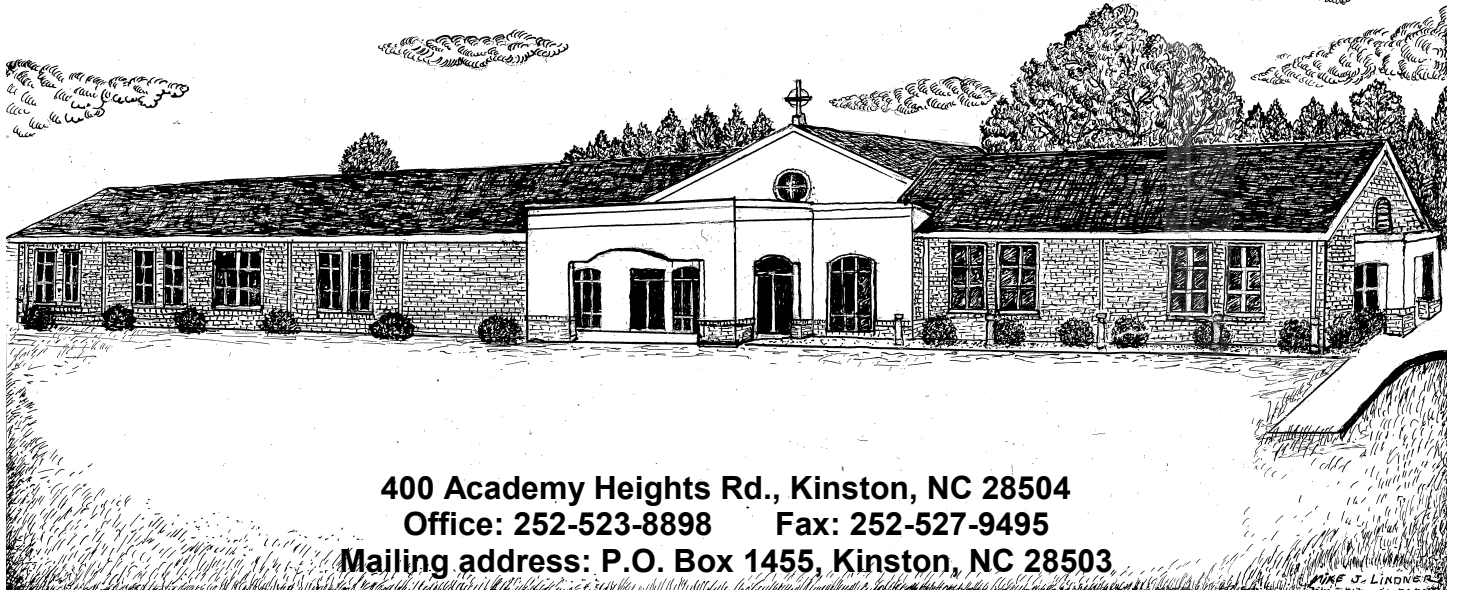


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Mass Schedule (During Pandemic Times)

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

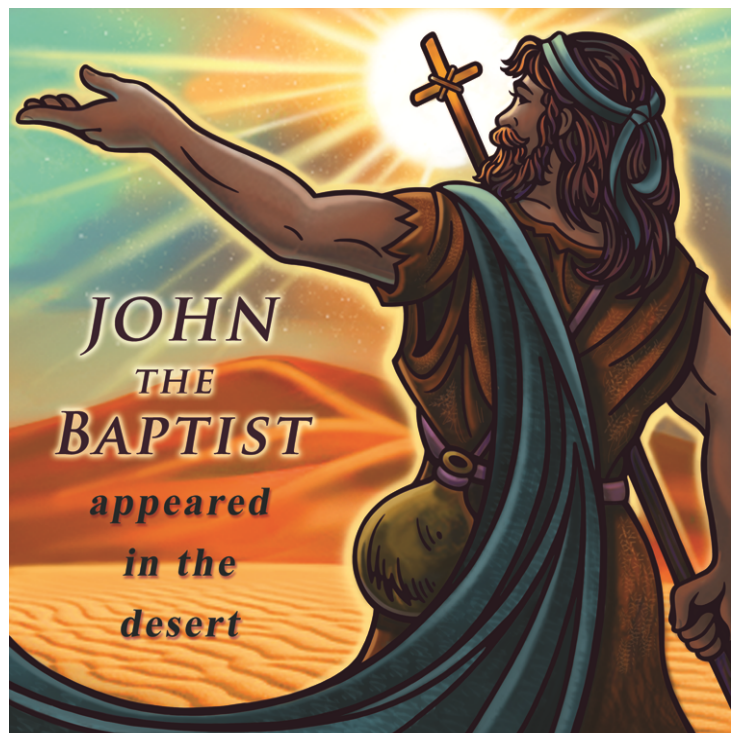
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6TH 2020

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE
ADVIENTO
6 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2020



JUAN EL BAUTISTA APARECIÓ EN
EL DESIERTO

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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*Like a shepherd
he feeds his flock*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a very important feast in the liturgical calendar.

The fact that the Virgin Mary was not touched by original sin at the time she was conceived in her mother's womb is of great importance in the Christian religion. The womb where the Son of God would go to take flesh had to be pure, immaculate. That soul of that woman who would be the mother of the Son of God had to be free of sin in order not to transmit any of that to that divine creature.

The Immaculate Conception is the patroness of both the United States and the Diocese of Raleigh.

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

HUMAN RIGHTS

Necessity is the plea for every infringement on human rights. It is the argument of tyrants.

—William Pitt the Younger

“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 22th, 2020
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)**

1st collection November 24th, 2019:.....	\$1,837.00
1st collection November 22nd, 2020:.....	\$1,287.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$35,067.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$22,819.00
Human Development Nov. 2019.....	\$675.00
Human Development Nov. 2020.....	\$157.00

*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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

As of Tuesday Dec. 1st/A la fecha del 1 de Dec.:

Parish goal/Meta:	\$13,385
Amount pledged/Cantidad Prometida:	\$ 12,731
Percentage of goal/Porcentaje de meta:	95%
Participation/Participación:	66 families



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Saints of the Week

Monday, 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Patronal Feast Day of the USA; chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve; because of her obedience, God's salvation is made known to all the nations; originating in the 7th century feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne," Pope Clement XI, in his Bull, *Commissi Nobis*, established this Solemnity for the entire Church in 1708; patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Wednesday, Dec. 9th: Juan Diego; died 1548 at age 74. Baptized at about age 50, this Mexican Indian was walking to Mass on December 9, 1531, when Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City. Speaking in his native language of Náhuatl, she asked him to petition the bishop for a shrine to be built there. But the bishop asked for a sign. On December 12, Juan returned to Tepeyac; Mary told him to pick flowers blooming atop the hill and put them in his cloak to take to the bishop. When Juan opened the cloak, the flowers fell out and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe adorned his garment. This miraculous image is preserved in the famous basilica in Mexico City. Juan lived out his days as a hermit near the first chapel built there; he was canonized in 2002.

Friday, Dec. 11th: Saint Damasus I, Pope; died 384 at age 79; preserved papal archives; devoted to the relics and resting places of the martyrs; combated the anti-pope Ursinus, as well as Arian and Donatist heresies; first pope to speak of Rome as the "Apostolic See"; encouraged St. Jerome to produce a new translation of the Latin Bible, later to form the main part of the Vulgate.

Saturday, Dec. 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe; today's feast recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac from 9-12 December 1531 to the native convert, St. Juan Diego (9 Dec); known to the Aztecs as *Tecoatlaxope* (or *de Guadalupe* in Spanish), meaning "she will crush the serpent of stone"; declared Patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII and raised to the rank of a Feast for all the countries of the Americas by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, 25 March 1999.

African American History & Heritage

Dec. 10th: President Barack Obama received Nobel Peace Prize - 2009

6 de diciembre de 2020 Segundo Domingo de Adviento

LA TARDANZA DE DIOS

En tiempos de grandes dificultades los burlones se mofan diciendo: “¿Dónde está Dios? ¿Por qué no viene tu Dios a salvarte ahora?”.

Y nosotros, gente de fe, respondemos casi igual como lo hizo Pedro en la segunda lectura de hoy: la “tardanza” de la segunda venida del Señor no es ningún tipo de castigo ni un fallo en la promesa divina, sino un signo de amor de la paciencia de Dios. Dios está dando a todo el mundo la oportunidad de buscar el arrepentimiento.

Dios no hace la vida más difícil. Más bien, una vez más disminuye la carga para los judíos exiliados que regresan a su país después del cautiverio en Babilonia. Fue Dios quien personalmente los guió, preparándoles una “calzada recta” para ellos a través del desierto.

Nos unimos a nuestros antepasados en la fe, que esperaban poder ver al Escogido de Dios delante de ellos y que finalmente se dieron cuenta de que el Señor también caminaba a su lado.

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*Como el pastor
él alimenta a su rebaño*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).

Salmo — Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura — El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

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.

Notas del Párroco

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Estimados Feligreses,

Este martes celebramos la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la santísima Virgen María. Es una fiesta muy importante en el calendario litúrgico.

El hecho de que la Virgen María no fuera tocada por el pecado original al momento en que ella fue concebida en el vientre de su madre es de gran importancia en la religión cristiana. El vientre donde el Hijo de Dios iría a tomar carne tenía que ser puro, inmaculado. Esa alma de esa mujer que sería la madre del Hijo de Dios tenía que estar libre de pecado a fin de no transmitirle nada de eso a esa criatura divina.

La Inmaculada Concepción es la patrona tanto de los Estados Unidos como de la Diócesis de Raleigh.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

DERECHOS HUMANOS

La necesidad es el motivo de toda vulneración de los derechos humanos. Es el argumento de los tiranos.

—William Pitt el Joven

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.

Mass Intentions for the week



Tue. Dec. 8	Open Mass Intention
Wed. Dec. 9	Open Mass Intention
Thurs. Dec. 10	Open Mass Intention
Fri. Dec. 11	Open Mass Intention
Sat. Dec. 12	†Charley McDonald Req. by Suzy McDonald
Sun. Dec. 13	†Denise H. Kurzman Req. by Family Holy Spirit Parishioners Open Mass Intention

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

Religious Articles for Sale

The Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent will be visiting Holy Spirit on Friday, December 11th 2020 at 6:00 pm. They will be selling handmade religious articles to help sick children in boarding homes and those who suffer from alcohol and drug addiction in the Belarus region where their congregation resides. Keep in mind that the atrium will be in use for Faith Formation Class at the time; the sisters will be in the main sanctuary.

Artículos Religiosos a la Venta

Las Hermanas del Convento de Santa Isabel visitarán la parroquia el viernes 11 de diciembre de 2020 a las 6:00 pm. Venderán artículos religiosos hechos a mano para ayudar a los niños enfermos en pensiones y a los que sufren de adicción al alcohol y las drogas en la región de Bielorrusia, donde reside su congregación. Tenga en cuenta que el atrio estará en uso para la clase de formación de fe en ese momento; las hermanas estarán en el santuario principal.

Wedding

We express our congratulations to Brandan Artemio Acevedo-Cervantes and Maria Dulce Aguilar-Rubio, who were married at Holy Spirit on Saturday, November 21st.

Boda

Expresamos nuestras felicitaciones a Brandan Artemio Acevedo-Cervantes y Maria Dulce Aguilar-Rubio, quienes se casaron en la Iglesia el sábado 21 de noviembre.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, Dec. 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 12:00 pm (English) and 6:30 pm (English & Spanish). Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend Mass.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción

Martes 8 de diciembre es un día de Obligación. La Misa será a las 12:00 pm (Inglés) y 6:30 pm (Inglés y Español). Por favor de marcar su calendario y hacer planes para asistir a Misa.

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!



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.