

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

919-734-5033

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

June 28, 2015—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Fin de Semana</u>
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

<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Días de Semana</u>
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
Revise dentro del Boletín que se entrega en las Misas

First Friday Adoration begins after morning Mass
and ends with Benediction at 10:00 PM.
Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM Adoración
al Santísimo a 10:00 PM.

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

New members may register by calling the parish
office (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM).

BIENVENIDOS LOS NUEVOS MIEMBROS

Para registrarse hablar con Elvira Ponce
o llamar a la oficina

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.

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.

PARISH DIRECTORY

CHURCH

Office (Oficina): 919 734-5033
 FAX: 919 580-0730
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office@saintmarygoldsboro.org
 web: www.saintmarygoldsboro.org

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor.....ext. 27
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 Mrs. Carole Sears.....ext. 34
 Liturgy Coordinator
 Mrs. Debbie Gambella,
 Parish Secretary.....ext. 10
 Mrs. Kathy Hennessy,
 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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 E-Mail:
lynnmagoon@smsgoldsboro.org
annemariegambella@smsgoldsboro.org

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 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 Hurrey, Joseph Jones, Paula Long, Carlos Morales San Juan, Phyllis Radford, Donna Stevenson, Gene Seward.

The Parish Advisory Council meets August through May. Our next meeting will be August 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Mass Intentions and Readings
 for June 27 to July 5, 2015**

Sat.6/27	Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-50, 53-55; Matthew 8:5-17
5:00PM	James Bannon, dec. by Mary Catherine Bannon
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun.6/28	Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]
10:00AM	Edward Yurick, dec. by Kathy Hennessy
1:00PM	Spanish Mass
Mon.6/29	Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34:2-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
9:00AM	Communion Service
Tue.6/30	Genesis 19:15-29; Psalm 26:2-3, 9-12; Matthew 8:23-27
9:00AM	Irene Yurksaitis, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
Wed.7/1	Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Psalm 34:7-8, 10-13; Matthew 8:28-34
9:00AM	John Hoffert, Sr., dec. by the Deacon & Mrs. Webster James
Thu.7/2	Genesis 22:1b-19; Psalm 115:1-6, 8-9; Matthew 9:1-8
9:00AM	No Mass
7:00PM	Spanish Mass
Fri.7/3	Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1bc-2; John 20:24-29
9:00AM	Patricia J. Doyle, dec. by Father Alex
Sat.7/4	Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Psalm 135:1b-5; Matthew 9:14-17
5:00PM	Marie Lawson Jernigan, dec. by Russ & Maureen Prys
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun.7/5	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]
10:00AM	Carol Anne Carter, dec. by Linda de Araujo
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 for the week of June 28 to July 4

Church or Chapel Lamp: If you would like to reserve the Church or 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



In celebration of our National Independence Day the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. We wish all our Parishioners a very safe and blessed holiday.

God Bless America!

Prayer for the 4th of July

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

Amen.

Delightful Dessert Opportunity..

You may have noticed that we did not have our Annual Auction this year...but if you would like to purchase a **Year of Homemade Desserts** all you need to do is be one of the 1st two people to bring \$300.00 to the Parish Office.

If you have been to previous Auctions you will have tasted the delicious, mouthwatering desserts created by Carla Berger. At past Auctions people have bid on these desserts and been delighted if they were the high bid. Each month for one year a scrumptious home made dessert will be brought to your home. So if you are interested bring your check for \$300 to the Parish office. The first two people will win the prize!!

Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 28 –13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Father's Day

- * RCIA Lounge after 10:00am Mass
- * Study on Eucharist 8th grade 11:30am
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice Lounge after 1:00pm Mass
- * Mission Trip Meeting 5th grade 5:00pm

Monday, June 29

- * Communion Service Chapel 9:00am
- * K of C Directors Meeting Cafeteria 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 30

- * Mass Chapel 9:00am
- * Perpetual Novena Chapel 6:45pm
- * Legion of Mary Library 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 1

- * 27:17 Fellowship (Men's Group) 5 Star Restaurant 7:00am
- * Mass Chapel 9:00am

Thursday, July 2

- * 10:00am Choir Practice Lounge 7:00pm
- * No Spanish Mass

Friday, July 3-First Friday

- * Parish & School Office Closed
- * Mass Chapel 9:00am
- * Exposition Chapel 10:00am to 9:30pm
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice Lounge 6:00pm
- * Benediction Chapel 9:30pm

Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- * No RCIA
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice Lounge after 1:00pm Mass

SVDP...

Are you travelling this summer? Do you use the complimentary toiletries from your hotel stay? If not, SVDP would gladly accept these as donations. Just bag them up and place them in the boxes between the church and the school.

Thanks in advance for helping us to assist those in need within Wayne County.

Fourth of July Holiday...

The Parish and School Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in honor of the 4th of July holiday.

Find Mass while travelling this summer by going to

www.MassTimes.org.

Just enter the zip code you are in and Mass time & location information is available.

Offertory Report

June 14	\$8,227.02
Budgeted:	<u>\$7,750.00</u>
Over (Under)	\$ 477.02

SVDP Society: \$1,509.91

Second Collection July 5: 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:

Robert Ames, José David Ariza, Ralph Bailey, Dolores Barton, Jesse Brickhouse, Nubia Cano, Judy Cordeiro, Andrea Cruz, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Gustavo Gonzalez, Agnes Harris, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Pat Marguglio, Billie Myers, Jim Myers, Wilbur & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, Gary Solomon, Natalie Ulrey, Ed Yahner.

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 Barbara at 919-751-0024.

Tribunal Advocate Training...

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Raleigh is offering advocate training for those interested in assisting individuals who are applying for a Declaration of Nullity regarding a prior marriage. A compassionate ear and the ability to maintain strict confidentiality are the main requirements. Training sessions for advocates are planned for July 25, August 1, and August 15, 2015 and will be held at the Catholic Center. Attendance at all three sessions is required. Please note that the training will be in English as our presenters are not bi-lingual.

To register, please contact Vikki Newell (vikki.newell@raldioce.org; 919-821-9759) no later than July 6, 2015.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the "Wife of Bath," by this telling remark: "Husbands at church door she had five." Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride's home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren't too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride's family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride's father to the priest's authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren't quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

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

TYM..

Mission Trip attendees there will be a meeting on Sunday, June 28th at 5PM in the 5th grade classroom.

Retreat Day at Avila...

To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life there are presentations on different women religious, the next presentation will be held on July 14, 2015 and will be on Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, presenters: Amy Randall & Jan Vallerio. Cost \$40.00 to register and pay go to tiny.cc/tv2amx. Retreat will be at Avila Retreat Center, 711 Mason Rd., Durham, NC. For more information please email; bandofsistersraleigh@gmail.com.

Diocese of Raleigh

www.dioceseofraleigh.org



Connect with the Diocese!

Look for photos, videos and stories of your favorite ministries, parishes and schools on our [Diocesan Facebook page!](#)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Jul 31-Aug 2, 2015 in Chapel Hill, NC and Nov 6-8, 2015 in Atlantic Beach, 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. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.dYcLxv5O.dpuf>

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local

Grants Applications for the Diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grants are now available on the diocesan web-site www.dioceseofraleigh.org by clicking on the Stewardship and Advancement Office and then grants in the left side panel. Deadline for applications is August 14, 2015. Please note the criteria for grants on the application. For more information please contact Melissa DuCharme in the Office of Human Life and Dignity at 919-821-9751. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.oWtAMrW0.dpuf>

Pope Francis in Philly!!

The World Awaits You and so does the Pope! It's official...Pope Francis is coming to the 8th World Meeting of Families! Plan your trip to Philadelphia, PA for September 22-27, 2015. The city will come alive with multi-cultural family-centered activities, a congress for youth and for adults and a Papal Mass. Register NOW! For more information see: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/worldmeeting>

Employment Opportunity Immigration Services Worker- Goldsboro, NC

Temporary Full-time bi-lingual position available immediately.

Location: Goldsboro, NC

Required Qualifications: Associates Degree; demonstrated ability to work effectively with a diversity of people from different ethnic backgrounds; fully bilingual in English and Spanish with oral and written communication. EOE

Responsibilities: Provide quality legal services to immigration clients and general immigration information presentations to parish and community groups; assess immigration needs of clients and determine eligibility for services; assist clients with applications for immigration-related benefits; participate in regular supervision with Immigration Supervisor and assigned Regional Director.

How to Apply

Send resume and cover letter supporting these qualifications to:

Consuelo Kwee, Catholic Charities
7200 Stonehenge Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27613

or send

to Consuelo.Kwee@Raldioc.Org.

Bilingual Clinical Family Support Specialist

Full-Time Position Available Immediately

Location: Goldsboro, North Carolina

Required Qualifications: Provides 1) clinical counseling to individuals, families, and/ or couples and 2) family support services/case management for individuals and/ or families. Position will work with families who would benefit from in-depth assistance due to complex circumstances including domestic violence, job loss, anxiety, depression, and economic or other stressors. Master's degree in mental health/counseling field with licensure to provide counseling in NC (LCSW, LPC, LMFT, will consider associate or provisional licensure); fluency in spoken and written English and Spanish is required; willingness to travel among multiple counties to provide services; knowledge of and commitment to Catholic Social Teachings;

proven computer skills; and a status as a legal permanent resident or U.S. citizen. The office is located in Goldsboro, NC.

How to Apply

Send resume and cover letter supporting these qualifications to:

Wanda Collazo, Catholic Charities
201 W. Ash Street, Suite 1 Goldsboro, NC 27530

or send

to Wanda.Collazo@Raldioc.Org.

MSW/LMFT/LPC Intern Position (Non-Paid)

Locations: Positions available in the Fayetteville and Newton Grove (Goldsboro, NC) Regional Offices.

Required Qualifications: Interns must be able to provide Clinical Counseling to individuals, families, and/ or couples and Case Management under supervision. Interns will work with families who would benefit from in-depth assistance due to complex circumstances including domestic violence, job loss, anxiety, depression, and economic or other stressors. Interns must be actively enrolled in one of the Master's Degree Programs mentioned above. Fluency in spoken and written Spanish as well as proven computer skills is a plus. Knowledge of and commitment to Catholic Social Teachings is required. EOE

How to Apply

Send resume and cover letter supporting these qualifications to:

Wanda Collazo, Catholic Charities
590 Cedar Creek Road Suite 110
Fayetteville, NC 28303-4721

or send

to Wanda.Collazo@Raldioc.Org.

June 28 (week 15)

Joseph's taste buds are working! He drinks more amniotic fluid and it tastes sweet. His skin is transparent and is very sensitive to pain except for his back and the top of his head. He may be small, but he is growing fast! Later this week, Mom will enjoy fireworks and celebrate the birth of our nation, but Joseph won't hear anything – yet.

Respect Life



The Example of William Wilberforce

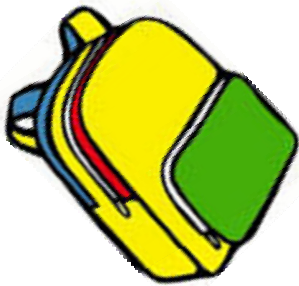
When it comes to eradicating evils and atrocities in our society, we must never give up. The lesson was taught to us more than 200 years ago by the British Parliamentarian William Wilberforce, a man who fought another great social evil, slavery.

Wilberforce faced a seemingly impossible task, as the British Empire depended heavily on the slave trade. So he educated himself and others on every aspect of the evil, particularly the awful conditions and treatment of fellow human beings. And he and his allies repeatedly organized government inquiries into the horrors of slavery, exposing them to the public. The first victory was a small one, but Wilberforce doggedly persisted. Year after year, his opponents found ways to defeat the bills he introduced, often with dirty tactics. But after two decades of hard work, in 1807, Parliament abolished the slave trade. It took another quarter century to abolish slavery outright. By far the greatest evil in our society today is abortion. Like Wilberforce, pro-lifers must never give up and must continue to achieve incremental victories: parental notice, informed consent, appointing pro-life judges etc. Like Wilberforce, who confronted opponents who benefited financially from slavery, pro-lifers are taking on a huge abortion industry, motivated by profit. Knowing that nearly 4,000 babies lose their life each and every day in our nation must move us not only to prayer, but also to action; to persist and to expose the reality of what abortion is. We must always remember what we are fighting for nothing less than the lives of thousands of innocent babies. We must also never despair. Despair would deny the sovereignty of God.

~Pro-life Articles for Bulletins



The Goldsboro Office of Catholic Charities will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for those in need within our community. Please join our efforts to support families in crisis and support local children with their educational needs.



Typical Supplies Needed:

Backpacks
Folders
Composition Books
Paper
Crayons
Glue Sticks
Erasers
Rulers

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Catholic Charities
201 W. Ash Street Suite 1
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Tuesday-Friday

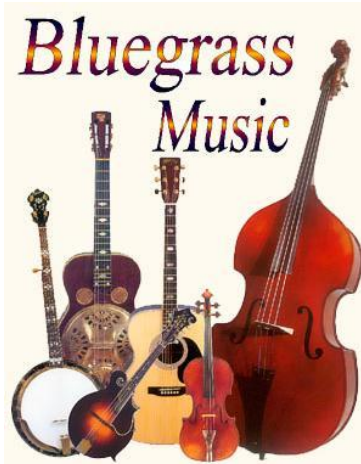
9:00 am-Noon, 1:00-3:00pm

DEADLINE: July 15, 2015

*Monetary donations also accepted
at any time.

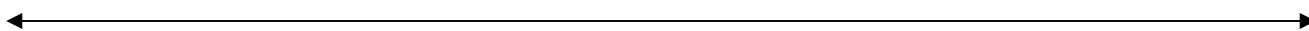


And Evening of



Save the Date of Saturday, August 15th
and join us for a fun filled evening of
Bar-B-Que and the delightful Bluegrass
Music of Samantha Casey and
the Bluegrass Jam!

Watch for more information in upcoming Bulletins.



TYM Work Project

We often see events to help our TYM raise funds but they also do work projects. A few months back our teens, with the coordination of their adult leader, Corey Vermeulin, helped a family with an overwhelming job. The Nappo family needed help getting their yard and house in order and through the diligent work of our TYM members they were able to accomplish a large amount of work in a short time. Mrs. Nappo sent a beautiful thank you to the TYM and in her letter she states to our teens, *“you brought peace to our lives—thank you for stepping up when we needed it most.”*

In a world where we often see, read and hear negative remarks about the younger generation it is so refreshing to know that there are young people out there who believe in giving back to society and following the Gospel of Jesus. Thank you St. Mary TYM, you give us hope for the future. God Bless you.

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 comunicárnoslo.

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.

Platicas 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

EL SEÑOR DE LA VIDA

En este tiempo tan fecundo del año nuestras lecturas dominicales rebosan con vida y abundancia. Tanto la primera lectura, del libro de la Sabiduría, como la tercera del Evangelio de san Marcos nos aseguran que Dios no creó la muerte, ni quiere que suframos de ninguna enfermedad. Fue por la envidia del diablo que la muerte entró al mundo, según nos dice el Sabio. Y lo que san Marcos nos cuenta sobre la curación de la hemorroisa y cómo revivió la hija de Jairo nos muestran claramente que Jesús viene de Dios. Como Hijo de Dios, Jesús no quiere que nadie sufra enfermedad ni muerte. Pero en el contexto de tanto poder, la segunda lectura, de la segunda carta de san Pablo a los corintios, nos presenta un fuerte contraste. Jesús, que puede levantar a los muertos a una nueva vida, "siendo rico se hizo pobre por ustedes" (2 Corintios 8:9). Así pues, la nueva vida que recibimos como regalo de Cristo exige una respuesta: nuestra caridad.
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El Tribunal de la Diócesis de Raleigh...

Está ofreciendo capacitación para asesores que asistan a las personas que desean aplicar para una Declaración de Nulidad en relación a un matrimonio anterior. Tener una escucha compasiva y la capacidad para mantener estricta confidencialidad, son los requisitos principales. Se llevarán a cabo sesiones de capacitación para asesores los días 25 de Centro Católico. Se requiere que asistan

a las tres sesiones. Por favor tenga en cuenta que la formación será en inglés, ya que nuestros presentadores no son bilingües.

Para registrarse, pr favor póngase en contacto von Vikki 919-821-9759.

El Ejemplo de William Wilberforce

Cuando se trata de erradicar los males y atrocidades de nuestra sociedad, nunca debemos darnos por vencidos. Aprendimos esta lección hace más de 200 años de William Wilberforce, del Parlamento Británico, un hombre que luchó contra otro gran mal social, la esclavitud. Wilberforce se enfrentó a una tarea aparentemente difícil, cuando el Imperio Británico dependía fuertemente del tráfico de esclavos. Así es que se educó el mismo y a otros en cada aspecto de este mal, en particular sobre las terribles condiciones y tratamiento de otros seres humanos. Y él y sus aliados repetidamente organizaron encuestas gubernamentales sobre los horrores de la esclavitud, exponiéndolos al público. La primera victoria fue pequeña, pero Wilberforce persistió tenazmente. Año tras año, sus oponentes encontraron formas de derrotar los proyectos de ley que el introducía, a menudo con tácticas sucias. Pero después de dos décadas de ardua labor, en 1807, el Parlamento abolió el tráfico de esclavos. Transcurriría otro cuarto de siglo para abolir la esclavitud del todo. En gran medida el mal más grande de nuestra sociedad hoy en día es el aborto. Así como Wilberforce, los grupos pro-vida nunca deber darse por vencidos y deben continuar logrando victorias incrementales: anuncios a padres, consentimientos informados, eligiendo jueces pro-vida, etc. Como Wilberforce, quien confrontó a oponentes que se beneficiaban en forma financiera de la esclavitud, los grupos pro-vida se enfrentan a una industria de aborto la cual es motivada por ganancias. El saber que casi 4,000 bebés pierden sus vidas cada día en nuestra nación debe movernos no solo a rezar, pero también a la acción; para persistir y exponer la realidad de lo que es el aborto. Siempre debemos recordar que estamos luchando nada menos que por las vidas de miles de bebés inocentes. Tampoco debemos desesperarnos. La desesperación negaría la soberanía de Dios.

Lecturas De La Semana

Lunes: Hechos 12:1-11; Salmos 34 (33):2-9; 2 Timoteo 4:6-8, 17-18 ; Mateo 16:13-19

Martes: Génesis 19:15-29; Salmos 26 (25):2-3, 9-12; Mateo 8:23-27

Miércoles: Génesis 21:5, 8-20a; Salmos 34 (33):7-8, 10-13;; Mateo 8:28-34

Jueves: Génesis 22:1b-19; Salmos 115 (114):1-6, 8-9; Mateo 9:1-8

Viernes: Efesios 2:19-22; Salmos 117 (116):1bc-2; Juan 20:24-29

Sábado: Génesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Salmos 135 (134):1b-6; Mateo 9:14-17

Domingo: Ezequiel 2:2-5; Salmos 123 (122):1-4; 2 Corintios :12:7-10; Marco 6:1-6a

"querer". La tercera vez, Jesús se acopla a Pedro y sólo pregunta en torno al "querer", reconociendo que en ese momento, Pedro no puede darle más que eso. Jesús le asegura que algún día Pedro sería capaz del amor ágape entregando su vida por él. Jesús se acopla a nosotros pidiendo lo que le podemos dar y ayudándonos a crecer hasta que podamos darle toda nuestra vida.

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Muchos hispanos que vivimos en Estados Unidos somos personas bilingües. Podemos leer la Palabra de Dios en inglés o español. Por ejemplo, el texto de Juan 21:15-19, en el que Jesús le pregunta a Pedro si lo ama. El texto en inglés nos dice que Jesús le pregunta tres veces: Peter, do you love me? Pedro le responde: Lord, you know that I love you, mientras que en español le dice: "Señor, tú sabes que te quiero".

La diferencia es casi imperceptible, pero importante. El texto original fue escrito en griego y usaba dos palabras que significan amor, ágape (amor que se sacrifica) y fileo (amor fraterno). En inglés, Jesús y Pedro usan la misma palabra, love, mientras en español Jesús dos veces pregunta por "amor", y Pedro responde con