

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

January 11, 2015—The Baptism of the Lord

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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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 hay Misa los jueves a las 9 AM

Holy Days check inside Bulletin for Mass times

No Vigil Masses

Revise dentro del Boletín que se entrega en las Misas

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 Adoración al Santísimo 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

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 Mrs. Vicki Ellis,
 Choir Director, 10:00 AM
 Mr. Philip Eubanks, Organist
 Mr. Mike Nault, Organist & Choir
 Director, 5:00 PM
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PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Mass Intentions and Readings
 for January 10 to January 18, 2015**

Sat. 1/10	1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b; John 3:22-30
5:00PM	Catherine D. Gambella, dec. by Toni Ann Sileno & Family
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun. 1/11	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11
10:00AM	Henry Daniels, dec. by St. Mary Parish
1:00PM	Spanish Mass
Mon. 1/12	Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mark 1:14-20
9:00AM	Al Parks, dec. by St. Mary School Family
Tue. 1/13	Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mark 1:21-28
9:00AM	Catherine D. Gambella, dec. by St. Mary Parish
Wed. 1/14	Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Mark 1:29-39
9:00AM	Geraldine Prys, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
Thu. 1/15	Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-11; Mark 1:40-45
9:00AM	No Mass Today
7:00PM	Spanish Mass
Fri. 1/16	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mark 2:1-12
9:00AM	Harold B. Lewis, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
Sat. 1/17	Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Mark 2:13-17
5:00PM	Frances Douglass, dec. by Charlie & Barbara Vinciguerra
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun. 1/18	1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42
10:00AM	Henry Daniels, dec. by K of C Council 5487
1:00PM	Spanish Mass

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 January 11 to 17

Church Lamp: will be lit in Honor of **Rich & Jeanie Horton** on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Chapel Lamp: if you would like to reserve the Chapel Lamp in Memory of or Honor of a person or event please, call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26

Knights Dinner...

The Knights of Columbus, Council #5487 will host their dinner for the families of deceased knights and all council members families on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 3:00pm in the school auditorium. Families and Knights will be contacted by council callers to determine attendance. Dinner will be followed by musical entertainment.

Special Collection for victims of "Eboli"

Bishop Burbidge has requested that on Sunday, January 25th we do a special collection for the people and countries that are being devastated by the Eboli epidemic. There will be baskets at the entrances to the church marked for this special collection. Please, come prepared to be generous. Thank you.

March for Life Bus...

Our Parish is sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 22, 2015. If you have reserved a seat but have not paid for it please, let John Marguglio know that you still intend to be at the march. If you can not attend but would like to sponsor a seat for someone who can go but can not afford the cost please, see John Marguglio. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$25.00. If you need to contact John he is usually at the back of the church after the Sunday Mass or you may call his cell at 919-988-2389.

Saint Mary School Annual Spaghetti Supper & Bingo...

Friday, January 23rd tickets are \$7.00 each. Lunch take out or delivery is available from 11:00am to 2:00pm, dinner take out is available from 4:00 to 8:00pm, dinner eat in 5:00 to 8:00pm. Bingo will start at 7:00pm. Tickets are available from the School or Parish Office. Be sure to get a ticket and come out to enjoy this major school fundraiser.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 11– The Baptism of the Lord

* Rosary for Life	Church	before 10:00am Mass
* RCIA	Lounge	after 10:00am Mass
* Respect Life Meeting	Parish House	after 10:00am Mass
* Faith Formation 5th to HS	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
* Spanish Lector's Meeting	Classroom	2:30pm

Monday, January 12

* Liturgy Commission Meeting	FF Conf. Room	6:30pm
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Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

* Great Bible Time Line	5th grade	7:00pm
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Thursday, January 15

* "Highnooners" Book Club	FF Conf. Room	noon
* 10:00am Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm

Friday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 17

* Habitat Build Day	at site	9:00am to 5:00pm
* 5PM Choir Practice	Church	4:00pm

Sunday, January 18-2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

* RCIA	Lounge	after 10:00am Mass
* No Faith Formation Classes		
* K of C Memorial Dinner	Auditorium	3:00pm
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	after 1:00pm Mass

Offertory Report

December 28 \$ 6,830.30
 Budgeted: \$ 7,750.00
 Over (Under) \$ (919.75)

Christmas Collection: \$7,539.80
 Family Life Center: \$3,527.68
 Priests' Retirement: \$2,815.00

Second Collection January 18:
 Family Life Center

"Oramus" Prayer Study Group (Evening)

If you would like to learn more about Catholic Prayer join us for an 8 week course starting Monday, January 26th at 7PM. **Cost is \$25.00** and we are limited to 20 students for this course. Please, call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26 to register.



In our thoughts and prayers:

Pray for the intentions of those in nursing facilities, the homebound, the chronically ill, and those who are critically ill.

Please remember in a special way the following parishioners who have requested your prayers:

Robert Ames, Leonor Balderas, Jesse Brickhouse, Nubia Cano, Judy Cordeiro, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Gustavo Gonzalez Agnes Harris, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Deanna Loving, Pat Marguglio, Verna Mullinax, Billie & Jim Myers, Wilbur & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, and Natalie Ulrey.

Please also remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in the military especially those who are deployed.



On January 24, 2015, from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Cary. Dr. Allen Hunt, a nationally acclaimed speaker and writer from the Dynamic Catholic Institute will help couples to build stronger marriages through knowing and loving their spouses more meaningfully. For more information, cost and registration visit: <http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/Passion-and-Purpose-for-Marriage-Cary-NC-p/mr012415.htm>

Treasures From Our Tradition

In the 1560s, the Council of Trent attempted to standardize the widely variant customs for the pastoral care of the sick and dying. We had inherited a practice called "extreme unction," from the Latin words meaning anointing at the point of death. The deeper tradition, however, is about the prayer of faith that will heal and restore the sick person, and is straight from the Letter of James. The Fathers went back to the beginning, and while not discarding the "extreme unction" name, made a plea for the proper use of this sacrament. As soon as a person is in danger of death from sickness or old age, they reasoned, the time for the sacrament had already arrived. As a result of this desire, the next ritual text for anointing contained an innovation: a rite for visiting the sick that included readings from scripture, psalms, and prayers. Old customs fade slowly, however, and the quality of pastoral care languished for centuries while people delayed the celebration of a consoling and effective sacrament, sometimes missing the opportunity completely. A priest ministering to a dying and unconscious patient alone in a room has never been the desire of the Church. Our tradition is far too rich for this sacrament to be celebrated in such a diminished and ungenerous manner.

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Searching for the Longest Married Couple

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states will be recognized. This project is being done to honor the commitment of married couples and to inspire younger couples with the beauty in a long and lasting marriage. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2015. For more information on nominating a couple you know, please visit: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org/communitynews.php>. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.iDOeZbJg.dpuf>

Diocese of Raleigh

www.dioceseofraleigh.org

The Diocesan observation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is scheduled for Mon., Jan. 19, 2015.

The day which will begin at 9am at the Cathedral School hall, Raleigh will include a service project highlighting the element of human dignity in the first theme of Catholic Social Teaching, Life and Dignity of the Human Person; and Mass celebrating by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 10am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Participants are asked to bring new or used clothing, all sizes or travel-sized toiletries. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. For more information or questions, contact the Office of African Ancestry Ministry & Evangelization, 919-821-9763. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.0BhUJwww.dpuf>

The Catholic Men's Conference in Raleigh

featuring Dave Dinuzzo Sr., founder of truemanhood.com, is coming to St Thomas More Parish in Chapel Hill, on January 24th, 2015. Dave DiNuzzo Sr, is a Catholic husband, father of 4, author, blogger, evangelist, and retreat master. Dave's Ministry is an attempt to spread the concept of authentic masculinity in the image of Jesus Christ – the TrueMan. TrueManhood works to teach virtue, while fighting pornography and a term that Dave coined – "cultural manliness." Visit <http://www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org/raleigh/> for more information about Dave, and to register online. Regular cost is \$20. Knights, Seniors, and student discounts are available. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.iDOeZbJg.dpuf>

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You are invited to follow the Diocese @RaleighDiocese and Bishop Burbidge @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 bishopburbidge to phone number: 40404.



Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education

The Week of January 12th at SMS:

- Monday, January 12th in School Re-registration.
- Wednesday, January 14th Basketball and Cheerleading Pictures.
- Thursday, January 15th Bake Sale is being handled by the 6th grade.
- Friday, January 16th School Liturgy at 9:00am.

Parish Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year...

After Masses on January 31st and February 1st members of St. Mary parish will be able to register children for Saint Mary school year 2015-2016. If you have any questions please, call the school office.

"Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom.

~Pope St. John Paul II

SVDP...is out of or very low on the following items:

Mac n Cheese, spaghetti, noodles, jelly, peanut butter, rice, dry beans, tuna, potted meats (like spam, Treat, etc.), canned fruit, canned veggies other than green beans or corn. Paper products and personal items like toothpaste, deodorant, etc. can always be used.

Thank you for your generosity and your Stewardship of Treasure. You are living the Beatitudes when you assist the Society with their work with those in need.

Respect Life



Dr. Jerome Lejeune

One of the greatest Pro-Life figures of the twentieth century-in fact, perhaps the greatest-was Dr. Jerome Lejeune, a Paris geneticist who discovered the cause of Down's Syndrome and who worked tirelessly for its cure, and who traversed the globe repeatedly to speak on behalf of unborn children. There is now in France a *Jerome Lejeune Foundation*, and its President, Jean-Marie Mene once said the following about Lejeune:

"Lejeune wasn't afraid of mystery, he saw the promise it contains and tasted its sweetness. His faith and hope were the foundation that sustained him and he accepted the mystery with a smile on his face. The mystery made him stronger and brought him peace, because the truth he was looking for was just another name for beauty and love. It wasn't an attack but an invitation to go beyond the tangible world in steadfast confidence that comes from the light we pray for...He knew that he lived in an order miraculously established by love and not in a world of tyranny of sheer chance..."

His was a science of Good, for him human DNA was a sign of a tremendous dignity buried within the heart of every human person, that is, the dignity of beings created in the likeness and image of God. When he approached his research, it was with respect for persons and Creation generally, and with serious purpose. Jean-Marie Mene recalls that Lejeune would say that: "medicine was his true vocation and that he became a scientist simply out of necessity".

Too many scientists today have the wrong view of human life, seeing it as a thing to be manipulated rather

than a sacred mystery to be respected and served. Lejeune stands out as a reminder that human life is a gift and mystery. Every person needs to discover both their own dignity and the sacredness of all human life, and live in such a way as to honor both. When scientists neglect these simple truths about human life they exercise Bad science, a science that manipulates rather than serves.

There should be a higher purpose to scientific inquiry, but to get to that higher purpose we need faith and grace. May God bless our world with holy scientists; scientist who fear God but aren't "afraid of mystery".

~<http://unbornwordoftheday.com>

Presentation of the Columbian/Father McGivney Award

The State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus presented the Columbian/Father McGivney Award to the Goldsboro council of the Knights for their effort in sponsoring programs that serve the Church, community, families, culture of life, and youth as well as council members. The State Deputy also presented the Goldsboro council with a Contest of Champions trophy for having the most members join their council within the entire state of North Carolina.

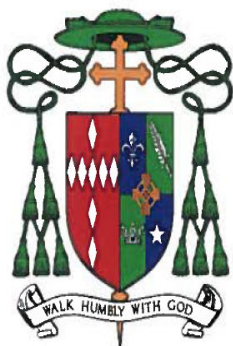
Thank You...

We send a very grateful thank you to all the Knights who helped with the Salvation Army bell ringing, delivering the gifts from the Angel Tree to Social Services, for judging the essay and poster contest and for all the other work that they have so generously given their time and treasure to in the service of others.

An Ancient Baptistery

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovannie in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

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January 18, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for our prayer during the Week this year is "Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink'" (John 4:7). I ask you to join me and Christians throughout the world, that we may thirst for the unity for which Our Lord Jesus prays: "...that all may be one...that the world may believe...." (John 17:21).

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, continues to encourage dialogue among all Christians, that this prayer of Our Lord Jesus may be brought to fruition throughout the world. It is through such dialogue that greater understanding is gained. As Saint John Paul II suggested, understanding together with a shared work of the Gospel to assist those most in need, begins to heal divisions by expressing the unity which is at the heart of our common faith.

May God continue to bless, watch over and guide us always in this great endeavor, as we strive to pray with one heart and voice in the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

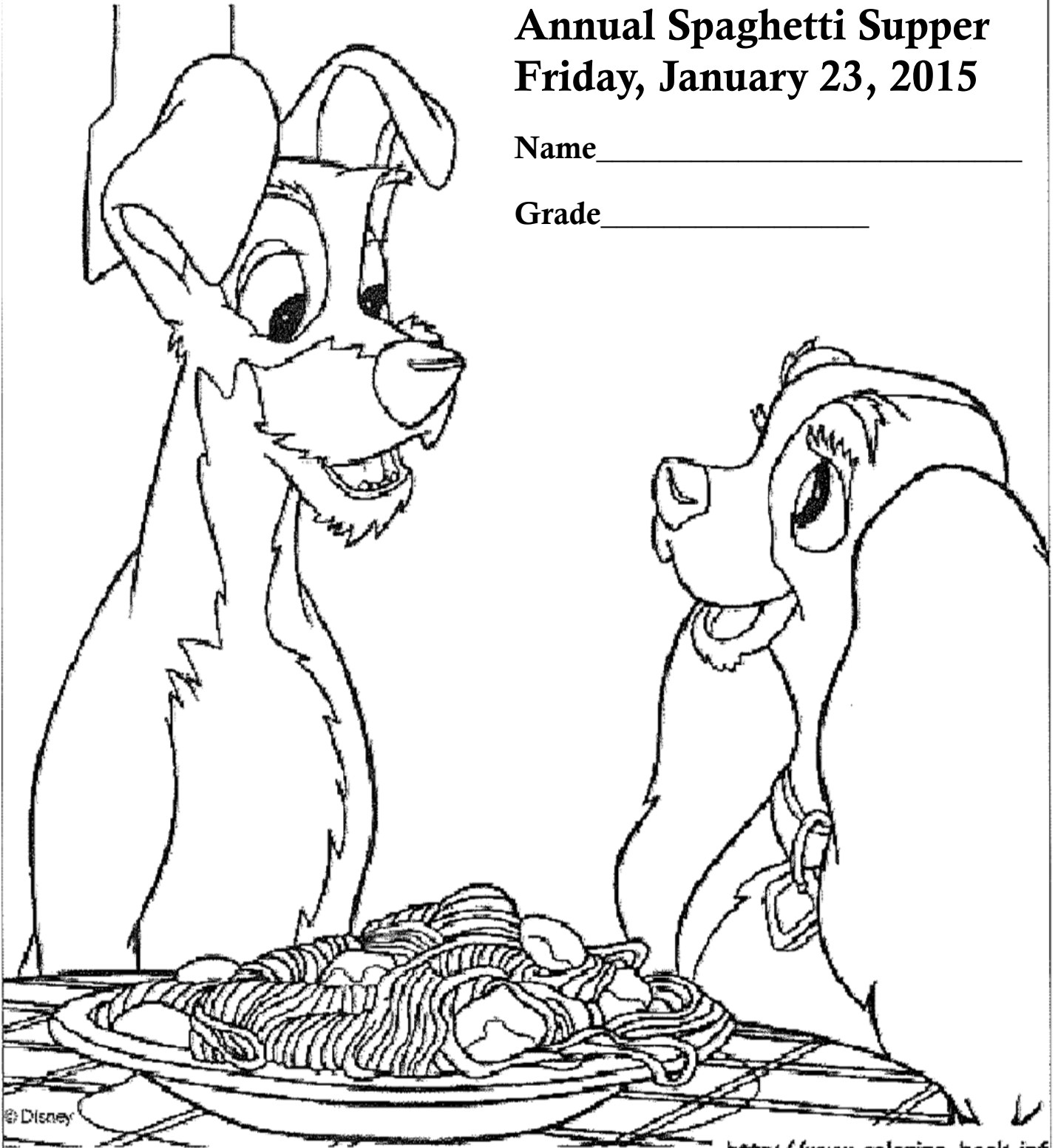
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Most Reverend Michael Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh

Annual Spaghetti Supper Friday, January 23, 2015

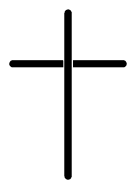
Name _____

Grade _____



<http://www.coloring-book.inf>

Get your crayons and markers ready and let's color! We invite children grades PreK through 8th to complete this coloring page and drop it at the School or Parish Office by Tuesday, January 20th so we can display the artwork at the Annual Spaghetti Supper on Friday, January 23rd.



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 4:40pm

Para enfermos en el hospital o en casa comuníquese con la parroquia.

Unción de los Enfermos: Si usted quiere recibir el sacramento por enfermedad u operación favor de 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.

Presentaciones

Requisitos:

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

XV Años

Si cumples y/o deseas celebrar tus XV años en los primeros 6 meses del año te invitamos a inscribirte para la preparación:

Requisitos:

- * Estar bautizada
- * Haber hecho la primera Comunión
- * Inscribirse con 4 meses de anticipación con María la coordinadora.
- * Asistir a la preparación
- * Donación
- * Llevarse un volante de información y seguir las reglas.

Abogado Certificado en Migración

El ministerio social católico tiene un abogado autorizado y reconocido para casos de migración si usted necesita algún servicio comuníquese con:

Jim Palmer 252-355-5111

(habla español)

2717 Memorial Blvd., Greenville

LAS AGUAS BAUTISMALES

Cuando se planta un césped nuevo, debe regarse constantemente. Los jardineros dicen que esto "teje" el césped al suelo. Lo mismo sucede cuando se injerta una rama a un árbol: el cataplasma que los une debe estar húmedo en todo momento. El agua es lo que mantiene unidas a las células de nuestro cuerpo. Con razón las religiones de todas las épocas y culturas han usado tanto este símbolo. Cuando Jesús se sumerge en el Jordán para ser bautizado, se "teje" a todo aquello que lo precedía. Al sumergirse en el Jordán, se hizo uno con el pueblo de Israel que había cruzado el río para llegar a su Tierra Prometida. Junto a Juan Bautista, Cristo se tejió a la tradición profética que presagiaba la venida del Reino de Dios. Jesús se había convertido plenamente en humano en las aguas del vientre de María y al participar del rito del Bautismo del arrepentimiento, se sintió identificado con nuestra frágil y pecaminosa humanidad. Por las aguas del Bautismo Cristo continúa injertando nuevos miembros a su

Cuerpo, la Iglesia; gracias a nuestro destino de vida eterna, por estas aguas somos limpiados del pecado y recibimos la promesa de la gracia. Para nosotros, como para Jesús, las aguas bautismales también inauguran nuestra misión de proclamar la Buena Nueva.
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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

¿Recuerdas tu bautismo? Permítanme compartir mi testimonio. No recuerdo los eventos del día en que me bautizaron, pero tengo años recordando que, gracias a Dios y mis padres, estoy bautizado. Trato de vivir mi vida recordando mi bautismo, buscando que mi comportamiento sea digno de una persona bautizada.

Fui bautizado al mes de haber nacido, y confirmado cuando tenía sólo un año (eran otros tiempos). Hice mi primera (y no última) comunión a los siete años.

Continuaba asistiendo a las clases de catecismo (doctrina), no obstante, cuando cumplí 17 años, sentí que algo me faltaba. Mis amigos protestantes me invitaban a sus Iglesias, pero yo buscaba a Dios en mi Iglesia católica. Un día, gracias al grupo carismático recibí el bautismo en el Espíritu Santo y desde ese momento mi vida cambió. Ahora sé que el Espíritu lo había recibido en mi Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión, lo único que debía hacer era permitirle actuar en mi vida. Creo que en la vida de muchos cristianos, el Espíritu Santo sigue esperando que le den permiso de actuar. Y tú, ¿qué esperas? Pídele al Espíritu que se mueva en tí y vive tu Bautismo.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM,
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Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul (SVDP)...

Nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul necesita los siguientes artículos: Pasta, fideos, mantequilla de maní, mermelada, sopa de pollo y de tomate, macarrones con queso, preparación para hacer hamburguesas, arroz en bolsa, frijoles secos.

Las donaciones que hacemos a la SVDP ayudan a los más necesitados dentro del Condado de Wayne.

Mucas gracias por su generosidad.

Lecturas De La Semana

- Lunes:** Hebreos 1:1-6; Salmos 97 (96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Marcos 1:14-20
- Martes:** Hebreos 2:5-12; Salmos 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Marco 1:21-28
- Miércoles:** Hebreos 2:14-18; Salmos 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Marco 1:29-39
- Jueves:** Hebreos 3:7-14; Salmos 95 (94):6-11; Marco 1:40-45
- Viernes:** Hebreos 4:1-5, 11; Salmos 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Marco 2:1-12
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- Domingo:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Salmos 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corintios 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Juan 1:35-42

El Bautismo del Señor

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Éste es uno de los momentos clave en la vida de Jesús. En su propia ciudad de Nazaret, ubicada al norte, él debió haber oído hablar de Juan. En algún momento debió haber escuchado una voz interior que le decía: “Dirígete hacia el sur, ve al desierto. Ve a escuchar a este predicador Juan”. Cuando llegó al desierto es probable que haya estado esperando en una larga fila

antes de que llegara el momento de entrar en el agua y que Juan lo bautizara. Marcos nos hace sólo un recuento brevísimo de tal encuentro, pero nos describe a Juan como esperando a alguien más poderoso que él, que bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. Es este mismo Espíritu Santo que descendió sobre Jesús en cuanto salió del agua. En ese momento se abrieron los cielos, el cielo bajó a tocar al galileo y el Espíritu bajó sobre él como

una paloma. ¿Has visto alguna vez una gaviota descender para arrebatarse un pez o a un halcón precipitarse de picada para agarrar su presa? En contraste, una paloma que desciende es una imagen de belleza y gracia, y de posarse suavemente. Las palabras de hoy no anuncian a Cristo a los demás, como sucede en la versión de Mateo, sino que se enuncian sólo para Jesús: “Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en ti me complazco” (1:11), haciendo eco de las palabras que el Señor dice en el primer cántico del Siervo en el libro de Isaías. El descenso de la paloma no quiso significar una vida fácil para Jesús, sino más bien que Dios había penetrado el ser de Jesús de tal manera que lo llevaría hasta el desierto para comenzar su misión de confrontar los poderes del pecado y de la muerte. Esta gentil paloma vino —y continúa viniendo— con intenso poder.

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