

# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

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Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

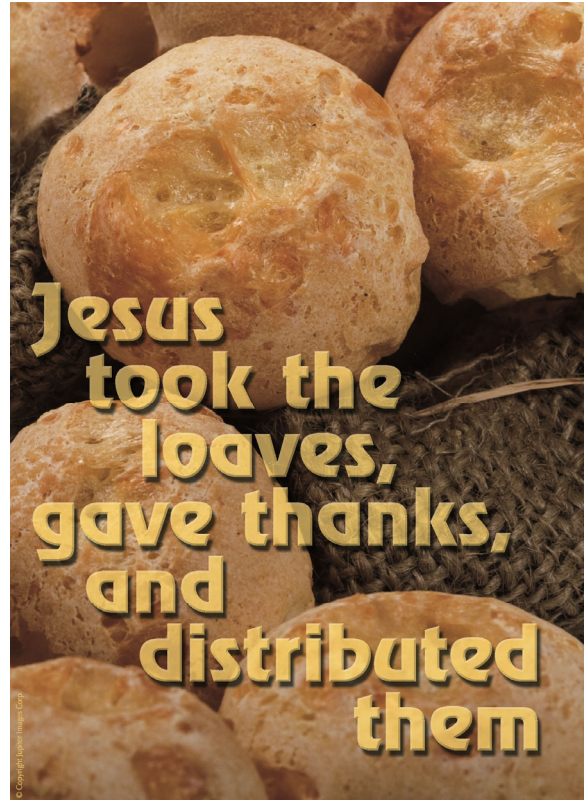
Deacon Webster James

July 26, 2015—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FEEDING THE WORLD

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day.

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## 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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 E-Mail:  
[office@saintmarygoldsboro.org](mailto:office@saintmarygoldsboro.org)  
 web: [www.saintmarygoldsboro.org](http://www.saintmarygoldsboro.org)

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor.....ext. 27  
 Deacon Webster A. James.....ext. 29  
 Director of Faith Formation  
 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

**SCHOOL**

Office: 919 735-1931  
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**SCHOOL STAFF**

Mrs. Lynn Magoon,  
 Principal.....ext. 33  
 Mrs. Anne Marie Gambella,  
 Admn. Assistant.....ext. 11

**MAINTENANCE STAFF**

Mr. Harold Jones,  
 Supervisor.....ext. 31  
 Mr. Larry Jones,  
 Assistant.....ext. 31

**PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chair Kevin Bacon, Vice-Chair John Marguglio, Secretary Sharon Thomas  
 Finance Council Chair John Heeden, Steve Balli, Sheila Covar, Anne 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 25 to August 2**

<b>Sat. 7/25</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-6; Matthew 20:20-28</b> 5:00PM Anna Kuczynski, dec. by Kuczynski Family 7:00PM Pro Populo
<b>Sun. 7/26</b>	<b>2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15</b> 10:00AM Carol Anne Carter, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James 1:00PM Spanish mass
<b>Mon. 7/27</b>	<b>Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106:19-23; Matthew 13:31-35</b> 9:00AM Erma Smyk, dec. by Bill Smyk
<b>Tue. 7/28</b>	<b>Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Psalm 103:6-13; Matthew 13:36-43</b> 9:00AM Rita & Baltazar Castillo, dec. by Jim & Elena Cobb
<b>Wed. 7/29</b>	<b>Exodus 34:29-3; Psalm 99:5-7, 9; John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42</b> 9:00AM In Honor of Becky, by Ms. DeKeith
<b>Thu. 7/30</b>	<b>Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Matthew 13:47-53</b> 9:00AM No Mass 7:00PM Alvarado Cruz, by Fr. Alex
<b>Fri. 7/31</b>	<b>Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalm 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Matthew 13:54-58</b> 9:00AM Lucy Caputo, dec. by Cynthia & Larry Monaco
<b>Sat. 8/1</b>	<b>Leviticus 25:11, 8-17; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Matthew 14:1-12</b> 5:00PM Marie Lawson Jernigan, dec. by Gerry & Bob Crocker 7:00PM Pro Populo
<b>Sun. 8/2</b>	<b>Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35</b> 10:00AM Carol Anne Carter, dec. by Gloria Kennedy & Suzanne Miller 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 26 to August 1**

**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.

**Faith Formation Classes Registration...**

We will start our registration for Faith Formation Classes for the 2015/2016 sessions on Saturday, August 1st after the 5PM Mass and Sunday, August 2nd after the 10AM Mass and the 1PM Mass. Copies of the Registration form are in this Bulletin on pages 5 and 6. To register your child for Faith Formation Classes just come to the Faith Formation Conference Room after the Masses listed above.

**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.

**Cookies for the Troops!!!**

We are trying to start up our collection of home made cookies for the men and women stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB. Bake cookies, bring them to the Parish Office sometime on Monday...that's it!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter...**

The next Worldwide Marriage Nov. 6-8, 20145 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@NCMarriageDiscover.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscover.org) or 704-315-2144.

**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.

# Parish Calendar

**Sunday, July 26 –17th 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

**Monday, July 27**

* K of C Directors Meeting	Cafeteria	7:00pm
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**Tuesday, July 28**

* SVDP Meeting	6th grade classroom	6:00pm
* Perpetual Novena	Chapel	6:45pm
* Legion of Mary	Library	7:00pm

**Wednesday, July 29**

* 27:17 Fellowship (Men's Group)	5 Star Restaurant	7:00am
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**Thursday, July 30**

* 10:00am Choir Practice	Lounge	7:00pm
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**Friday, July 31**

* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	6:00pm
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**Saturday, August 1**

* 5:00pm Choir Practice	Church	4:00pm
* Faith Formation Registration	FF Conference Rm.	After 5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, August 2-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

* RCIA	Lounge	After 10:00am Mass
* Faith Formation Registration	FF Conf. Rm.	After 10Am & 1PM Masses
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Lounge	After 1:00pm Mass

**From St. Ignatius of Loyola—Feast Day Friday, July 31st**

“If our church is not marked by caring for the poor, the oppressed , the hungry, we are guilty of heresy.”

**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.

**Find Mass while travelling this summer by going to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org).**

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

**Offertory Report**

July 12	\$7,601.11
Budgeted:	<u>\$7,750.00</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (148.89)

**Second Collection August 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:

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.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sooner or later, as they plan their wedding liturgy, a couple will receive some advice about a "unity candle." They need one, they are told (at great expense); it is a tradition; it is what Catholics have always done. Not so. In the last thirty years or so, the custom has enjoyed wide popularity in the United States. It has never been officially part of our liturgy, and it exists in tension with some of our core symbols. Usually there are two smaller candles and one larger one to be lit from the smaller. Large candles in our tradition always mean Christ, and smaller ones are always tokens of our baptismal candle. If the candles are meant for a kind of renewal of baptismal vows, then the meaning is clearer, yet this is seldom the understanding. Why, then, are those smaller candles extinguished?

It's hard to tell where these pesky candles came from. Some suggest that the Presbyterian Church, which has a very lean wedding liturgy, introduced them as an option for extending a short service. Generally, it's been experienced as a "photo opportunity" rather than a genuine liturgical ritual. The "unity candle," a recent invention rather than an authentic tradition, has not been approved as an adaptation to our rite, and it is to be hoped that it will gradually disappear from view.

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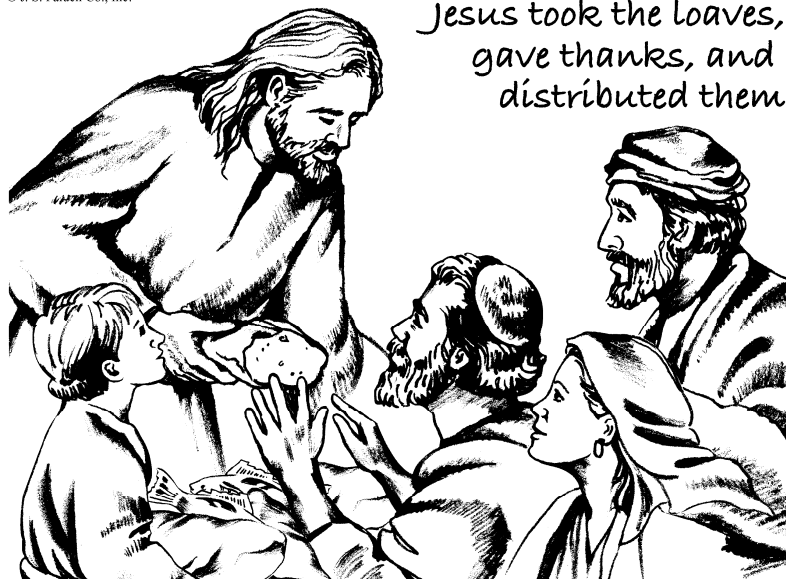
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**2nd Annual Women of Wonder Conference! Saturday, August 8, 2015, 8 am - 3 pm St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Cary NC** This year's Keynote Speaker is **Lisa Hendey**, National Speaker, Founder of Catholicmom.com, Writer, Webmaster, Podcaster 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](mailto: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 [retrouvailenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvailenc@msn.com).

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*Jesus took the loaves,  
gave thanks, and  
distributed them*



**July 26 (week 19)**

I can hear my mother's heartbeat and some other funny noises she makes. I'm beginning to know her voice. My umbilical cord (that's where I get my food from) is really awesome – an engineering marvel. Joseph's umbilical cord transports 300 quarts of fluid per day and completes a round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds.

Wow! I like sucking my thumb.

Mom is probably starting to "show" now.

**Friends of the Poor Walk/Run...**

Our SVDP Society will be participating in the 2015 Friends of the Poor Walk/Run. This is the first time the St. Mary Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will try to raise funds and awareness by participating in the annual event.

What is needed is for our parishioners to form groups of walkers or runners and go to the SVDP web site and register your group under St. Mary Conference.

The Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at St. Mary School. Registration is 9:00am with a start time of 10:00am.

So talk to your friends and fellow parishioners and see if you can form a group to walk...get sponsors to pledge money to you for walking and get signed up at the following web site: [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org).

Watch following Bulletins for more information on this wonderful event. If you have any questions please, contact Wayne Barnes at 919-778-4501 or [brantley24@yahoo.com](mailto:brantley24@yahoo.com).

As with all SVDP fundraisers all proceeds raised by St. Mary walkers will stay here in Wayne County and go towards the work of the Society to help alleviate the suffering of those in need within the county.

**Respect Life****The Death Penalty:  
Why the Church Speaks a Counter-Cultural Message**

Recent polls show that perhaps as many as 75 percent of U.S. citizens favor the death penalty. Yet the U.S. Catholic bishops, along with many other Christians and Jews, have spoken out against capital punishment. Many people have made up their minds about the death penalty without really considering its moral implications. They then find and use studies, statistics and stories to fit their conclusions.

As with the debate in our wider society, it is important to move beyond the discussion of deterrence and retribution. Our U.S. Catholic Bishops have provided guidance on the subject, which gets to the heart of the matter----the sanctity of LIFE.

The Bishops make four important points:

(1). First, "abolition sends a message that we can break the cycle of violence, that we need not take a life for life, that we can envisage more humane and more hopeful and effective responses to the growth of violent crime."

(2). Second, "abolition of capital punishment is also a manifestation of our belief in the unique worth and dignity of each person from the moment of conception, a creature made in the image and likeness of God."

(3). Third, "abolition of the death penalty is further testimony to our conviction .....that God is indeed the Lord of life." And so human life in all its stages is sacred, and human beings are called to care for life, that is, to exercise good stewardship and not absolute control. So although the issue of capital punishment is no-

nowhere near as important as the issue of abortion for many reasons (including the vast difference in victims involved) both issues point to the same fundamental value: safeguarding the sanctity of life.

(4). Fourth, "we believe that abolition of the death penalty is most consonant with the example of Jesus." In many ways this final point summarizes the other three: our God is a God of forgiveness and redemption, of love and compassion—in a word, a God of LIFE.

**St. Peter Chrysologus...**

Remember the article from last weeks Bulletin on St. Apollinaris, first Bishop of Ravenna, Italy? Well, here is another Saint who was, also, a Bishop of Ravenna.

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Feast-July 30) Born at Imola, Italy in 406, St. Peter was baptized, educated, and ordained a deacon by Cornelius, Bishop of Imola. St. Peter merited being called "Chrysologus" (golden-worded) from his exceptional oratorical eloquence. In 433, Pope Sixtus III consecrated him bishop of Ravenna. He practiced many corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and ruled his flock with utmost diligence and care. He extirpated the last vestiges of paganism and other abuses that had sprouted among his people, cautioning them especially against indecent dancing. "Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil," he remarked, "cannot rejoice with Christ." He also counseled the heretic Eutyches (who had asked for his support) to avoid causing division but to learn from the other heretics who were crushed when they hurled themselves against the Rock of Peter. He died at Imola, Italy in 450 and in 1729 was made a Doctor of the Church, largely as a result of his simple, practical, and clear sermons which have come down to us, nearly all dealing with Gospel subjects. ~[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

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**REGISTRATION FORM  
FAITH FORMATION**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECK#: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECK \$: \_\_\_\_\_  
CASH \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registered at Saint Mary Catholic Church? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE—\$60.00 PER CHILD  
CAP OF \$180.00 PER FAMILY  
COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION  
STUDENTS WILL PAY ADDITIONAL  
\$25.00 MATERIALS FEE.**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (Child's First Name) (Middle Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Nick Name) (Date of Birth) (Grade Level) (Age) (Male /female)

**What Sacraments has your child made? Check all Sacraments your child has made & list year if you know it.**

(Baptism) \_\_\_\_\_ (1st Reconciliation) \_\_\_\_\_ (1st Communion) \_\_\_\_\_ (Confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone) (Cell Phone) (E-Mail)

**STUDENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cell Phone) (E-Mail)

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**FATHER**

**MOTHER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Maiden Name)

**Iglesia Católica de Santa Maria**  
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**Formulario de registro  
 Para la formación de Fe**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHECK#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHECK \$: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CASH \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

**Inscripción: \$60.00 por niño hasta un máximo de \$180.00 por familia.**  
**Los estudiantes de Comunión y Confirmación pagarán un cargo adicional de \$25.00 por costos de materiales.**

Esta usted registrado (a) en la Iglesia Católica de Santa Maria? Sí\_\_ No\_\_

**Información Del Estudiante**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (APELLIDO) (PRIMER NOMBRE DEL NIÑO) (SEGUNDO NOMBRE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (APODO DEL NIÑO)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (fecha de nacimiento) (grado escolar) (edad) (fecha de Bautismo)

niño/niña \_\_\_\_\_

**¿Qué Sacramentos ha recibido su hijo? Anotar los que haya recibido y el año, si lo recuerda.**

Bautismos \_\_\_\_\_ Primera Reconciliación \_\_\_\_\_ Primera Comunión \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmación \_\_\_\_\_

**Información Familiar**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Dirección de residencia) (Ciudad de Residencia) (Estado) (ZIP)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Numero Telefónico) (Numero celular) (Correo Electrónico)

**Estudiante:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Numero celular) (Correo Electrónico)

**Padres/Custodios**

**Padre:** Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ **Madre:** Primer Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de Soltera \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

## ALIMENTANDO AL MUNDO

Al oír las narraciones de cómo Eliseo y Jesús multiplican los alimentos, y el salmo responsorial sobre como la mano del Señor nos alimenta, es fácil caer en la tentación de pasar por alto el maravilloso himno de la carta a los efesios en la Segunda lectura. El himno se centra en los números más potentes de la tradición bíblica: el uno, el tres y el siete. La médula del himno es el número uno, repetido siete veces. Tres de ellas se refieren a la Iglesia: un solo cuerpo, un solo Espíritu, como también una sola es la esperanza. Los próximos tres son los fundamentos de la Iglesia: un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo bautismo. Y todos estos se juntan en un solo Dios y Padre de todos. La idea de repetir los milagros obrados por Eliseo y por Jesús al alimentar las multitudes nos desalienta, claro está, pero la carta a los efesios nos ofrece un modo más realizable de vivir como Iglesia y de alimentar a los demás en la Iglesia: ser siempre humildes y amables; ser comprensivos y soportarnos mutuamente con amor, y esforzarnos en mantenernos unidos en el Espíritu con el vínculo de la paz. ¿Quién de nosotros no puede "alimentar" a la comunidad de la Iglesia viviendo de esta manera? Es verdad que siempre estamos llamados a "alimentar" al mundo en el sentido literal de la palabra, pero nuestra misión como Iglesia también nos dice que a los demás también hay que alimentarlos por la manera en que vivimos y actuamos cada momento de cada día.

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## La pena de muerte: ¿Por qué la Iglesia predica un mensaje contrario a la cultura general?

Encuestas recientes muestran que tal vez hasta el 75 por ciento de los ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos están a favor de

la pena de muerte. Sin embargo, los obispos católicos de Estados Unidos, junto con muchos otros cristianos y judíos, se han pronunciado en contra de la pena capital.

Mucha gente ha tomado una decisión sobre la pena de muerte sin considerar realmente sus implicaciones morales. A partir de ahí, buscan y utilizan los estudios, estadísticas e historias que se adaptan a sus conclusiones.

Al igual que con el debate en nuestra sociedad en general, es importante ir más allá de la discusión de la disuasión y la retribución. Nuestros Obispos Católicos de los EE.UU. han proporcionado orientación sobre el tema, que llega al corazón del mismo ---- la santidad de la vida. Los Obispos dan énfasis a cuatro puntos importantes:

(1). En primer lugar, "la abolición de la pena de muerte envía un mensaje de que podemos romper el ciclo de la violencia, que no tenemos que tomar una vida por otra vida, que podemos formular respuestas más humanas y más esperanzadas y eficaces para el aumento de los crímenes violentos."

(2). En segundo lugar, "la abolición de la pena capital es también una manifestación de nuestra creencia en el valor único y la dignidad de cada persona desde el momento de la concepción, una criatura hecha a imagen y semejanza de Dios." (3). En tercer lugar, "la abolición de la pena de muerte es un testimonio más de nuestra convicción ..... que Dios es en verdad el Señor de la vida." Y así la vida humana en todas sus etapas es sagrada, y los seres humanos están llamados a cuidar la vida, es decir, a ejercer una buena administración y no el control absoluto. Así que, aunque la cuestión de la pena capital no es tan importante como el tema del aborto por muchas razones (incluyendo la gran diferencia en las víctimas involucradas), ambas cuestiones apuntan al mismo valor fundamental: la salvaguardia de la santidad de la vida.

(4). En cuarto lugar, "creemos que la abolición de la pena de muerte es más compatible con el ejemplo de Jesús." En muchos aspectos, este último punto resume los otros tres: nuestro Dios es un Dios de perdón y redención, de amor y compasión, en una palabra, un Dios de la vida.



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Para los hispanos y las personas de otras culturas, el recuerdo y vinculación con nuestros antepasados es algo muy importante. De hecho, en las culturas latino-americanas se usan los apellidos del padre y de la madre para enfatizar de dónde y de quiénes provienen. Muchas personas han conservado esta misma tradición aquí en Estados Unidos. Este sentido de conectarnos a nuestros antepasados también se encuentra en la fe cristiana. Mediante la imposición de manos, por citar un ejemplo, llegamos hasta los apóstoles.

Podríamos decir que los cuatro evangelios subrayan esta vinculación con los orígenes de nuestra fe. La forma en que lo hacen, aunque pequeña, es interesante. Luego de que todos comieron de los panes y los peces multiplicados por Jesús, recogieron doce canastos llenos de pan. En cierta manera, los evangelistas

aseguran que el pan que Jesús dio al gentío de su tiempo nos lo sigue dando hoy en la eucaristía. Ahora, este pan es la carne de Jesús, quien se hace ofrenda y hostia (sacrificio) por nosotros.

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