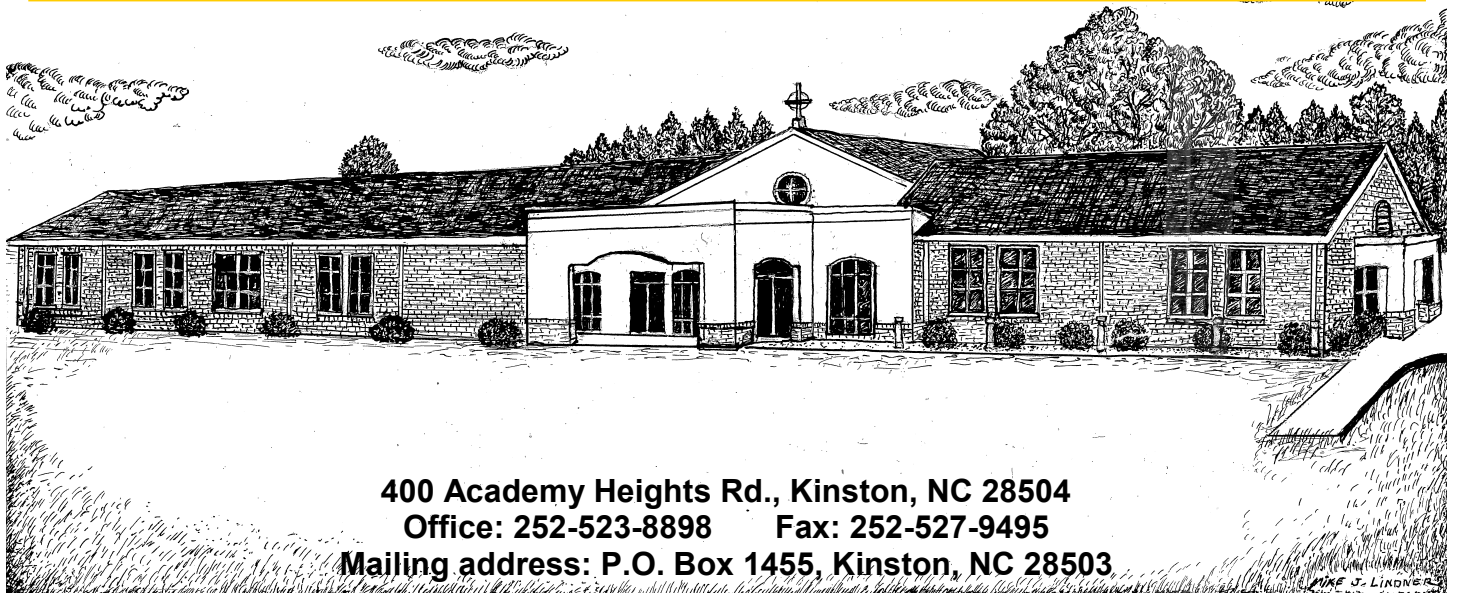


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Mass Schedule (During Pandemic Times)

Weekdays: Mass times announced via text alert system

Weekend:

Saturday	4:00 PM	English
Sunday	9:00 AM	English
Sunday	10:15 AM	Spanish
Sunday	11:30 AM	Spanish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

ENDERECEN LOS SENDEROS DEL
SEÑOR

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13TH 2020

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
13 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2020



December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh, Bill, I’d like you to meet Johnny’s father. And over here, this is Marie’s mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen’s soccer team.”

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: “I’m Ellen’s Dad.”

It’s good to know who you are. Be it someone’s father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God’s people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

Pope’s Monthly Intention

December 2020: For a Life of Prayer

For our personal relationship with Jesus Christ that it may be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

By Vatican News (December 8th, 2020)

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “**Year of St Joseph**,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

“Holy Spirit is Me and I am Holy Spirit” Increased Offertory Program

Recently you received a brochure introducing our “*Holy Spirit is me and I am Holy Spirit*” Program. Our community spent the last several months responding to the historical crisis in so many ways. We are proud to be part of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church community. On Commitment Sunday, November 15, we invited everyone to join together and participate in securing our parish’s future. We ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Holy Spirit Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all families complete a Commitment Card. A card was included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- Mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- Or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- Or you may visit our parish website at www.hscatholicchurchkinston.com and complete and electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of November 29th, 2020
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection December 1st, 2019:.....	\$1,172.00
1st collection November 29th, 2020:.....	\$917.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$36,239.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$23,412.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year.....	\$75,088.00
Accum. Operation income* current year.....	\$55,104.00
Emergency Fund Nov. 29th 2020.....	\$514.00

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

Next Weekend Second Collection

Name: Outreach Program

Purpose: Monthly effort to raise funds to help the needy in our community.

Type: Parish level (all funds remain in the parish for parish use only).

Second collections are optional. Parishioners are given this choice at the moment of passing the baskets.

Segunda Colecta del Siguiete Domingo

Nombre: Necesitados de la Comunidad

Propósito: Campaña mensual que recoge fondos para ayudar a las personas que vienen a la oficina a pedir ayuda.

Clase: Nivel parroquial (todos los fondos se quedan en la parroquia para su uso exclusivo).

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

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

As of Tuesday Dec. 8th/A la fecha del 8 de Dic.:

Parish goal/Meta: \$13,385

Amount pledged/Cantidad Prometida: \$ 12,731

Percentage of goal/Porcentaje de meta: 95%

Participation/Participación: 66 families

Pope Francis's Birthday

On Thursday, December 17, Pope Francis celebrates his 84th birthday! Make sure to keep him in your prayers!

Cumpleaños del Papa Francisco

¡El jueves 17 de diciembre, el Papa Francisco celebra su cumpleaños! Cumple 84 años. ¡Asegúrese de tenerlo en sus oraciones!



Saints of the Week

Monday, Dec. 14th: Saint John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church; died 1591 at the age of 49; born in Fontiveros, Spain in 1542; mystic and poet; ally of Teresa of Jesus of Avila in founding the reformed ("Discalced") Carmelite friars; suffered cruel imprisonment and privations by the unreformed Carmelites of the Observance; authored *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, *The Spiritual Canticle*, and *O Flame of Living Love*; known as the "Mystical Doctor"; Discalced Carmelites today number over 4,000 religious.

Tuesday, Dec. 15th: Saint Virginia Centurione Bracelli, died 1651 at the age of 64; born in 1587. Unable to persuade her parents that she had a religious vocation, Virginia was married at age 15 to the son of another notable Italian family. But he gambled, lived dissolutely and died after only five years. Virginia, despite her unhappiness in the marriage, nursed him at the end. She vowed to live celibately thereafter, bringing up her two daughters and caring for abandoned children, especially girls. She founded several schools and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Refuge on Mount Calvary. She was canonized in her hometown, Genoa, in 2003

African American History & Heritage

Dec. 18th: 13th Amendment abolishing slavery in U.S. went into effect - 1865

Christmas Flowers

Donations for Christmas flowers are now accepted. Parishioners who receive offertory envelopes should have received an envelope for this purpose dated December 20th, 2020. This does not mean that there will be a third collection on that date. This envelope may be placed in either collection that weekend or any other day this month. Parishioners who do not receive envelopes may use an "anytime envelope" (located in the atrium and window shelves) for this purpose.

Flores de Navidad

Los parroquianos pueden hacer donaciones para las flores de Navidad. Los parroquianos que reciben sobres por correo para el ofertorio han recibido un sobre para este propósito con fecha 20 de diciembre de 2020. Esto no significa que vaya a haber una tercera colecta en esa fecha. Este sobre puede ser puesto en cualquier colecta ese fin de semana o cualquier otro día del mes. Los parroquianos que no reciben sobres por correo pueden usar un "sobre para donaciones en toda ocasión" para este propósito.



13 de diciembre de 2020 Tercer Domingo de Adviento

JUAN EL BAUTISTA

En una casa abierta de la escuela se escuchó a una mujer presentando a su marido a algunos de los otros padres. “Oh, José, me gustaría que conozcas al padre de Juanito. Y aquí, esta es la mamá de María, ya sabes la niña que juega fútbol con nuestra Elena”.

Con satisfecha resignación Bill se presentó no por su nombre sino: “Soy el padre de Elena”.

Es bueno saber quién es uno. Si somos el padre o la madre de alguien, hijo o hija, esposo o esposa, es importante que aceptemos el sentido pleno de nuestras diferentes funciones.

Juan Bautista sabe quién es. Y quién no es. No es el Cristo. No es Elías. Tampoco igual a ningún otro profeta que el pueblo de Dios hubiese visto.

Juan Bautista sabe que su misión es divina. Está más que satisfecho de ser el que anuncia la venida del Reino de Dios. El Cristo está cerca. Enderecen sus caminos.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Regocíjense en el Espíritu del Señor que nos trae buenas noticias (Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Salmo — Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador (Lc 1:46-50, 53-54).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrense! Conserven su integridad en el Espíritu y guárdense sin mancha hasta la venida del Señor (1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista dice: “Soy la voz que grita en el desierto” (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28).

Intención Mensual del Papa

Diciembre 2020: Por una Vida de Oración

Por nuestra relación personal con Jesucristo para que se nutra de la Palabra de Dios y de una vida de oración.

Por Noticias del Vaticano (8 de diciembre de 2020)

En una nueva carta apostólica titulada *Patris corde* (“Con corazón de Padre”), el Papa Francisco describe a San José como un padre amado, un padre tierno y amoroso, un padre obediente, un padre que acepta; un padre creativamente valiente, un padre trabajador, un padre en las sombras.

La Carta marca el 150 aniversario de la declaración del Beato Papa Pío IX de San José como Patrón de la Iglesia Universal. Para celebrar el aniversario, el Papa Francisco ha proclamado el “Año de San José” que comienza en la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de 2020 y se extiende hasta la misma fiesta en 2021.

El Santo Padre escribió *Patris corde* en el contexto de la pandemia de Covid-19, que, dice, nos ha ayudado a ver más claramente la importancia de las personas “comunes” que, aunque lejos del centro de atención, ejercen la paciencia y ofrecen esperanza todos los días. En esto se asemejan a san José, “el hombre que pasa desapercibido, presencia cotidiana, discreta y escondida”, que sin embargo tuvo “un papel incomparable en la historia de la salvación”.

ÁNGELES DE LA PAZ

No seamos jueces de paz, seamos ángeles de paz.
—Santa Teresa de Lisieux

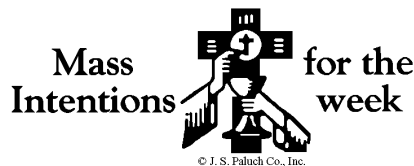
Programa para Aumentar el Ofertorio "Espíritu Santo soy Yo y Yo Soy Espíritu Santo"

Unas semanas atrás recibieron un folleto presentando nuestro programa “Espíritu Santo soy yo y yo soy Espíritu Santo”. Nuestra comunidad pasó los últimos meses respondiendo a la crisis histórica de muchas maneras. Somos orgullosos de ser parte de la comunidad de la Iglesia Católica Espíritu Santo. El Domingo de Compromiso, 15 de noviembre, invitamos a todos a unirse y participar para asegurar el futuro de nuestra parroquia. Les pedimos que revisen este folleto y consideren con espíritu de oración cómo usted y su familia pueden ayudar a la parroquia al apoyar financieramente nuestros ministerios, promover nuestra misión y reforzar nuestro futuro.

Pedimos que todas las familias completen una Tarjeta de Compromiso. Se incluyó una tarjeta en el envío del folleto para que usted:

- Envíe por correo a la iglesia utilizando el sobre con la dirección previa que se incluye en este envío.
- O traiga su tarjeta a misa el próximo domingo.
- O puede visitar el sitio web de nuestra parroquia en www.hscatholicchurchkinston.com y completar la Tarjeta de Compromiso electrónica.

El reverso de la Tarjeta de Compromiso tiene un lugar para que usted incluya cualquier intención de oración que desee compartir.



Tue. Dec. 15 Open Mass Intention
 Wed. Dec. 16 †Irma Medina
 Req. by Patricia Irineo
 Thurs. Dec. 17 Open Mass Intention
 Fri. Dec. 18 Open Mass Intention
 Sat. Dec. 19 Open Mass Intention
 Sun. Dec. 20 Open Mass Intention
 Holy Spirit Parishioners
 Open Mass Intention

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24th: 4:00 pm Mass (English)
 5:30 pm Mass (Spanish)
 7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)
Friday, December 25th: 10:00 am Mass (English)

Horario de las Misas de Navidad

Jueves 24 de diciembre: 4:00 pm Misa (Inglés)
 5:30 pm Misa (Español)
 7:00 pm Misa (Español)
Viernes 25 de diciembre: 10:00 am Misa (Inglés)

Online Giving

Holy Spirit now offers the option to give your tithing online! This additional tool is a safe and easy way to set up reliable payments for your donations to the church. You can set up your contributions online on our website with a credit or debit card or with your chosen bank account. This contribution is changeable at any time and can be set as a one time commitment or as regularly scheduled donations. We appreciate your contributions for the continuation of our church!

Donaciones en Línea

¡Holy Spirit ahora ofrece la opción de dar su diezmo en línea! Esta herramienta adicional es una manera fácil y segura de establecer pagos confiables para sus donaciones a la iglesia. Puede configurar sus contribuciones en línea en nuestro sitio web con una tarjeta de crédito o débito o con la cuenta bancaria que elija. Esta contribución se puede cambiar en cualquier momento y se puede establecer como un compromiso único o como donaciones programadas regularmente. ¡Agradecemos sus contribuciones para la continuación de nuestra iglesia!

About Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Condolences

We express our condolences to Ray and Yvonne Bouzigard on the death of their son, Father Michael Bouzigard, who died on December 1st in Texas. May Michael's soul rest in peace.

Condolences

We express our condolences to Marilú Baltazar on the death of her mother, Gudelia Mederos-Ascensio (66), who died on August 22nd in Florida. May Gudelia's soul rest in peace.

Condolences

We express our condolences to Debra Steward on the death of her sister, Sharon Sander-Beck, who died on November 17th in Pennsylvania. May Sharon's soul rest in peace.



We kindly ask that you pray for the following parishioners and loved ones: Lee Alphin, Mila Q. Arionday, Joseph Bennet, Betty Billings, Julie Blue,

Judyth Boyette, Michael Cannon, Kathy and Monroe Clevenger, Brenda Edwards, Patrick Gallagher, Trey Hamlin, Fabian & Joyce Hayden, Beth Stalnaker Hill, Maria Hill, Johnny Hinson, Baylor Jackson, John Jones, Bonnie and Andrew Kasper, Beth Kirby, Sonia Koonce, Maria Linder, Charles Thomas McDonald, Caroline McMahon, Ivory Meadows, Robert Melton, Fredrick Miller, Basil Moots, Benita Parker, Ariana N. Parkman, Jackie Pitt, Genie Register, Herb Register, Gina Riggs, Anne & Anthony Ruggiero, Phil Ryals, Msgr. Jerry Sherba, Laydon Stanley, Lillian Stogner, John & Julie Stowawy, Karen Stubbs, Joy Taylor, Darlene Vaughn, Henry Ward, and Justin Wharton.