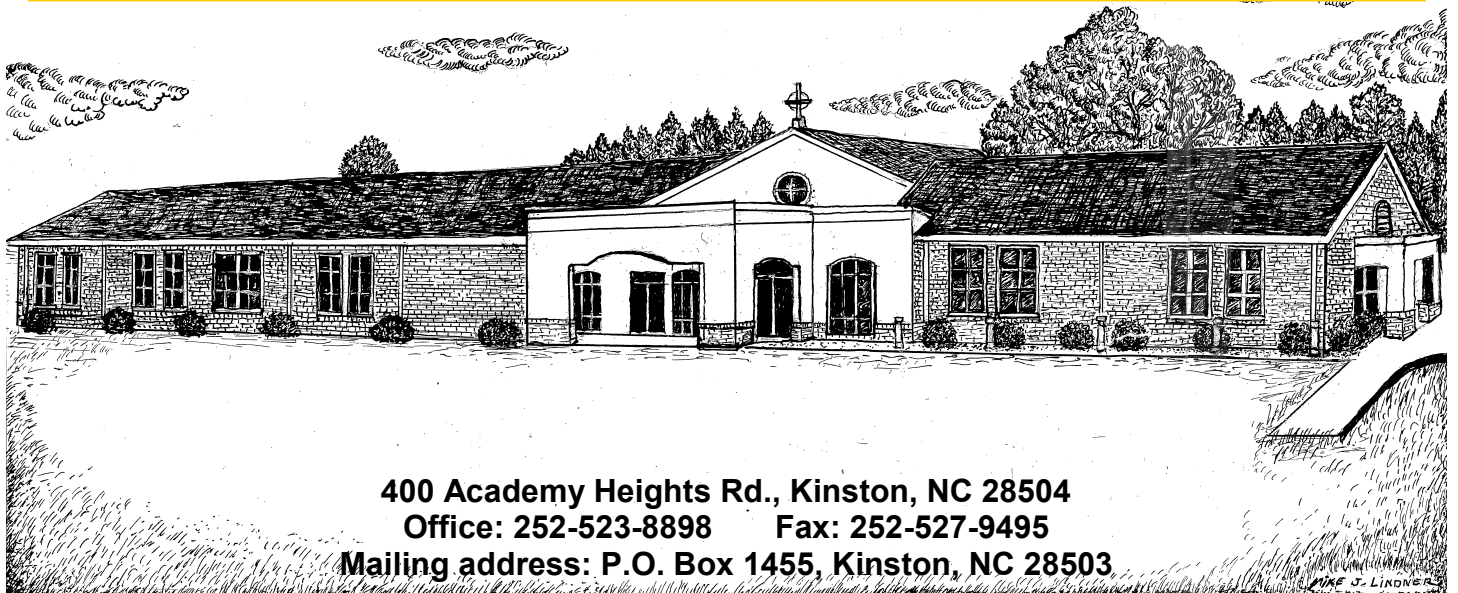


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Mass Schedule

Weekdays*:

Tuesday	12:00 PM	English
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Spanish
Thursday	6:30 PM	English
Friday	8:30 AM	English

Weekend:

Saturday	4:00 PM	English
Sunday	9:00 AM	English
Sunday	11:30 AM	Spanish

*See inside Mass Intentions list for cancellations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Wednesday & Thursday
from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1ST 2019

1 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2019
PRIMER DOMINGO
DE ADVIENTO



ESTÉN PREPARADOS, PORQUE
NO SABEN QUÉ DÍA VA A VENIR SU
SEÑOR

December 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

Pope's Monthly Intention

December 2019:

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

We begin the joyful and solemn season of Advent. Advent is the preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The feast of our Lord's

birth points both to his historic appearance in human history and his return in glory at the end of times.

Advent is preparation for the actual appearance of our Lord to us at the end of our life. Advent has the same purpose as Lent, namely, our conversion. The idea is that when the Lord appears in our lives we may be ready to welcome him with lit lamps of faith.

Let us make this season holy by devoting ourselves more faithfully to praying and serving.

Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th: 4:00 pm Mass (English)

7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 25th: 10:00 am Mass (English)

Bishop's Visit

The rescheduled date for the visit of Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama to Holy Spirit is Sunday, December 15th. There will only be one Mass on that day at 10:00 am. The Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 14th will not be modified by his visit. Faith Formation classes that Sunday will be cancelled.

ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

—Anonymous

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need.

The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

**For the Weekend of November 17th, 2019
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)**

1st collection Nov. 18th, 2018:.....	\$1,479.00
1st collection Nov. 17th, 2019:.....	\$1,560.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$35,904.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$33,230.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year.....	\$73,160.00
Accum. Operation income* current year.....	\$70,974.00
Emergency Fund November 2019.....	\$775.00

*Moneys non-restricted for regular parish functioning
(includes first collection)

Next Weekend Second Collection

Name: Retirement Fund for Religious

Purpose: To help religious communities furnish necessities as medications and nursing care for elderly religious.

Type: National level (all funds are sent to the Conference of Bishops for distribution; small donation like \$1.00-\$2.00 go a long way in this nationwide pool of donors). Second collections are optional. Parishioners are given this choice at the moment of passing the baskets.

Segunda Colecta del siguiente Domingo

Nombre: Fondo de Retiro para los Religiosos

Propósito: Ayudar a las comunidades religiosas a cubrir necesidades como medicina y cuidado en la vejez de los religiosos ancianos.

Clase: Nivel nacional (todos los fondos son enviados a la Conferencia de Obispos para ser distribuidos; donaciones pequeñas como \$1.00-\$2.00 contribuyen a una colecta grande a nivel nacional).

Las segundas colectas son opcionales. A los parroquianos se les da ésta opción al momento en que circula la canasta.

African American History & Heritage

Dec. 1st: Rosa Parks refused to ride in back of the bus and was arrested in Montgomery, AL - 1955

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

Adoración
del Santísimo
Sacramento



El viernes 6 de diciembre de las 9:00am a las 6:00pm. Una hoja para anotarse está localizada en el atrio para los que quieran pasar algún tiempo en adoración. Parroquianos pueden anotarse para uno o más segmentos de 30 minutos. Alguien tiene que estar presente mientras el Santísimo Sacramento está expuesto.

Saints of the Week

Tuesday, Dec 3rd: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest; died 1552 at age 46 on the island of Sancion off the China coast; from Navarre; one of the founding Jesuits; preach in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan; with St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1 Oct.), co-patron of the Apostleship of prayer and foreign missions.

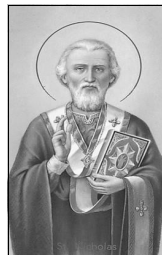


Wednesday, Dec. 4th: Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church; died 749 at age 73; born in Damascus, a Muslim city; raised a Christian yet served as a finance minister or “grand vizier” at the court of the caliph where he was respected for his competence, fairness, and humility; became a monk, later a priest at the monastery of St. Sabas, near Jerusalem; first of the East to formulate a



comprehensive synthesis of Christian dogma; main dogmatic work: The Fount of Knowledge; defended the veneration of images against iconoclasts; composed hymns and preached many homilies in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially her assumption; last of the Greek Fathers.

Friday, Dec. 6th: Saint Nicholas died in the 4th century. He was the bishop of Myra in Asia Minor; model pastor noted for charity; popularized as Santa Claus (anglicized from Dutch “Sinter Claus”); patron of children, bankers, pawnbrokers, sailors, performers, brides, unmarried women, travelers, fishermen, dock workers, brewers, poets and prisoners; also of Russia, Greece, Sicily, Lorraine, and Apulia in Italy where his relics are enshrined in Bari.



Saturday, Dec. 7th: Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, died on Holy Saturday at age 57; born in Trier of noble parents; classically educated; while a catechumen, chosen by popular acclaim as bishop of Milan and consecrated Dec. 7th, 374; his allegorical exegesis and rhetorical skill made him a compelling preacher; defender of orthodoxy against Arianism; brought Theodosius to public penance; composed several liturgical hymns; baptized Augustine; along with Sts. Jerome, Augustine and Gregory I, declared one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1298.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Friday, December 6th, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is located in the atrium for anyone who would like to volunteer to spend some time in adoration. Parishioners can sign up for one or more 30 minute segments. Someone must be present in front of the Blessed Sacrament while it is exposed.

1 de diciembre de 2019

Primer Domingo de Adviento

ESPERAR CON GOZO

Nuestro año litúrgico comienza con el tiempo de Adviento, una temporada de expectativa por la venida del Señor. En el Primer Domingo de Adviento anticipamos el fin de los tiempos cuando despertaremos al amanecer del nuevo día de Cristo.

Hoy escuchamos a Isaías hablar del día en que el poder de Dios habrá traído paz universal y la Palabra de Dios habrá instruido a todos los pueblos, irradiando la “luz” (enseñanzas) de Dios a toda la raza humana. Sólo cuando la humanidad camina “a la luz del Señor” (Isaías 2:5), cuando todos los pueblos deseen marchar “por sus sendas” (Isaías 2:3), el mundo se enderezará y nuestros más profundos anhelos serán cumplidos. La lectura de Romanos nos llama a despertar “del sueño” porque la salvación “está más cerca” (Romanos 13:11, 12). Las lecturas de este domingo proclaman nuestra fe cristiana en que Jesús es Aquél que al final vendrá a dar cumplimiento al plan de salvación de Dios.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).

Salmo — Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: “Vamos a la casa del Señor” (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda lectura — Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).

Evangelio — Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).

La Intención Mensual del Papa

Noviembre 2019:

El Futuro de los Muy Jóvenes.

Para que cada país tome las medidas necesarias para priorizar el futuro de los muy jóvenes, especialmente los que sufren.

Notas del Párroco

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Apreciados Parroquianos,

Comenzamos la temporada alegre y solemne de Adviento. Adviento es la preparación para la celebración de la Navidad. La fiesta del nacimiento de nuestro Señor señala tanto su aparición histórica en la historia humana como su regreso en gloria al final de los tiempos.

Adviento es la preparación para la aparición real de nuestro Señor al final de nuestra vida. Adviento tiene el mismo propósito que la Cuaresma, es decir, nuestra conversión. La idea es que cuando el Señor aparezca en nuestras vidas podamos estar listos para darle la bienvenida con lámparas de fe encendidas.

Hagamos que esta temporada sea santa al dedicarnos más fielmente a orar y servir.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

Horario de las Misas de Navidad

Martes 24 de diciembre: 4:00 pm Misa (Inglés)

7:00 pm Misa (Español)

Miércoles 25 de diciembre: 10:00 am Misa (Inglés)

Visita del Obispo

La fecha reprogramada para la visita del Obispo Luis Rafael Zarama la parroquia es el domingo 15 de diciembre. Solo habrá una misa ese día a las 10:00 a.m. La misa de vigilia del sábado 14 de diciembre no será modificada por su visita. Las clases de Formación de Fe ese domingo serán canceladas.

ADVIENTO

Recuerda que el tiempo de Navidad siempre es tiempo de hospitalidad.

—Israel-Jesús Martínez

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El significado de la palabra “¡Adviento!” es muy interesante. Viene del latín y quiere decir “Allí viene” o “Ya está llegando”. Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos “adviento”? ¿Del Rey de la Gloria?, ¿del Príncipe de la Paz?, ¿del Hijo del Dios Altísimo?, ¿del Salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y otra vez, sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey? ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el *mall*, en el barrio, en el hogar y en el propio corazón, para ver si “allí viene” el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tue. Dec. 3	12:00 pm	†Gisele Owens
Wed. Dec. 4	6:30 pm	No Mass*
Thurs. Dec. 5	6:30 pm	Open Mass Intention
Fri. Dec. 6	8:30 am	Open Mass Intention
Sat. Dec. 7	4:00 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 8	9:00 am	Mike Linder
		Req. by Maria Linder
	11:30am	Holy Spirit Parishioners

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

*Penance Service

Angel Tree

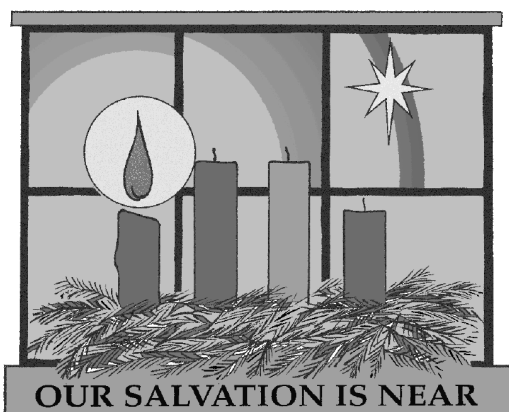
We are looking for children whose parents are having difficulty providing Christmas gifts for their children this year. Parents will be able to fill out the form for their child (ren) beginning the weekend of November 17 after all the Masses. December 1 will be the LAST weekend to sign up your child(ren). The weekend of December 1, the Angel Tree will be in the atrium, for everyone in the parish to help a child(ren) by taking an angel from the tree and buying gifts for that child(ren).

Arbol de Angeles

Estamos buscando niños cuyos padres tengan dificultades para proporcionar regalos de Navidad para sus hijos este año. Los padres podrán completar el formulario para sus hijos a partir del fin de semana del 17 de noviembre. El 1 de diciembre será el ÚLTIMO fin de semana para inscribir a su hijo / hijos. El fin de semana del 1 de diciembre el Angel Tree estará en el atrio, para que todos en la parroquia ayuden a un niño / niños tomando un ángel del

Advent Penance Service

There will be a communal penance service on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm. Two more priests will join father Arturo to hear individual confessions.



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Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

Habrà un servicio comunal de penitencia el mièrcoles 4 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm. Habrà dos sacerdotes más para ayudar al padre Arturo a escuchar confesiones.

Circle of Renewed Life Raffle

The Circle of Renewed Life is sponsoring a raffle with a chance to win five great prizes. The drawing will be December 8th. The profits from the raffle will be used to purchase the altar flowers for the bishop's visit and to purchase a new washing machine for the rectory. Come by our booth to see the great prizes.

Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe

El jueves 12 de diciembre tendremos las mañanitas a las 5:00 de la mañana y la santa Misa a las 7:00 de la noche.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm in the conference room. Meeting is open to all parishioners.

2020 Parish Calendars

Holy Spirit's 2020 calendars are available in the atrium. Please, pick up a copy for your family. The beautiful monthly display of Saints' paintings will accompany you throughout the year. Feasts of Saints are also included to remind you of our heavenly intercessors.

Calendarios de la Parroquia 2020

Los calendarios de la parroquia de 2020 ya están disponibles en el atrio. Por favor, tome uno para su familia. Las hermosas pinturas de los Santos de cada mes los acompañarán todo el año. Las fiestas de los Santos también están incluidas para recordarnos de nuestros intercesores en el cielo.



We kindly ask that you pray for the following parishioners and loved ones: Manny Arcino, Mila Q.

Ariunday, Joseph Bennet, Betty Billings, Julie Blue, Judyth Boyette, Michael Cannon, Kathy and Monroe Clevenger, Brenda Edwards, Toni Frankfort, Patrick Gallagher, Trey Hamlin, Debra Hardison, Fabian & Joyce Hayden, Cooper Heistand, Beth Stalnaker Hill, Maria Hill, Frances Hinson, Baylor Jackson, John Jones, Bonnie Kasper, Laura Key, Maria Linder, Logan Lucas, Charles Thomas McDonald, Caroline McMahan, Lennie McMahan, Irma Medina, Ivory Meadows, Connor Mello, Robert Melton, Fredrick Miller, Benita Parker, Ariana N. Parkman, Jackie Pitt, Genie Register, Herb Register, Gina Riggs, Deborah Romero, Anne & Anthony Ruggiero, Phil Ryals, Msgr. Jerry Sherba, Laydon Stanley, Lillian Stogner, John & Julie Stowawy, Karen Stubbs, Barbara Toteno, Darlene Vaughn, and Justin Wharton.