Michael’s name means “who is like God?” In the book of Revelation chapter 12:7-9, we read of a great war that went on in heaven. Michael and his angels battled with Satan (or the fallen angel Lucifer). Michael who was the leader of God’s army became the champion of loyalty to God. *We can ask St. Michael to make us strong in our love for Jesus and in our practice of the Catholic religion.*

Gabriel’s name means “the power of God.” He is mentioned in the book of Daniel and in Luke’s Gospel. This archangel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of our Savior. Gabriel announced to Zachariah the he and St. Elizabeth would have a son and call him John. Gabriel is the announcer of the Good News. *We can ask him to help us be good communicators.* Raphael’s name means “God has healed.” We read about Raphael in the book of Tobit where he brought protection and healing to the blind Tobit. *We can ask St. Raphael to protect us in our travels even for short journeys to school or work and to help when someone we love is ill.*



## 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. 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

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Mr. Harold Jones,  
 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 Hur-  
 rey, Joseph Jones, Paula Long, Phyllis  
 Radford, Donna Stevenson, Gene  
 Seward.

**Mass Intentions and Readings  
for September 27 to October 5, 2014**

<b>Sat.9/27</b>	<b>Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Luke 9:43b-45</b>
5:00PM	For the members of the SVDP Society
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun.9/28</b>	<b>Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-9; Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]; Matthew 21:28-32</b>
10:00AM	Mikiala Etheridge, dec. by Effie Labrecque
1:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>Mon.9/29</b>	<b>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; Psalm 138:1-5; John 1:47-51</b>
9:00AM	Ladislaw Peter, Jr., dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
<b>Tue.9/30</b>	<b>Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Psalm 88:2-8; Luke 9:51-56</b>
9:00AM	Elke Kleber, dec. by K of C Council 5487
<b>Wed.10/1</b>	<b>Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:10bc-15; Luke 9:57-62</b>
9:00AM	Elizabeth Wagner, dec. by Bob & Gerry Crocker
<b>Thu.10/2</b>	<b>Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Matthew 18:1-5, 10</b>
9:00AM	No Mass Today
7:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>Fri.10/3</b>	<b>Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Luke 10:13-16</b>
9:00AM	Howard Burns, dec. by St. Mary Parish
<b>Sat.10/4</b>	<b>Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Luke 10:17-24</b>
5:00PM	Helen Wolfe, dec. by Henri & Marianne Andrews
7:00PM	Hazel Anna Davies, dec. by Diana Michetti
<b>Sun.10/5</b>	<b>Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43</b>
10:00AM	Deceased members of SVDP St. Mary Conference
1:00PM	Pro Populo

**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 Sept. 27 to October 4

**Church Lamp:** will be lit in Honor of **Theresa & Matt Makdad**

On the occasion of their 20th Wedding Anniversary By: Gail & Vince Bobrowski

**Chapel Lamp:** If you would like to have the Chapel lamp in memory of or honor of a person or event please, call the Parish Office.

**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.** 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.

**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.

**Eucharistic Adoration**



Celebrate First Friday by spending sometime with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. **When:** Friday, October 3rd **Where:** the Chapel, **Time:** 10:00am to 5:30pm.

*"come to me all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."*

**SVDP Breakfast...**

Don't miss out on the first SVDP Breakfast of the season...Sunday, Oct. 5th from 9:00am to noon. Come to the cafeteria and have a delicious hot breakfast of eggs, sausage, grits, pancakes, biscuits, fruit, juice, coffee. Donations are welcome and help the Society with their outreach program to assist those in need in Wayne County. Hope to see you at Breakfast!

# Parish Calendar

**Sunday, September 28– 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

* 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 29**

* Fall Festival Meeting	Lounge	6:00pm
* Liturgy Committee Meeting	FFO	7:00pm
* K of C Directors Meeting	Cafeteria	7:00pm

**Tuesday, September 30**

* Finance Council Meeting	FFO	6:00pm
* Perpetual Novena	Chapel	6:45pm
* Legion of Mary	Library	7:00pm

**Wednesday, October 1**

* Great Bible Time Line	6th grade classroom	7:00pm
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**Thursday, October 2**

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

**Friday, October 3– First Friday**

* School Liturgy	Church	9:00am
* Exposition	Chapel	10:00am
* Benediction	Chapel	5:30pm
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Lounge	6:00pm

**Saturday, October 4**

* Fall Festival	Auditorium/Café.	10:00am to 7:00pm
* Rosary for Life	Church	before 5:00pm Mass
* 5:00pm Choir Practice	Church	4:00pm

**Sunday, October 5-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

* SVDP Breakfast	Cafeteria	9:00am to noon
* TYM Youth Board Meeting	FF Conference Rm.	9:00am
* Rosary for Life	Church	before 10:00am Mass
* AAMEN Meeting	Parish House	after 10:00am Mass
* Confirmation Parent's Meeting	Auditorium	11:30am
* 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
* Mission Trip Meeting	Computer Lab	5:00pm

## Offertory Report

September 14 \$6,963.40  
 Budgeted: \$7,750.00  
 Over (Under) (\$ 786.60)  
**Catholic University : \$1,023.81**  
**Second Collection October 5:**  
 Saint Mary School Support

**A New Study Opportunity, Oremus Catholic Prayer**

An 8 week course starting Monday, Oct. 6th at 6PM. Cost is \$25.00 and the class will be limited to 20 participants. Call the Parish Office to register. Watch for a morning class coming in November!



### 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 Balaras, 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 Needs the following food items...

Potted meats (Spam, Treet, Vienna Sausage), spaghetti, noodles, small jars of Mayo (plastic is best), canned chicken, tuna.

Cleaning supplies are also in short supply along with personal care items such as, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant, powder.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping the Society with their outreach to those in need in Wayne County.

### Treasures From Our Tradition

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation. The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness.

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### Memorial Donations...

Memorial Donations have been made to the St. Mary Parish Family Life Center in memory of **Carol Anne Carter** by Mrs. Gloria Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Russ Prys and Gene & Anne Bostic.

### Diocese of Raleigh

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

The week of September 29 to October 3rd our students will be taking the ITBS tests.

What is ITBS testing? The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) evaluates a student's educational progress. The test includes sections on vocabulary, word analysis, reading, listening, language, math, social studies and science for students in grades K-2, and vocabulary, reading, spelling, grammar, word usage, math, social studies, science, maps, reference and word recognition for students in grades 3-8.

We suggest to our students that the evenings before the testing they get a good nights sleep and have a good breakfast in the morning. Do not be anxious or worried. Being rested, with good food for breakfast and being calm is the best thing you can do. We ask our parishioners to pray for our students as they take these tests this year.

Thursday, October 2nd the Pre-K has the Bake Sale.

Friday, October 3rd we have School Liturgy at 9:00am.

## 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](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

## 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...

Our totals for the 2014 Saint Mary Diaper Drive are in:

**Diapers Grand Total:** 5,000  
**Wipes Grand Total:** 4,000

Other items donated were:  
3 baby blankets  
2 bibs  
2 hard books  
4 pkg. of wash cloths  
1 brush & comb set  
1 bottle of baby bath  
Thank you from the Babies!!

### 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 Blessing.

### Mission Trip 2015...

If you are going on the Teen Mission Trip in July, 2015 you need to attend a meeting on Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 5:00PM in the Computer Lab of the school. Please, have a parent accompany you to this meeting and bring your medical I.D. cards with you. Thank You.

### Mission Co-Op...

This week we were privileged to have Father Anthony Raj Kammara of the Diocese of Kurnool, India. Donations at the Masses this weekend will go to the Diocese of Kurnool to assist them with education among girls & boys of poor & low-income families, promote & support local religious vocations & religious training, monitor faith formation & reorientation in New Christian Communities, promote rural health & provide safe drinking water thru Hand Bore Wells in rural communities.

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 30th.**

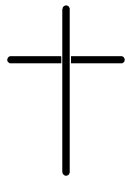


We need your "gently loved" stuffed animals.

If you have any stuffed animals who are in need of a new and loving home we will take them. We have gotten many donations but are told we can use more stuffed animals so **bring them to the Parish or School Office by Tuesday, September 30th** and we will find new homes for them and they will help us raise funds for our Parish at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 4th.



# 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

### REPETICIÓN NECESARIA

Los maestros espirituales tienen la tendencia a repetir lo mismo, y de repetir lo que otros maestros enseñan. Tal vez es porque no hay muchas verdades diferentes. Sólo muchos seres humanos, medios dormidos y perezosos -igual que nosotros- que necesitan escuchar las verdades básicas una y otra vez. Considera las lecturas de hoy. La gente se queja de que Dios no es "justo", y Ezequiel contesta que Dios es más que justo. La gente escoge su destino y la gente puede cambiar. Hasta los malvados pueden cambiar, hacer el bien y vivir para siempre. "Las acciones hablan más claramente que las palabras". ¿Una idea nueva? Seguro que no. Pablo les dice a los filipenses que se sentiría muy complacido si los que se dicen ser creyentes buscaran los intereses de los demás y no los propios. "La prueba está en la realidad". ¿Una idea nueva? No lo creo. En la historia que Jesús cuenta sobre el viñador y sus hijos, todos sabemos que el que dijo que no trabajaría -pero lo hizo- es más virtuoso que el que dijo que trabajaría, pero no lo hizo. "Perro que ladra no muerde" ¿Has escuchado eso antes?

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### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Las actas de los mártires son documentos de suma importancia en la Iglesia cristiana. En ellas se encuentra el testimonio de hombres y mujeres que con su sangre dieron testimonio del evangelio. En esta documentación encontramos el testimonio de quienes vieron y presenciaron su martirio. Por ejemplo, un soldado dice de los mártires: "Dormían en el suelo. No les vi quejarse en ningún momento y estuvieron todo el tiempo rezando y muy recogidos. . . magníficos, unos santos. . .".

Testimonios como éste eran comunes en los primeros siglos del cristianismo cuando en la Roma pagana se perseguía a la Iglesia primitiva. Lamentablemente, este testimonio no viene de hace 17 ó 19 siglos, más bien, viene del siglo pasado, siglo en el cual la persecución de cristianos se multiplicó por todas partes del mundo produciendo más mártires que ningún otro siglo.

El testimonio del soldado fue acerca del primer santo Argentino, Héctor Valdivielso Sáez y compañeros, quienes fueron asesinados por los comunistas en Asturias, España. Él fue uno de los más de 8000 cristianos martirizados en España, 30,000 en China, incontables en Latinoamérica y otros lugares durante el siglo pasado.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM,  
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Bendición de mascotas  
lunes, 06 de octubre de 2014  
a 6:00pm frente a la iglesia.  
Todos son bienvenidos.



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Día de fiesta, el 29 de septiembre



**Lecturas De La Semana**

<b>Lunes:</b>	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 o Apocalipsis 12:7-12a; Salmos 138 (137):1-5; Juan 1:47-51
<b>Martes:</b>	Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Salmos 88 (87):2-8; Lucas 9:51-56
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Salmos 88 (87):10bc-15; Lucas 9:57-62
<b>Jueves:</b>	Job 19:21-27; Salmos 27 (26):7-9abc, 13-14; Mateo 18:1-5, 10
<b>Viernes:</b>	Jobs 38:1, 12-2; 40:3-51; Salmos 139 (138):1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lucas 10:13-16
<b>Sábado:</b>	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Salmos 119 (118):66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lucas 10:17-24
<b>Domingo:</b>	Isaías 5:1-7; Salmos 80 (79):9, 12-16, 19-20; Filipenses 4:6-9; Mateo 21:33-43

**Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Ezequiel 18:25-28 / Salmo 24:4bc-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Filipenses 2:1-11 o 2:1-5 / Mateo 21:28-32**

**Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios**

En la novela “*La vida secreta de las abejas*” una mujer negra y ya anciana de nombre August habla sobre “el problema de la gente” con Lily, una mujer blanca más joven que se ha

escapado de su padre abusivo. Lily dice que la gente no sabe lo que es importante en realidad; pero August dice que un problema aún mayor es que la gente sí sabe lo que es importante, pero *eligen* no hacerlo. Dios le dice a Ezequiel que la virtud se prueba al elegir hacer lo correcto. Lo que eliges hacer es importante. Así es que cuidado con salirte del camino correcto al final de tus días. Por otra parte, pudieras estar por el camino equivocado durante años y dar un salto de vuelta

al camino correcto y así encontrar la vida. No parece muy justo; así y todo, lo que cuenta es dónde estés al llegar el final. Y no sabes cuándo ese final llegará. Jesús confronta a los líderes religiosos con una parábola. El padre le pide a sus dos hijos que hagan un trabajo en la viña. Uno dice que está dispuesto, pero nunca llega a hacerlo; el otro se niega al instante, pero después va y hace lo que el padre le ha pedido. Al contar esta parábola Jesús compara a esos líderes religiosos desfavorablemente con los recaudadores de impuestos y las prostitutas. Los ancianos debieron haberse quedado estupefactos. “Tengan, pues, los sentimientos que corresponden a quienes están unidos a Cristo Jesús”, le escribe Pablo a sus queridos filipenses. La actitud que él les urge es que se entreguen por el bien de los demás, aun hasta la muerte. De esta manera nuestro “sí” no es sólo de palabra, sino también de *obra*. Elige vivir en Cristo.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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