

# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

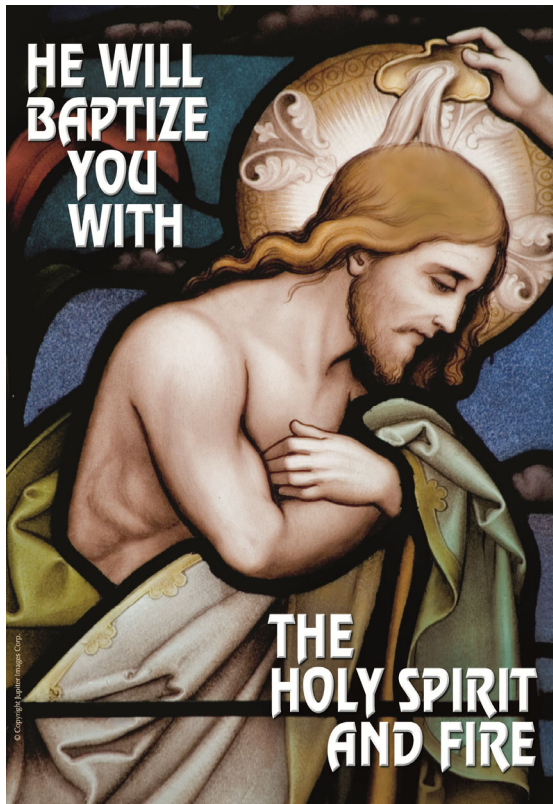
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January 10, 2016—*The Baptism of the Lord*



## MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus--first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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## 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 9:30 PM.  
Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM Adoración al Santísimo a 9:30 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.

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CHURCH**

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 Parish Secretary.....ext. 10  
 Mrs. Kathy Hennessy,  
 Parish Secretary.....ext. 26  
 Mrs. Tracey Davis,  
 Parish Bookkeeper.....ext. 28  
 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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 Supervisor.....ext. 31  
 Mr. Larry Jones,  
 Assistant.....ext. 31

**PASTORAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

Chair Harold Breindel, Vice-Chair Gene Seward, Secretary Sharon Thomas  
 Finance Council Chair John Heeden,  
 John Beatty, Pat Emery, Lonnie Fissori, Anne Hurrey, Paula Long, Carlos Morales-Barrientos, Phyllis Radford, Donna Stevenson.

The Parish Advisory Council meets August through May. Our next meeting will be December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Conf. Room. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Penance and Reconciliation**

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

**Mass Intentions and Readings  
for January 9 to 17**

<b>Sat.1/9</b>	<b>1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Psalms 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17</b>
5:00PM	Rita Yurick, dec. by Bobby & Anne Marie Gambella
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun.1/10</b>	<b>Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11</b>
10:00AM	In Honor of Siobhan & David by Budine Family
1:00PM	Gioankim Hoe & Anna Bot, dec. by Gia Nguyen
<b>Mon.1/11</b>	<b>1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalms 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20</b>
9:00AM	Baltazar Castillo, dec. by Elena Cobb
<b>Tue.1/12</b>	<b>1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mark 1:21-28</b>
9:00AM	Special Intention by Kuczynski Family
<b>Wed.1/13</b>	<b>1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalms 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39</b>
9:00AM	William Kuczynski, dec. by Kuczynski Family
<b>Thu.1/14</b>	<b>1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45</b>
7:00PM	Karina Sequera, dec. by Goldsboro Friends
<b>Fri.1/15</b>	<b>1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalms 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12</b>
9:00AM	Reita Ediale, dec. by Ada
<b>Sat.1/16</b>	<b>1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Psalms 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17</b>
5:00PM	Ulysses Gambella, dec. by Nick & Maria Gambella
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun.1/17</b>	<b>Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11</b>
10:00AM	In Honor of Gloria Elizabeth Akosa (80th Birthday) by her Children
1:00PM	Su Kim Quang, dec. by Kim Quang

**Sacramental Life**

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.

**The Christmas Flowers are donated by our parishioners In Honor of and Memory of friends and family.**

**The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of January 10 to 16**

**Church Lamp:** will be lit in Loving Memory of **David Cary** by his wife and daughters.

**Chapel Lamp:** will be lit in Loving Memory of **Narcisa Verceles** by Dr. & Mrs. Leonardo Zara.

**SVDP Needs the Following...**

Our SVDP Society is in need of the following items for their food pantry: Jelly, potted meat, canned chicken breast, tuna, spaghetti, noodles, hamburger helper and rice. Thank you for your generosity to the Society and for your help in helping us to care for those in need.

**Saint Mary School Spaghetti Supper...**

On January 22nd our school will be holding their 39th annual Spaghetti Supper. If you did not get your tickets after Masses this weekend you can get them at the school or church office during regular office hours. Please, support our school and purchase a ticket. Thank you.

**March for Life...**

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC will take place on Friday, January 22, 2016. We will have a bus, again, this year. There are 7 seats left on the bus to Washington, if you would like to reserve a seat or sponsor a seat the cost is \$40.00. Just contact John Marguglio at 919-988-2389.

**Thanks for the Memories!!**

As I step down from chairing the Social Committee, it is important that I thank my faithful helpers because I could not have provided this ministry without them. So, in no special order, Thank You (retired member), Snag Kannan; (active members), Sharon Thomas, Pat Emery, Barb Stiles, Lee & Ed Yahnker, Gerry Crocker, Gloria Kennedy, Suzanne Miller and Donna Stevenson. You have been a wonderful group of people to work with and I hope you will support this ministry and the new chair person of the Social Committee in the future.  
Carla Berger

**www.saintmarygoldsboro.org**

Remember to check out our web site. There is lots of great information on what is going on in the parish and links to various Catholic sites.

# Parish Calendar

**Sunday, January 10 – The Baptism of The Lord**

* Rosary for Life	Church	before 10:00am Mass
* SMS Selling Spaghetti Supper Tickets	outside Church	after all Masses
* RCIA	Lounge	after 10:00am Mass
* Respect Life Meeting	Parish House	after 10:00am Mass
* Faith Formation MS & HS	classrooms	11:15am to 12:45pm
* Faith Formation K to 5th	classrooms	11:30am to 12:30pm
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	after 1:00pm Mass
* MS Youth Night	Auditorium	6:00 to 8:00pm

**Monday, January 11**

* Baptismal Preparation Class	JPII Conf. Room	6:00pm
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**Tuesday, January 12**

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

**Wednesday, January 13**

* 27:17 Fellowship (Men's Group)	5 Star Restaurant	7:00am
* TYM Youth Night	Parish House	6:00 to 8:00pm

**Thursday, January 14**

* 10:00am Choir Christmas Gathering	Lounge	7:00pm
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**Friday, January 15**

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

**Saturday, January 16**

* Diocesan Gospel Choir	Church	5:00pm
* SMS selling Spaghetti Supper Tickets	outside Church	after Mass

**Sunday, January 17-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

* SMS selling Spaghetti Supper Tickets	outside church	after 10:00am Mass
* <b>No Faith Formation</b>		
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	after 1:00pm Mass
* K of C Memorial Dinner	Cafeteria	
* Hispanic Food Sales	outside Church	after 1:00pm Mass

## Offertory Report

December 27: \$5,080.16  
\$7,750.00  
 (\$2,669.84)

**Christmas:** \$8,888.82  
**Priest Retirement:** \$2,633.00  
**Second Collection January 17:**  
 Family Life Center

**Martin Luther King Celebration...**

Our Parish in this Year of Mercy, will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King at our Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 16th at 5:00pm. The music for this mass will be provided by the Diocesan Gospel Choir, directed by Mrs. Gloria Burton. We invite you to come out and celebrate the life of Dr. King with us and enjoy music that was part of his life.



### 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:

Santiago Acevedo, Robert Ames, Dolores & Gary Barton, Jesse Brickhouse, Marco Castaneda, Judy Cordeiro, Andrea Cruz, Maria del Socorro Cruz, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, John-Alex Gonzalez, Jr., Gustavo Gonzalez, Agnes Harris, Mary Hayman, Rogisides Jaimés, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Dianne Kendall, Bertha Kish, Chuck Kirk, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Pat Marguglio, Billie Myers, Wilbert & Mary Perry, Ray Prazak, Brandon Quinn, Benjamin Raposa, Ben Rodriguez, Sr. Angela Scalia, Natalie Ulrey, Azeneth Viafara, Richard Wagner.

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.

### Year of Mercy Pilgrimage...

The Faith Formation Office is planning a pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, MD the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton with a side visit to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Pilgrimage is scheduled to take place Sunday, April 10, 2016 through Tuesday, April 12, 2016. We will be staying 2 nights in a hotel in Fredrick, MD and plan to travel via car. So if you are interested watch for more information...start planning with friends and family to make this pilgrimage with us.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.  
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### Scrip...

The next scrip order is going in on Tuesday, January 19th. If you want to place a scrip order you must have the order in the Parish Office by 8:15am the morning of January 19th.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter...

The next weekends are Feb. 5-7, 2016 in Asheville, NC and Apr. 29-May 1 in Chapel Hill, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

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You are invited to follow the Diocese @RaleighDiocese and Bishop Burbidge @BishopBurbidge on Twitter.

**Lifeline for Marriage** – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on February 12-14, 2016 call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvailenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvailenc@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.4MQ9ikmN.dpuf>



You are invited to participate in 9 Days for Life, a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy). During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together in prayer for a new intention each of the 9 days. Sign up now & participate January 16-24 by visiting [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages.

## The Baptism of the Lord Fear Not

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? It was also heard on the first Sunday of Advent in December of 2008. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time. The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free to give ourselves in love as he did. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Ask the Spirit to help look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22).

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### Scrubbles...

Remember you can earn money for Saint Mary School and keep your car looking like new!!! Just go to the Scrubbles Touch-Free Car wash, located at 2111 E. Ash St. (next door to Lantern Inn). When you buy a was at the Scrubbles simply enter the code "123456" before buying the car wash and they will donate \$1 to Saint Mary School.

## Respect Life



### History Repeating Itself!

British Member of Parliament William Wilberforce toiled for many decades to end the scourge of slavery in Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries. At first, he was one of just a few voices to speak out. But after years of dedication, he helped pass a ban on the slave trade.

We can take a lesson from Wilberforce. He knew the institutions that supported slavery were strong – in Parliament, in the commercial sectors, among investors. He knew that many people made huge profits from slavery, just as many do today with abortion. But he also knew that implacable determination and hard work would educate ordinary people and this movement would grow as a voice for the voiceless...and eventually win.

Our struggle in the United States to end another injustice has also gone on for more than four decades. And we are growing in strength. Polls show many more Americans consider themselves pro-life, with pro-life opinion especially strong among the young.

We are being increasingly effective in highlighting the evil of abortion and sensitizing a nation to the suffering abortion causes unborn babies and their mothers. We're moving the culture in our direction.

Just as Wilberforce could not possibly give up after his first major victories, we cannot possibly give up now. We must persevere like Wilberforce did . . . to change a culture.

As Wilberforce showed, one person can make an enormous difference!

We can also do the same.

~ProLife Articles for Bulletins

## Jubilee Year of Mercy January 10, 2016

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy is also the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for Luke's Gospel highlights God's mercy in finding the lost, healing the sick, restoring the broken, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving the sinner through Jesus' ministry. But before doing, Luke's Jesus is always praying. As practical moderns programmed to measure worth by productivity, we instinctively appreciate the Jubilee's call to embrace the practical challenges of our baptism. But today Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after baptism. So must we pray to become the disciples we are called to be, that the Spirit empower us to do what disciples are called to do. Imitating Jesus' openness to the Spirit will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into "beloved sons [and daughters] . . . in whom the Father is well pleased," living out, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the extraordinary potential of our baptism.

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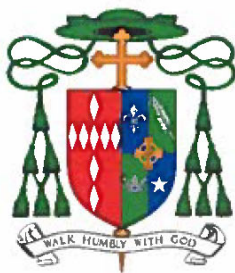


### Saint Mary School Corner

*Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education*

The week at Saint Mary School:

- Monday, January 11th we will have **In School Registration** for the school year 2016/2017.
- Wednesday, January 13th Basketball and Cheerleading Pictures will be taken.
- Thursday, January 14th the 5th grade has the Bake Sale.
- Friday, January 15th we have our School Liturgy at 9:00am in the Church. Remember parents and friends are always welcome to join us on Friday for our weekly school liturgy.



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January 10, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next week, the Church throughout the world will be joining with all Christians in observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which will conclude on January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Conversion of Saint Paul. The theme chosen for this world-wide observance is, "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord" (1 Peter 2:9). Saint Peter tells the early Church that by hearing God's call and receiving the power of salvation in Christ, they have become the People of God. This reality, common to all Christians, is what we celebrate in the Sacrament of Baptism, where we die to sin, in order to rise with Christ to a new life of grace and to serve Our Lord in the mission He has given to us.

As we observe this Week of Prayer for a greater expression of the unity that is to be ours in Christ, I invite you to include this intention among your prayers. Additionally, I invite you to join with other Christians from throughout eastern North Carolina for a liturgy of Ecumenical Prayer for Christian Unity on January 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Durham, in which we will be invited to renew our common baptismal commitment toward the mission of Christ.

In humility, let us together draw closer to Our Lord and seek this gift of unity during our observance of this Week of Prayer. During our Catholic observance of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may God continue to bless our journey towards full communion, as we endeavor always to fulfill the prayer of Our Lord, "that all may be one...that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Raleigh

# The Year of Mercy and the Holy Door

## What is a Holy Door?

*Jesus said, "I am the door" (John 10:7), bringing to fruition the words of the Psalmist, who said, "This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter" (see Psalm 118:20).*

The ritual opening of the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter, December 8, 2015, marks the official start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis is asking that in every diocese and in churches and shrines designated by the diocesan bishop, there will also be a celebration of the rite of opening of the Holy Door in unity with the Universal Church so all can participate and obtain the indulgences promised in this Jubilee Year.

A holy door symbolizes not only the Year of Mercy, but Christ. "We associate the door with Christ, who opens for us an entrance into a life of communion with God." The pope asks pilgrims to cross these thresholds in symbolic passage from sin to grace and as a gesture of one's commitment to become more merciful, a reference to the Gospel of Luke: "Be merciful like the Father."

As holy doors around the world were opened at city cathedrals, major churches and sanctuaries Dec. 13, the pope said this simple gesture of opening God's house to the world serves as "an invitation to joy. The time of great pardon begins. It is the Jubilee of Mercy."

As Christians are called to cross the threshold of "the door of mercy," they are asked to welcome and experience God's love, which "re-creates, transforms and reforms life."

From there, people of faith must then go out and be "instruments of mercy, aware that we will be judged by this," the pope said. Being a Christian calls for a lifelong journey and a "more radical commitment" to be merciful like God the father, he added.

Christians are asked to be joyful as they open their arms to others and give witness to "a love that goes beyond justice, a love that knows no limits. This is the love we are responsible for despite our contradictions," and weaknesses, said the Pope.

The Holy Door "will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope."

In the Diocese of Raleigh, the faithful are encouraged to make pilgrimage to the following churches/basilica with designated Holy Doors:

### **Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh**

Significance: Connection with Pope

### **Mother of Mercy, Washington**

Significance: Patronal and works of charity

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove**

Significance: Historical site visited by Mother Drexel and Father Price. It is connected with desegregation with Bishop Waters, and has significance among the Hispanic community. Furthermore it is the location of the Diocesan cemetery.

### **Basilica Shrine of St. Mary, Wilmington**

Significance: Connection with Pope

**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.

**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.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

La costumbre del bautismo infantil debe ser mucho más que un acto social o una tradición cultural, donde el ropón y los regalos son más importantes que la doctrina cristiana, y los padrinos se escogen no por su buen ejemplo sino por su cuenta bancaria.

Según los Hechos de los Apóstoles, familias enteras se bautizaban cuando el padre de familia decidía hacerse cristiano. Esta práctica de bautizar, no solo al nuevo creyente sino también a su mujer y a sus hijos, poco a poco, quedó solo en bautizar los niños del original creyente. El mundo en aquel tiempo estaba basado sobre la familia así como muchas culturas latinas de hoy.

El bautizo infantil nació en la Iglesia primitiva y al pasar de los siglos llegó a transformarse en un rito religioso muy importante en la catequisis del nuevo cristiano. El niño viste de ropita blanca que recuerda la presencia de Cristo en su alma, se le regala una vela que lo invita a brillar con la luz de Cristo y se le da una madrina o un padrino que le enseñará a vivir en Cristo.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM,  
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**Estacionamiento...**

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**MANIFESTANDO AL ESPÍRITU**

El tiempo de Navidad finaliza este domingo con el Bautismo del Señor.

Esta fiesta es hermana de la fiesta de la semana pasada, la Epifanía. Cada una ellas celebra una "epifanía", o manifestación del Espíritu de Dios en Jesús --primero en su nacimiento y ahora en su bautismo.

El Espíritu Divino se manifiesta en todas las lecturas bíblicas de la fiesta. El Salmo 104 destaca al Espíritu de Dios que crea y renueva la tierra, mientras que la lectura de Isaías describe a Dios restaurando a Israel. En el relato de Lucas del bautismo del Señor el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre Jesús. Y la carta a Tito nos recuerda que el Espíritu Santo también "derramó con abundancia" sobre nosotros, el "baño de regeneración" (Tito 3:5, 6).

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**Año Jubilar de la Misericordia 10 de enero de 2016****Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor**

Que providencial que este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia coincida con el año C del Leccionario, que es cuando toca leer los domingos el Evangelio de Lucas el cual subraya la misericordia de Dios, encontrando lo perdido, sanando a los enfermos, restableciendo lo separado, consolando a los tristes, perdonando al pecador por medio del ministerio de Jesús. ¡Pero antes de que esto suceda, Lucas presenta a Jesús orando! Como prácticas modernas programadas para medir el costo por medio de la productividad, nosotros intuitivamente apreciamos el llamado del Jubileo incluyendo los desafíos prácticos de nuestro Bautismo. Pero hoy Lucas se concentra no en que Jesús se bautiza, sino en Jesús orando después de su bautizo. Así que debemos orar para convertirnos en los discípulos a los que estamos llamados a ser, que el Espíritu pueda empoderarnos hacer lo que los discípulos estamos llamados a ser. Imitando la apertura de Jesús al Espíritu nos permitirá cooperar con la gracia que nos transforma en "amados hijos e hijas" "en quien el Padre se complace", viviendo en este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, el extraordinario potencial de nuestro Bautismo.

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**Lecturas De La Semana**

**Lunes:** 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Salmos 116 (115):12-19; Marco 1:14-20  
**Martes:** 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8abcd; Marco 1:21-28  
**Miércoles:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Salmos 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Marco 1:29-39  
**Jueves:** 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Salmos 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Marco 1:40-45  
**Viernes:** 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Salmos 89 (88):16-19; Marco 2:1-12  
**Sábado:** 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Salmos 21 (20):2-7; Marco 2:13-17  
**Domingo:** Isaías 62:1-5; Salmos 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Corintios 12:4-11; Juan 2:1-11

**LA HISTORIA DE REPITE!**

El miembro del parlamento británico Guillermo Wilberforce trabajó duro durante muchas décadas para terminar el látigo de la esclavitud en Gran Bretaña en los 18vos y 19nos siglos. Al principio él era una de las pocas personas que se atrevía hablar del tema. Pero después de años de dedicación, el ayudo pasar la ley contra la venta y intercambio de esclavos.

Podemos aprender mucho de Wilberforce. El sabía de las instituciones poderosas que apoyaban a la esclavitud- en el parlamento, en los sectores comerciales, con los inversionistas. El sabía que mucha de esa gente hacia enormes cantidades de dinero con la esclavitud, como muchos lo hacen hoy con el aborto. Pero

cantidades de dinero con la esclavitud, como muchos lo hacen hoy con el aborto. Pero también sabía que la determinación y el trabajo duro educarían a la gente ordinaria y este movimiento crecería como una voz para los que no tienen voz.....y finalmente ganar. Nuestra lucha en Los Estados Unidos para terminar otra injusticia también ha continuado por más de cuatro décadas. Y estamos creciendo en intensidad. Las encuestas muestran que muchos más Estadunidenses se consideran Pro-Vida, es especialmente fuerte entre los jóvenes. Cada día somos más eficaces en sobresaltar lo malo del aborto y en hacer a esta nación más sensible al dolor que pasan los bebés abortados y sus mamás. Estamos moviendo esta cultura en nuestra dirección.

Como Wilberforce no pudo rendirse especialmente después de sus grandes victorias, nosotros no podemos renunciar ahora. Debemos de perseverar como Wilberforce... para cambiar esta cultura.