

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

919-734-5033

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

October 26, 2014—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOVE SHOWN IN ACTION

Do you receive the word of God with joy as the Thessalonians did? Their faith showed in their actions. They became models for other believers.

The first reading tells us to put our faith into action. This passage is part of a long list of ordinances God commanded the Israelites to observe. God will judge us by how we treat our neighbors. God will hear the cries of any whom we neglect or mistreat and will come to their defense.

In today's Gospel the Pharisees put the question of God's law to Jesus. "Which commandment of the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:36) How could he possibly choose from all the detailed commandments the Jews observed? He was sure to offend somebody by his answer! Of course, Jesus went right to the heart of the matter. Love is the greatest commandment—love of God and love of neighbor. Everything else is based on this.

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EUCHARISTIC 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 hay Misa los jueves a las 9 AM

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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 Mrs. Kathy Hennessy,
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 Mrs. Tracey Davis,
 Parish Bookkeeper.....ext. 28
 Mrs. Elvira Ponce,
 Hispanic Ministry.....ext. 22
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 Mr. Philip Eubanks, Organist
 Mr. Mike Nault, Organist & Choir
 Director, 5:00 PM
 Mr. Van Tran, Sacristan

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**Mass Intentions and Readings
 for October 25 to November 2, 2014**

Sat. 10/25	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
5:00PM	Special intention for Rose Hurley by Marie Brickhouse
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun. 10/26	Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40
10:00AM	Elizabeth Wagner, dec. by St. Mary Parish
1:00PM	Spanish Mass
Mon. 10/27	Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 13:10-17
9:00AM	Kelly Ann Prys, dec. by Russ & Maureen Prys
Tue. 10/28	Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19:2-5; Luke 6:12-16
9:00AM	No Mass Today
Wed. 10/29	Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalm 145:10-14; Luke 13:22-30
9:00AM	No Mass Today
Thu. 10/30	Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Luke 13:31-35
9:00AM	No Mass Today
7:00PM	No Mass Today
Fri. 10/31	Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 14:1-6
9:00AM	Patricia Ann Scimeca, dec. by Pam Hammond & family
Sat. 11/1	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
10:00AM	Mr. & Mrs. M.B. Kostley, dec. by Joan Todaro & daughters
5:00PM	Dolores Kuczynski, dec. by Kuczynski family
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun. 11/2	Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40
10:00AM	Souls of the departed
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

If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church or the Chapel in memory or honor of a person or event please, call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26.



Habitat For Humanity Faith Build

You can still make a donation to our Parish commitment of \$4,000.00 by making a check payable to St. Mary Church and marking in the memo field **Habitat**. Just drop the check in the collection basket at any Mass or drop it at the Parish Office.



Sunday, Nov. 2nd or Saturday night before retiring remember to turn back the clocks!

A New Study Opportunity, Oremus Catholic Prayer

An 8week course starting on Oct. 27th at 6PM. Cost \$25.00. The class is limited to 20 participants but we still have room so if you would like to attend please, call the parish office to register.

November 2nd—All Souls Day

Traditionally the month of November is dedicated to the memory of our departed loved ones. We will be doing a Remembrance Brochure and if you would like the names of your departed loved ones (whether they were parishioners or not) in the brochure please fill out your All Souls Day envelope and return it to the Parish Office by Wednesday, October 29th. Please, remember the envelopes are on the altar during the month of November and Father prays for the souls of the departed. It is customary to include a stipend for this.

Need Communion during Mass at your seat?

If you are unable to come forward for Communion and need to receive at your seat during the weekend Masses please, notify the ushers as you come into Church and let them know where you will be sitting.

Email ...

We have a Parish Newsletter that is sent out each month via email. If you would like to receive this Newsletter and other Parish information via email please, send your email address to office@saintmarygoldsboro.org.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 26– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- * Rosary for Life Church before 10:00am Mass
- * RCIA Lounge after 10:00am Mass
- * **No Faith Formation Classes**
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice Church after 1:00pm mass
- * TYM Trunk or Treat back school parking lot 2 to 5:00pm

Monday, October 27

- * Catholic Prayer Class FF Conference Room 6:00pm
- * K of C Directors Meeting Cafeteria 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 28

- * **No Mass Today**
- * SVDP Meeting 6th grade classroom 6:00pm
- * Perpetual Novena Chapel 6:45pm
- * Legion of Mary Library 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 29

- * **No Mass Today**
- * Great Bible Timeline 5th grade classroom 7:00pm

Thursday, October 30

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

Friday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 1-All Saints Day

- * 5:00pm Choir Practice Church 4:00pm

Sunday, November 2-All Soul's Day

- * SVDP Breakfast Cafeteria 9am to noon
- * RCIA Lounge after 10:00am Mass
- * AAMEN Meeting Parish House after 10:00am Mass
- * Faith Formation Middle & High Sch. Classrooms 11:15am to 12:45pm
- * Faith Formation K to 4th grade Classrooms 11:30am to 12:30pm
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice Church after 1:00pm Mass
- * K of C Recruiting Dinner Auditorium 2:00pm

AAMEN Cultural Explosion

Sunday, November 16, 2014
3PM to 6PM watch for more information in upcoming Bulletins.

SVDP Breakfast...

Sunday, November 2nd from 9:00am to noon join other parishioners for a delicious breakfast prepared by the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Offertory Report

October 12 \$7,295.51
Budgeted: \$7,750.00
Over (Under) (\$ 454.49)

Priests' Retirement : \$1,505.00
Habitat for Humanity: \$352.00

Second Collection November 2:
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:

Ralph Bailey, Maria Balaras, Jesse Brickhouse, James Cobb, Judy Cordeiro, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Agnes Harris, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Billie & Jim Myers, 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...

They are out of: Macaroni and Cheese, canned fruit, potted meats (canned chicken, tuna, spam, etc.), grits. They are also in need of tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, dish detergent, paper towels, clothes detergent, and tissues. Thank you for all you do to assist us in our outreach to those in need within Wayne County.

"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another..."

~St. Vincent de Paul

Treasures From Our Tradition

Sadly, one of the most difficult reforms of the Second Vatican Council for the Church to embrace has been one of the most thorough and beautiful: the sacrament of penance. Because it is individual and private, it has been difficult for the changes to take root. Sometimes a priest may be grounded in the earlier form, and at other times the penitent may resist the priest's attempt to blend in the proper texts and rituals.

Perhaps because the new form is almost identical in structure to the old, it has been difficult to insitute. It may also be true that with the liturgy in English now, it is far more clear that the Eucharist, too, is a "sacrament of reconciliation."

It is certainly true that there are different skills and gifts in ministry, and experienced penitents know that not all priests are equally at ease in this sacramental encounter. Sometimes a difficult experience can drive people away from a liturgy that is spiritually rich and rewarding. Yet we know that one bad meal seldom puts people off restaurants forever: the dinner gong tends to dispel bad memories, and so we try again. Individual confession and absolution is for us both treasure and tradition. If you haven't been for a while, consider coming back to praise God for this gift of mercy.

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In Honor Of

A donation has been made to the St. Mary Family Life Center in Honor of **The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dr. & Mrs. Tin Le!**

Donation was given by:
Dr. & Mrs. Dalton Dove.

In Memory of

A donation has been made to St. Mary Church in memory of **Geraldine Prys** by Ben & Kitty Sauls.

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Don't miss the fall registration for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Sept. 22-27, 2015! Text "world" to 51555 for up to the minute updates and visit <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/plan-your-visit/register/>. - See more at: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.G82XLmMf.dpuf>

The Office of African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization invites everyone to join us for our annual African Heritage Celebration on Sun., Nov. 23, 2014 at 2pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2438 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC. His Excellency, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge is our principal celebrant for Mass which will begin our day of highlighting our African Ancestry cultures and traditions. For more details, please contact the Diocesan AAMEN office - See more at: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.G82XLmMf.dpuf>

You are invited to follow the Diocese [@RaleighDiocese](https://twitter.com/RaleighDiocese) and Bishop Burbidge [@BishopBurbidge](https://twitter.com/BishopBurbidge) on Twitter. Tweets include current news stories, photos and Bishop Burbidge's daily reflections. If you are not on Twitter, you can still receive the Bishop's messages by simply texting follow bishop-burbidge to phone number: 40404. - See more at: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.G82XLmMf.dpuf>

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The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Nov 7-9, 2014 in Atlantic Beach, NC and Feb 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 aplicaions@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.



Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education



The Book Fair closes on Monday, October 27th...get your books!!

- Tuesday, October 28th SCRIP orders go in...if you want to order SCRIP please have your order in the Parish Office no later than 8:15am this morning.
- Thursday, October 30th the 5th grade has the Bake Sale.
- Friday, October 31st we have School Liturgy at 9AM.



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Rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in your relationship!

Respect Life



As A U. S. Citizen, Be Thankful For Your Life!

In the United States, there is no federal criminal law governing abortion at any phase of pregnancy. As it stands today, American women have the legal right to obtain an abortion in all 50 states, through all nine months of pregnancy, for virtually any reason (or no reason) at all.

America has one of the most liberal abortion laws in the world...for example, far more liberal than western Europe.

In Germany, women seeking first-trimester abortions are subject to a mandatory three-day waiting period and a counseling session. Abortions after the first 12 weeks of pregnancy are forbidden except in cases of grave threat to the mother's physical or mental health. The Netherlands mandates a five-day waiting period between initial consultation and abortion; clinics must provide women with information about abortion alternatives.

If you are less than 40 years old and are reading this bulletin insert, you are a lucky to be alive! You had a 33% chance of being aborted BEFORE you left your mother's womb. So, give your mom and dad a big hug and kiss, and thank them for choosing LIFE, especially YOUR LIFE!

Please, continue praying the Rosary for an end to abortion.

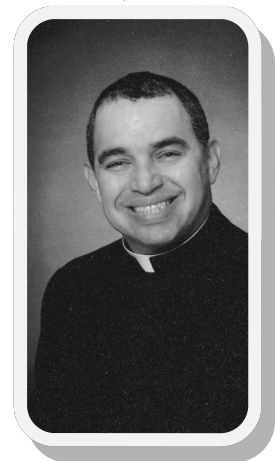


Priesthood Sunday

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Sunday, October 26th is Priesthood Sunday. Let us join together on this special day to pray for our priests, especially our Pastor, Father Alex. Let us thank God for Father's courage and generosity in accepting his vocation. Priesthood Sunday is not about big celebrations but it is about establishing a quiet, loving care for our parish priest. A simple smile or note letting Father know of our loving care and gratitude for his presence in the life of our parish will go a long way.

Thank You, Father Alex!

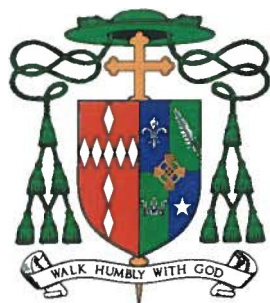


Please, know that we appreciate and love all you do for us and we promise to keep you in our prayers.

Pray! Invite! Encourage! Affirm! Vocations!

There are vocations...

- ...which manifest themselves. They must be fostered.
- ... which are not conscious of themselves. They must be awakened.
- ... which do not dare manifest themselves. They must be found and encouraged.
- ...which are in fear of being lost. They must be reassured.
- ...which meet with opposition. They must be strengthened.
- ...which are paralyzed by poverty. They must be helped financially.



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October 26, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the first reading today from Exodus, God speaks of the alien, the widow, the orphan and our neighbor, saying: "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." Each day Catholic Charities staff and volunteers throughout the Diocese of Raleigh strive to mirror God's compassion to our neighbors in need. In the past year this outreach from the Church assisted more than 68,000 people from 19,000 families. With God's grace and the help of your prayers and contributions, the staff of Catholic Charities and over 1,800 volunteers are able to perform the *corporal works of mercy* in service to these families. Thank you for your constant and generous support to our brothers and sisters who are most vulnerable.

The compassionate and holistic response of Catholic Charities to the alien, the orphans and widows of our time echoes Pope Francis's words at a Jesuit refugee center last September: "Charity that leaves the poor person as he is, is not sufficient. True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands . . . that the poor find the way to be poor no longer." In addition to alleviating some of the immediate impact of poverty by providing food, children's clothing, and assistance to purchase prescription medication and pay utility bills, the professional staff at Catholic Charities also works to help the poor and vulnerable develop skills and access resources which will allow them to find a way to economic self-sufficiency.

I extend my gratitude to those of you who are volunteers and benefactors supporting the work of the Church through Catholic Charities. If you are not yet involved with Catholic Charities or social outreach at your parish, I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can become involved in compassionately responding to the needs of our neighbors. May Our Lord Jesus bless us and all those we love and serve and may Mary Our Mother watch over us always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh



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Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

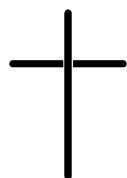
En la primera lectura del Exodo hoy, Dios se refiere a los extranjeros, las viudas, los huérfanos y nuestros hermanos: "Si ellos claman a mí, ciertamente oíré y su clamor; soy compasivo". Cada día el personal y voluntarios de Caridades Católicas a lo largo de la Diócesis de Raleigh, luchan al mirar la compasión de Dios en nuestros hermanos necesitados. El año pasado, la asistencia de la Iglesia ayudó a más de 68.000 personas de 19.000 familias. Con la gracia de Dios y con la ayuda de sus oraciones y contribuciones, al personal de Caridades Católicas y a más de 1.800 voluntarios, les ha sido posible realizar las *obras corporales de misericordia* en servicio a estas familias. Gracias a su apoyo generoso constante hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas más vulnerables.

En la manera compasiva y holística en la que Caridades Católicas ha respondido a los extranjeros, los huérfanos y las viudas de este tiempo, hacen eco a las palabras que el Papa Francisco hizo en el centro Jesuita del refugiado, en el pasado mes de septiembre: "La caridad que deja a los pobres tal, no es suficiente. La misericordia verdadera, aquella que Dios nos da y nos enseña, pide justicia, pide que el pobre encuentre su camino para dejar de serlo". Además de aliviar algunos de los impactos inmediatos de la pobreza, proporcionando comida, ropa para niños y asistencia para comprar medicamentos con prescripción y pagar las facturas de servicios públicos, el personal profesional de Caridades Católicas también trabaja para ayudar al pobre y al vulnerable que desarrollen habilidades y accedan a los recursos que les permita encontrar la manera de ser autosuficientes económicamente.

Extiendo mi gratitud a ustedes voluntarios y benefactores, que apoyan el trabajo de la Iglesia a través de Caridades Católicas. Si usted no está involucrado en Caridades Católicas o en la ayuda social de su parroquia, le pido que considere en oración como usted puede involucrarse, respondiendo compasivamente a las necesidades de nuestros hermanos. Que Nuestro Señor Jesús les bendiga a usted y a todos los que ama y sirve, y que María Nuestra Madre les proteja siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,
Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

Obispo de Raleigh



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

EL AMOR ESTÁ EN LA ACCIÓN

¿Recibes la palabra de Dios con gozo, al igual que hicieron los tesalonicenses? Su fe se reflejó en sus acciones. Se convirtieron en ejemplo para otros creyentes. La primera lectura nos dice que pongamos nuestra fe en acción. Este pasaje es parte de una larga lista de reglas que Dios impone a los israelitas para su observancia y para respetar su Ley. Dios nos juzgará por cómo nosotros tratamos a nuestros semejantes. Dios escuchará los llantos de todo aquel al que desatendemos o maltratamos, y vendrá en su defensa.

En el Evangelio de hoy, los fariseos plantean la cuestión de la Ley de Dios. "¿Cuál es el mandamiento más importante de la Ley?" (Mateo 22:36). ¿Cómo es posible que él pueda elegir de entre todos los detallados mandamientos que los judíos observaban? ¡Sin duda que ofendería a alguien con su respuesta! Sin embargo, Jesús fue derecho al grano. El amor es el más grande de todos los mandamientos, el amor de Dios y el amor del prójimo. Todo lo demás se basa en esto.
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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En tiempos pasados, cuando los fieles latinoamericanos se enfermaban gravemente se mandaba traer al sacerdote para que le administrara los "santos óleos" o la "extremaunción". Nadie quería ver a un sacerdote acércasele con los óleos porque significaba que uno estaba por morir.

Gracias a Dios, las reformas del Concilio Vaticano II han regresado al sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos su sentido original. Este sacramento es celebrado para todos los que tengan alguna enfermedad seria, aunque no sea de muerte. El sacramento es para pedir consuelo para el enfermo y si es voluntad de Dios, la salud. Este sacramento no debe ser reservado para preparar al paciente para la muerte.

Santiago, en su carta a los cristianos, nos dice que si uno de nosotros está enfermo que llame al presbítero de la Iglesia para que lo unja con óleo o aceite santo. Y añade que la oración hecha con fe perdonará los pecados del enfermo y lo sanará para que recupere su vida cotidiana. Este sacramento, como todos los sacramentos, son para la vida, tanto la vida cotidiana como lo vida eterna.
--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-GlZ, OFM,
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Divorciado? Vuelto a casar? Pensando en casarse con alguien que se divorció? ¿Tiene preguntas acerca de la libertad de casarse en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Sabía usted que el Tribunal está disponible para responder a estas y otras preguntas que usted pueda tener acerca de volverse a casar en la Iglesia? Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Padre Jonathan Woodhall (919-821-9758) con sus preguntas, o usted puede visitar nuestro sitio web <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/tribunal> para más información. Damos la bienvenida a la oportunidad de ayudarle - See more at: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.pxNxXuih.dpuf>

Lecturas De La Semana

Lunes: Efesios 4:32—5:8; Salmos 1:1-4, 6; Lucas 13:10-17
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Miércoles: Efesios 6:1-9; Salmos 145 (144):10-14; Lucas 13:22-30
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Sábado: Apocalipsis 7:2-4, 9-14; Salmos 24 (23):1-6; 1 Juan 3:1-3; Mateo 5:1-12a
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Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

En un artículo sobre “La vejez bien llevada”, el doctor Lawrence M. Le-noir propone que el arte de dar y

Recibir amor es central para llevar los años de la vejez con dignidad. Las investigaciones demuestran que ser parte de una relación cariñosa tranquiliza los demonios de la depresión y la desesperación. Así es que, si quieres mantenerte saludable, sé cariñoso. Jesús está de acuerdo. Los rabinos de la época de Jesús discutían acerca de cuál era el mandam-

iento más importante entre los seiscientos trece que había en la Torá. Cuando los fariseos le preguntaron a Jesús, él respondió que lo que más deseaba Dios de su pueblo escogido, que había sido liberado de la esclavitud para vivir en una relación de alianza, era corresponder al amor que Dios les demostraba. El amor tiene dos caras: amar a Dios totalmente y amarnos los unos a los otros como nos amamos a nosotros mismos. Amar es una actividad contagiosa. Si te aman, tiendes a demostrar amor. Pablo toca esta nota cuando la escribe a los tesalonicenses acerca de cómo ellos se convirtieron en imitadores de él y de sus compañeros evangelizadores Timoteo y Silvano. Y sobre todo se convirtieron en imitadores del mismo Señor, pues recibieron la palabra y viven la fe con alegría y amor mutuo, por creer en el amor que Dios les tiene y que se manifiesta en Cristo.

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