

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love God, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Liturgy Intentions for the Week

February 14th - February 20th

Monday

7:00 PM Edward Fontain by the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree

Tuesday

9:00 AM Pauline McGavisk by Bill McGavisk & Family

Wednesday

9:00 AM

Thursday

No Liturgy

Friday

9:00 AM

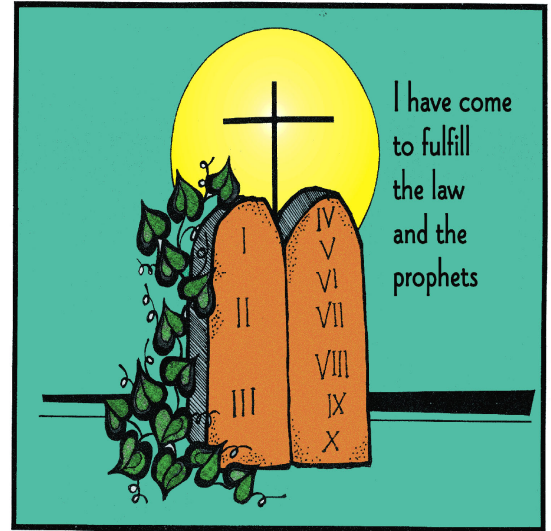
Saturday

5:30 AM

Sunday

8:00 AM Ambrose McCoy by Ceal & Pat Voyce

11:00 AM Thomas John Padovano by Barbara Meyer



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Today's Readings

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

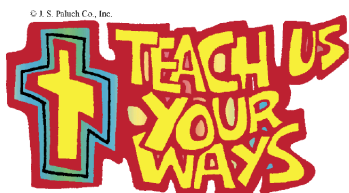
Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

Readings for the Week

Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday	Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day
Monday	Ss. Cyril and Methodius Valentine's Day
Thursday	The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary



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WEIGHTY

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching.

—John Ray

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THE CURE

The only known cure for fear is faith. —Lena K. Sadler

Happenings for the Week

Monday—February 14

6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday—February 15

8:30 AM Rosary for Life

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Wednesday—February 16

8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes

9:00 AM Homeschool Mass

Thursday—February 17

7:00 PM Choir Practice—6th to Adult

Friday—February 18

8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary

Saturday—February 19

5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary

Sunday—February 20

7:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls

9:15 AM Faith Formation K-5th grades

10:30 AM Rosary for the Military & their families

12:00 PM Faith Formation 6th grade—Confirmation

1:00 PM High School Ministry Meeting

Stewardship

January 29th & 30th: Offertory: \$ 5,808.38

Building Fund: \$ 3,749.43

Special thanks to Leo & Carol Mayeski and Joe Fountain for their contribution of time and talent to this ministry.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners and visitors for your tremendous generosity and continuous contributions to the support of St. Mildred.



Any parishioner needing a Contribution Statement for the Income Tax year 2010 can request one through the St. Mildred website or you may pick up a request form in the hall of the Parish Center. Requests for statements will be available January through May.

Are you in need of direction, support or solutions regarding personal or family issues?

Please remember that Catholic Charities provides counseling services by a licensed clinical social worker. If no insurance is available to cover costs, the agency has a very reasonable subsidized fee scale. Call (252) 638-2188 to schedule an appointment or if you have any further questions. Pregnancy counseling is available at no charge. Thank you.



Upcoming Meetings

Our **Parish Council** will hold their next meeting on February 14th at 7:30 PM. All parishioners are encouraged and welcomed to attend. See you there!

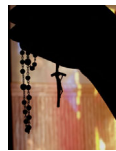
The next **Homeschool Mass** will be February 16th, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

The **4th Degree Assembly** of the Knights of Columbus will have their next business meeting at 7:30PM on February 21st **after** the 7:00 PM Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will have their business meeting on March 7th at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.

The next meeting for the **Women's Guild** will be on March 9th beginning with Mass at 9:00 AM. The meeting, will follow Mass along with Brunch and a speaker. All women of the parish are invited and please bring a friend along!

Music Ministry News - Anyone 6th grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just join in!!

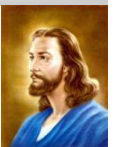


The Rosary is a prayer about life - all life. Please join our crusade for life at 5:00PM Saturdays before Mass to pray the Rosary for Life. The Rosary for Life also offered on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.

Please Note: The Rosary is a prayer that is said in a reverent atmosphere. Though Mass is a community gathering we ask that you enter the inner Parish Center with reverence during the times of the rosary as so not to disturb those in prayer. Please also note that voices in the vestibule carry into the Center so please take note of this when you enter. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration,



please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.



Today we will celebrate Boy Scout Sunday. We offer the following prayer for all boys, past and present, who are Scouts.

Almighty God, creator of us all; grant us the patience to wait and listen to your voice. Help us not to seek the answers in the silence of prayer, but rather let your thoughts, God, travel to us and through us as we dare to ascend your mountain of law, your holy hill of truth.

O God, how thankful we are that you have come into our lives through the Holy Spirit. You know, Lord, that we're not perfect, that we want to improve. Show us where we can.

We pray today for God's children—all the children of the world. May they find peace and love in their families and schools and learn the love of Jesus Christ for each and every one of them through our lives as we interact with them on a daily basis. We also pray for our young people, who are seeking a cause which is worthy of their life's commitment and a leader who is deserving of their devotion. We know that our youth must deal with a host of options. So, we pray that they may choose Jesus Christ. We pray you will be with our Scouts as they continue to follow the Scout law and work toward being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

A **special thanks** goes to all adult volunteers who work with Scouts. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated!

The parish community of St. Mildred would like to congratulate Vicky Stump, our Youth Minister, who has been appointed by Bishop Burbidge, to be a member of the Bishop's Youth Committee. This is an honor to Vicky as well as the parish. Our Congratulations, Vicky, for a ministry well done and we Thank you.



A thank you is extended to Marcie Freisner, who prepares each grade for the Youth Mass they are assigned. A special thanks is extended to the 5th grade students and their Catechist, Marie Hickcox, for the fine job they did on February 6th at the 11 am Mass and the *complete* Youth Choir and Musicians who played for the Mass.



Please remember our Confirmation Students in your prayers as they attend their Confirmation Retreat on February 13th.

Our young Confirmandi will learn about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how these wonderful gifts can prepare them for their life of service to God.

The 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) has begun and will continue through until March 6, 2011. We again ask the support of all parishioners for the 30 ministries which the BAA funds. Volunteers will be at all Masses to take your pledges and/or answer any questions. For further info you may call John Nastasi at 252-393-2135.



SCHOLARSHIPS Attention Graduating Seniors that are St. Mildred parish members and College bound!



The Women's Guild of St. Mildred are accepting applications for a \$1000.00 scholarship for High School seniors who are pursuing a 2 or 4 year college program in the Fall of 2011.

Applications are available at your High School Guidance office or from our Parrish office.

All forms need to be completed and submitted by April 8, 2011. For further information contact Pat Weckerly at jweckerly@ec.rr.com or 252-354-2311



Auction for Building Fund Needs Help

Please contribute unusable presents or those items on your back shelf to the Guild Chinese Auction to be held May 6, 2011. Gift certificates from merchants are also helpful. Place items in the basket just inside the side door. The auction is in conjunction with our Friday Night Live celebration. More information about this grand event will be forthcoming. For info call Andi Mullen at 253-354-1105.



Do you have extra rosaries around that you are not using and can't find anyone to give them to? Your solution - bring them to church and place them in the basket in the vestibule, by the glass windows. They will be blessed and placed in a protective bag to be distributed to others that are in need of a rosary. Are you in need of a rosary? Please, feel free to take one! Have questions?? Call Pat Boni at 910.326.7931. Thank You!!



Catechetical Institute Session

facilitated by Wojciech

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

The Diocesan Catechetical Institute is in session! We meet at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Come join us for the next four Wednesday sessions, consisting of presentation and discussion. There is no registration and no fee. Please, invite a friend, neighbor or relative to attend.

The theme of this Catechetical Institute Session is: Sacraments.

Thank You



Francine Sabisch would like to extend a **VERY SINCERE** thank you to all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers for always being so kind and patient these past 4 years that she has done the scheduling. She would also like to **THANK** Margaret Hughes for kindly taking over this ministry. I am sure everyone will be as kind and patient to her! Please contact Margaret for any special requests or notifications for upcoming schedules. Her information is on the back of the bulletin. Francine will continue to schedule Altar Servers.



All St. Mildred parish members are invited to the Coastal Pregnancy Care Center Annual Banquet, "Journey To Redemption" to be held March 10th, 2011, 6:00 pm at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City. The guest speaker, will be Bruce Wilkinson, author of *The Prayer of Jabez*. **Reservations are required.** There is no cost to attend.

Their goal is to garner support for the center in the form of prayers, volunteers, treasure, and talent. Please contact Janet Oehl to reserve your seats and for more information at 252-764-2797 or send an email to: oehlmj@gmail.com

Please pray for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain via **Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at terispeci@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.

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Youth Convention 2011

Convention is a diocesan-wide gathering for grades 9 -12 in a weekend celebration. The weekend will offer workshops, live skits, prayer experiences, awards & the election of the next youth board. Come take part in this amazing event, it is sure to change your life!

The Convention this year will be May 13th—15th. If you would like more information on this life enhancing event please contact our Youth Director, Vicky Stump or email her at youthgroup@centurylink.net.

A meeting to discuss this event will be held very soon and will be announced right here in the bulletin!! You do **NOT** have to be in Youth Group to attend!!

A Study Day on Immigration will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, in Raleigh on Thursday, February 24, 2011. The day is part of the Diocesan plan for immigration education that Bishop Burbidge has approved for the Diocese. Pastoral Administrators, parish leadership, staff, deacons, school and faith formation leaders are invited to participate. The session will address Catholic teaching as it relates to immigration as well provide practical ways to involve parishioners in justice for immigrants.



Catholic Perspective The Diocese of Raleigh is renewing its weekly television program, Catholic Perspective, the week of February 6.

The program will feature news and information on events, activities and ministries in the Diocese. The half-hour program will be available in most communities served by Time-Warner Cable. Catholic Perspective will air in Wake County at 7:00 p.m. Mondays on cable channel 22; in Durham at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays on cable channel 8; in Chapel Hill/Carrboro/Hillsborough at 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on cable channel 8, in Greenville at 7:00 p.m. on cable channel 69. The program will air on the Faith on Demand channel in Craven, New Hanover, Brunswick, Onslow and Pender Counties, allowing viewers to watch at any time during the week. The program will also be available on the Diocesan website each week. The first program will feature Bishop Michael F. Burbidge reviewing pro-life activities, including the Diocesan Mass for Life and the N.C. Mass for Life that took place in Raleigh and Washington in January.

The changes to the Roman Missal will take place the First Sunday of Advent, November 11, 2011. To help us understand them a little better, we will be running several articles from the Diocese, each week, explaining some of the changes. Here is the first part of:



Ministries and Roles Within the Liturgical Assembly at Mass

In addition to the ordained ministries there are roles in the liturgy which are exercised by lay people who place their time and talent at the service of the liturgical assembly as acolytes (altar servers), lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song and ushers. Others contribute their time and talent to planning and organizing the liturgy, to keeping the church and the vestments, vessels and appointments clean and well-ordered or to providing decorations that reflect the spirit of the liturgical feast or season.

The *General Instruction* makes it very clear that this variety of offices and roles is desirable and should be maintained. In fact it goes so far as to state: *... all, therefore, whether they are ordained ministers or Christian faithful, in fulfilling their offices or their duty, should carry out solely but completely that which pertains to them.* "Not only, therefore, is it desirable that individuals function in roles of service at Mass, it is clear from the *Instruction* that if a deacon, for example, is present, the priest celebrant or a concelebrant should not read the Gospel. And the lector should not also take on the role of server and/or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. There is a wide variety of services to be performed, and it is desirable that different individuals exercise those services so that the talents and gifts God has placed within the Christian community are fully utilized and these roles of service are not monopolized by a few.

It is not sufficient, however, simply to have a "warm body" filling a given role. Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be well-prepared for those roles and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity and understanding. Obtaining the proper preparation requires a further gift of time on the part of the person being prepared as well as on the part of those in the parish responsible for the training of liturgical ministers. Finally, the practical task of assigning individuals to particular Masses and organizing the distribution of roles is another indispensable element in the fabric of well-ordered liturgical ministry in a parish.

Next week: Ministries and Roles Within the Liturgical Assembly at Mass - Part 3

FEAST OF FAITH—The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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