

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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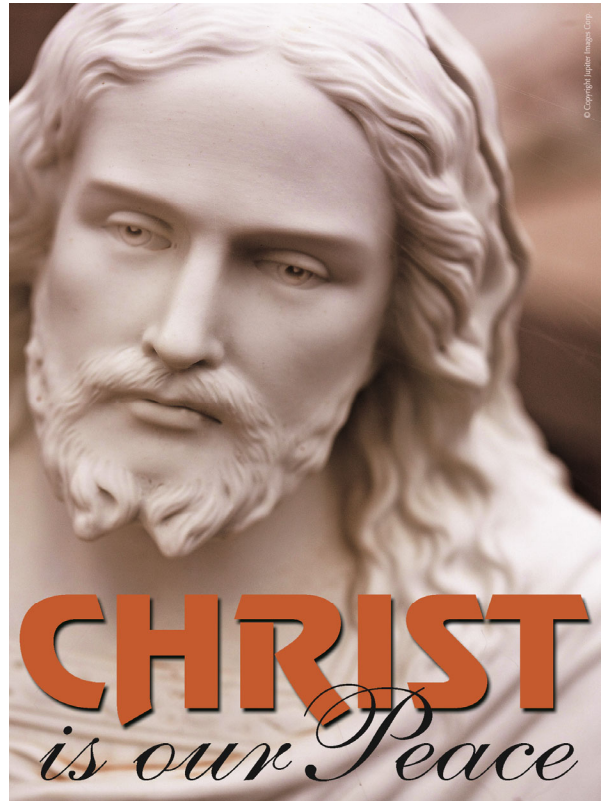
Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

July 19, 2015—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



EUCHARISTIC 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
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor.....ext. 27
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 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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SCHOOL STAFF

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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 July 18 to July 26, 2015**

Sat. 7/18	Exodus 12:37-42; Psalm 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Matthew 12:14-21
5:00PM	Dennis Charbonneau, dec. by Sam & Corey Vermeulin
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun. 7/19	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34
10:00AM	Carol Anne Carter, dec. by Bob & Gerry Crocker
1:00PM	Spanish mass
Mon. 7/20	Exodus 14:5-18; Exodus 15:1bc-6; Matthew 12:38-42
9:00AM	Lois B. Kastern, dec. by her family
Tue. 7/21	Exodus 14:21—15:1; Exodus 15:8-10, 12, 17; Matthew 12:46-50
9:00AM	Hank Daniels, dec. by John C. Kuczka
Wed. 7/22	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Psalm 78:18-19, 23-28; John 20:1-2, 11-18
9:00AM	Thomas Pratt, dec. by David & Barbara Vauken
Thu. 7/23	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52-56; Matthew 13:10-17
9:00AM	No Mass
7:00PM	Cristian Orozco Ortuño, by Fr. Alex
Fri. 7/24	Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8-11; Matthew 13:18-23
9:00AM	Ann & Olin Stoltz, dec. by Bobby & Marci Grant
Sat. 7/25	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-6; Matthew 20:20-28
5:00PM	Anna Kuczynski, dec. by Kuczynski Family
7:00PM	Pro Populo
Sun. 7/26	2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15
10:00AM	Carol Anne Carter, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
1:00PM	Spanish Mass

Sacramental Life

Penance and Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third weekend 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 July 19 to July 25

Church or Chapel lamps may be reserved in Honor of or Memory of a person or event. Just call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26.

Delightful Dessert Opportunity..

We have been advertising the chance to have a year of delicious homemade desserts created by Carla Berger delivered to your home...one each month. We have sold two of these and Carla will do two more...so if you are interested in having the opportunity for this special treat just come to the Parish Office with your \$300.00 donation. All money raised will be donated to the Parish.

St. Mary High School Grads Attending UNC Chapel Hill In The Fall This Is For YOU...

Stephanie Manasa is the Peer Ministry Coordinator at the UNC Chapel Hill Newman Catholic Student Center and she would like to welcome you to UNC to join other students at the Newman Catholic Student Center. If you would like more information please, send your name and home address to Stephanie Manasa at peerministry@newman-chapelhill.org.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 19 –16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Father's Day

* RCIA	Lounge	After 10:00am Mass
* Eucharist Study	5th grade classroom	11:30am
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Lounge	after 1:00pm Mass
* K of C Reception	Auditorium	2:00pm

Monday, July 20

* No Meetings

Tuesday, July 21

* Perpetual Novena	Chapel	6:45pm
* Legion of Mary	Library	7:00pm

Wednesday, July 22

* 27:17 Fellowship (Men's Group)	5 Star Restaurant	7:00am
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Thursday, July 23

* 10:00am Choir Practice	Lounge	7:00pm
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Friday, July 24

* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	6:00pm
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Saturday, July 25

* 5:00pm Choir Practice	Church	4:00pm
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Sunday, July 26-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

* RCIA	Lounge	After 10:00am Mass
* Eucharist Study	5th grade classroom	11:30am
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Lounge	after 1:00pm Mass

Our teen Missionaries and their chaperones as they prepared to board the bus on Sunday morning July 12, 2015.



Are You Following Your Mission in Life?

“God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have a mission.

~John Henry Newman

Offertory Report

July 5	\$8,093.89
Budgeted:	\$7,750.00
Over (Under)	\$ 343.89

Saint Mary School: \$1,039.30

Second Collection July26: Family Life Center



In our thoughts and prayers:

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

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

Robert Ames, José David Ariza, Dolores Barton, Gary 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, Simon Scott, Gary Soloman, Natalie Ulrey.

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.

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.

Food Items Needed...

Chicken breast, potten meats like ham, or treat, tomato soup, spaghetti, dry beans, rice, macaroni and cheese and noodles.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long-established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation. From Old Mexico, the custom of the lasso ("cord") has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States. It's a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure-eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the lasso around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The lasso, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the lasso as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home. The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It's not unusual to see the lasso made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Scrip...

Our next Scrip order will go in on Tuesday, July 28th so if you want to place an order please, be sure to have it in the Parish Office by 8:15am on the morning of the 28th.

Orders that come in after 8:15am will have to go on our next order date which is August 11th.

Thank you for supporting our Scrip program which helps with raising funds for our Family Life Center.

Diocese of Raleigh

www.dioceseofraleigh.org

2nd Annual Women of Wonder Conference! Saturday, August 8, 2015, 8 am - 3 pm St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Cary NC This year's Keynote Speaker is **Lisa Hendey**, National Speaker, Founder of Catholicmom.com, Writer, Webmaster, Podcaster and Author of "The Grace of Yes" Lisa will speak on virtues outlined in her latest book "The Grace of Yes" - Humility · Forgiveness · Rebirth · Ascending · Hope. Also Speaking: **Joan Junginger**, Spiritual Director, Retreat Leader and Co-founder of The Heart's Journey Women's Ministry. Joan will speak on "Life Lessons Along the Way" - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.JiCDDkx3.dpuf>

Tickets \$25 per person – After July 15th \$35 per person. Registration deadline July 31st. Online Registration NOW OPEN: On-line registration credit/debit or bank draft payment required. Purchase tickets in person – St. Michael the Archangel Parish Office, Trinity Center directly behind the church. Purchase tickets by mail – Send to: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 804 High House Rd, Cary NC 27513; include payment, name, email address and phone number and "WOW Conference." Pre-paid mail in ticket orders will be held at "will call." No refunds after July 31st. Questions: Contact Mary DiSano - mdisano@stmmary.org Download Flyer - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.JiCDDkx3.dpuf>

Marriage Help – Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment in their marriage. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a weekend September 25, 2015, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaille@msn.com.

St. Mary Magdalene—Feast Day July 22nd

Mary Magdalene travelled with Jesus as one of his followers. She is said to have witnessed Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.^[3] Within the four Gospels she is named at least 12 times,^[4] more than most of the apostles. Carol Ann Morrow views the Gospel references as describing her as courageous, and brave enough to stand by Jesus in his hours of suffering, death and beyond.

The Gospel of Luke says seven demons had gone out of her,^[Lk. 8:2] and the longer ending of Mark says Jesus had cast seven demons out of her.^[Mk. 16:9] The "seven demons" may refer to a complex illness, as opposed to any form of sinfulness;^[6] however, this is not a prominent view. She is most prominent in the narrative of the crucifixion of Jesus, at which she was present. She was also present two days later, immediately following the sabbath,^[3] when, according to all four canonical Gospels, she was either alone or as a member of a group of women the first to testify to the resurrection of Jesus.^[7] John 20 and Mark 16:9 specifically name her as the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection. Mary Magdalene was there at the "beginning of a movement that was going to transform the West"^[3] She was the "Apostle to the Apostles", an honorific that fourth-century orthodox theologian Augustine gave her^[8] and that others earlier had possibly conferred on her.

Ideas that go beyond the gospel presentation of Mary Magdalene as a prominent representative of the women who followed Jesus have been put forward over the centuries. Some have considered her as fulfilling a role similar to that of Simon Peter among the male disciples.

Mary Magdalene is considered to be a saint by the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran churches — with a feast day of July 22. Other Protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the faith. The Eastern Orthodox churches also commemorate her on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers, the Orthodox equivalent of one of the Western Three Marys traditions.

Respect Life



Why Does Human Life Matter?

Society clearly operates on the premise that there is something special, unique and noble in being human. Indeed, we all seem to have an innate conviction that life does matter.

If you think about it, this is surprising for those who do not believe in God and believe that we are all just random accidents, whose life is not a result of thought or design, but rather of blind chance. Although the secular, humanist view has no answer for why human life matters and is unable to explain why life matters, atheists and agnostics nevertheless live their lives on the assumption that it does and that there is a reason for their being. This is surprising because one cannot have it both ways. Either God made us and assigned a special value to us, or God did not make us and human life would appear to be both worthless and meaningless.

Conversely, Christians can easily explain why life matters. We know that although humans, in terms of physical make-up, are roughly 95% identical to Chimpanzees, we are spiritually superior, because of the simple fact that God made us in His image. As a result, the value of one human soul transcends the value of the material universe. Indeed, we believe that one human soul is more valuable than all the great masterpieces, all the jewels and all the precious metals the world has ever known.

This is why we place a unique value upon all human life. This is why the humanity of every unborn child qualifies that child for love and protection. This is why every single aborted baby is a terrible tragedy.

~Pro-Life Articles for Bulletins

July 19 (week 18)

When I am sleeping, I have REM (rapid eye movements), which means I am dreaming, but I can't remember my dreams. My vocal cords have formed but I don't make a sound – must be because there is no air in here. Isn't it amazing that I'm able to breathe "underwater," inhaling and exhaling small amounts of amniotic fluid?

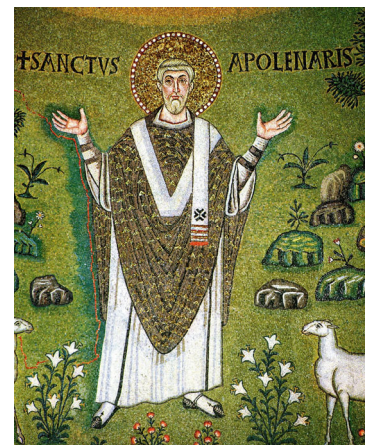
Joseph is working on developing great lungs. Mom may start to feel Joseph as a flutter in her lower abdomen.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything. (Ecclesiastes 11:5)

St. Apollinaris...

Feast Day July 20th. This is a Saint many of us may not have ever heard of so here is a little information on this early Bishop.

According to tradition, St. Peter sent Apollinaris to Ravenna, Italy, as its first bishop. His preaching of the Good News was so successful that the pagans there beat him and drove him from the city. He returned, however, and was exiled a second time. After preaching in the area surrounding Ravenna, he entered the city again. After being cruelly tortured, he was put on a ship heading to Greece. Pagans there caused him to be expelled to Italy, where he went to Ravenna for a fourth time. He died from wounds received during a savage beating at Classis, a suburb of Ravenna. A beautiful basilica honoring him was built there in the sixth century.





**IT'S BACK!!!
SAINT MARY PARISH
"Barbecue & Bluegrass Evening"**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015
AT 6:30PM IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**WELCOME TO OUR PERFORMERS:
THE CASEY FAMILY TRIO**

**THE PARISH WILL PROVIDE BBQ meat,
BBQ CHICKEN, HUSHPUPPIES & DRINKS**



PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO BRING SIDES

LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A-G BRING HOT SIDES
(vegetable, casseroles)

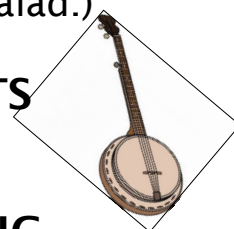
LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH H-M COLD SIDE
(lettuce salad, potato salad, macaroni/pasta, tomato salad.)

LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH N-Z DESERTS

**THERE IS NO COST
SO COME ENJOY FOOD, FRIENDS AND MUSIC**

CALL CARLA AT 919-583-9775

or drop RSVP form in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend.



RSVP FORM—Must be returned by 8/10/2015
Sorry, but due to the need to order adequate food for those who sign up, No late or last minute sign ups can be accepted

Parish Barbecue & Bluegrass

NUMBER OF ADULTS ATTENDING_____

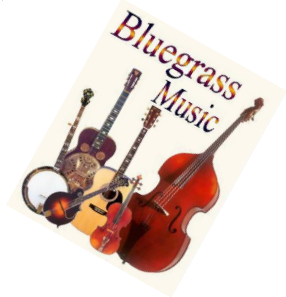
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING_____

Está de vuelta!!!
Saint Mary Parish

“Tarde de Barbacoa & Bluegrass”



Sábado, Agosto 15, 2015
a las 6:30PM en el auditorio del colegio



Bienvenidos nuestros artistas:
La Familia Casey Trio

**LA PARROQUIA OFRECERA LA CARNE EN BBQ,
POLLO BBQ, HUSHPUPIES Y BEBIDAS**

**LOS FELIGRESES TRAERAN UN PLATO
DE ACOMPAÑAMIENTO**

**APELLIDOS QUE COMIENZAN CON A-G TRAER PLATOS CALIEN-
TES**

(vegetales, caserolas)



APELLIDOS QUE COMIENZAN CON H-M PLATOS FRIOS
(ensalada de lechuga, ensalada de papas, macarrones/pasta, ensalada de tomate.)

APELLIDOS QUE COMIENZAN CON N-Z POSTRES



TODO ES SIN COSTO

ASI QUE VENGA Y DISFRUTE LA COMIDA, AMIGOS Y LA MUSICA

LLAMAR A CARLA AL 919-583-9775

o deposite su formulario de reservación durante las misas de la semana

FAVOR RESERVAR—A más tardar el 10 de agosto de 2015.

Lo sentimos, pero debido a que debemos ordenar la comida para los que han llenado el formulario, no aceptaremos reservaciones de último minuto.

Barbacoa y Bluegrass en la Parroquia

NUMERO DE ADULTOS QUE ASISTIRAN _____

NUMERO DE NIÑOS QUE ASISTIRAN _____

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.

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.

LA PRESENCIA DE CRISTO EN EL MUNDO

Hay una cierta "conexión" que falta entre las dos primeras oraciones del Evangelio de hoy. En la primera los apóstoles regresan de la misión a la que habían sido enviados de dos en dos ("apóstol" en griego significa "enviado"). Habían sido enviados a predicar la conversión, a expulsar a los demonios, y a sanar a los enfermos en el nombre de Jesús. En la segunda oración, Jesús les dice que se vengán con él a un lugar solitario para descansar un poco. Nos gustaría pensar que, entre esas dos oraciones, una expresión de placer y gratitud cruzó el rostro de Jesús al oír como el Reino ha sido proclamado en su nombre, y como no tuvieron que sacudirse el polvo de los pies en ninguna parte. ¡Bien se merecían un descanso! A nosotros tampoco nos vendría mal, cuando nos juntamos alrededor de Jesús como los apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, que nos tomáramos un descanso, para que el Señor pueda escuchar lo que hemos hecho en su nombre -nuestros éxitos, nuestras decepciones, nuestra necesidad de "escaparnos" un rato con él para que nos fortalezca para seguir trabajando en el nombre de Dios. Ya que nosotros los bautizados no somos sólo el rebaño de Cristo; por el agua y el Espíritu hemos sido transformados en el Cuerpo mismo de Cristo, la presencia del pastor para dar vida al mundo.

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Hombres de la parroquia

Habrà una recepción para los hombres católicos interesados en unirse a los Caballeros de Colón en el gimnasio de la escuela St Mary después de la Misa de 1:00 pm el domingo, 19 de julio. Las familias son bienvenidas. Para mas información llame a Rich Horton 919-394-3799, Jim Aguila 919-222-8635, o Carlos Morales 919-394-2548.

¿Por qué la vida humana importa?

La sociedad opera claramente con la premisa de que hay algo especial, único y noble en ser una persona humana. De hecho, parece que todos tenemos una convicción innata de que la vida es importante.

Si lo piensas bien, esto es sorprendente para los que no creen en Dios y creen que todos somos accidentes simplemente al azar, cuya vida no es un resultado del pensamiento o el diseño, sino de una casualidad ciega. Aunque esa visión humanista secular no tiene respuesta para la importancia de la vida humana y no es capaz de explicar por qué la vida importa, los ateos y los agnósticos sin embargo viven sus vidas en el supuesto de que sí importa y que hay una razón para sus existencias. Esto es sorprendente porque no se pueden tener las dos cosas. O Dios nos hizo y nos asigna un valor especial, o Dios no nos hizo y la vida humana parece ser a la vez sin valor y sin sentido.

Por el contrario, los cristianos pueden explicar fácilmente por qué la vida tiene importancia. Sabemos que aunque los seres humanos, en términos de la constitución física, son más o menos un 95% idénticos a los chimpancés, somos espiritualmente superiores, por el simple hecho de que Dios nos hizo a su imagen y semejanza. Como resultado, el valor de una alma humana trasciende el valor del universo material. De hecho, creemos que una alma humana es más valiosa que todas las grandes obras maestras, todas las joyas y todos los metales preciosos que el mundo jamás haya conocido.

Es por ello que le damos un valor único a toda vida humana. Esta es la razón por la cual la humanidad de cada niño aún no nacido califica a ese niño para el amor y la protección. Es por esto que cada bebé abortado es una terrible tragedia.



Lecturas De La Semana

Lunes: Éxodo 14:5-18; Éxodo 15:1bc-6; Mateo 12:38-42

Martes: Éxodo 14:21—15:1; Éxodo 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mateo 12:46-50

Miércoles: Éxodo 16:1-5, 9-15; Salmos 78 (77):18-19, 23-28; Juan 20:1-2, 11-18

Jueves: Éxodo 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52-56; Mateo 13:10-17

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Sábado: 2 Corintios 4:7-15; Salmos 126 (125):1bc-6; Mateo 20:20-28

Domingo: 2 Reyes 4:42-44; Salmos 145 (144):10-11, 15-18; Efesios :4:1-6; Juan 6:1-15

milagro, porque el número de personas que comieron se multiplica. Pero más importante aún, subraya la apertura de la comunidad nueva, instaurada por Jesús, la Iglesia, donde ni mujeres ni niños deben ser relegados. --Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glз, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El evangelista Mateo (14:21) recuenta que cuando Jesús multiplicó los panes, dio de comer a "unos cinco mil hombres, sin contar las mujeres y los niños". Este pequeño detalle lo tiene sólo él. Mateo escribió su Evangelio para los cristianos de origen judío, por lo cual contiene muchos detalles que solamente reconocen aquellas personas de origen judío. Por ejemplo, el detalle acerca del número y la clasificación de personas que comieron del pan multiplicado. En aquella época, la religión judía sólo permitía la participación del varón. Las mujeres y los niños no contaban para el culto, ni en la toma de decisiones en la casa. Por lo tanto, al subrayar la presencia de las mujeres y los niños, Mateo indica que en la Iglesia o comunidad cristiana, las mujeres y los niños participan activamente. También ellos comen y reciben de la bondad de Jesús. Esto engrandece la maravilla del