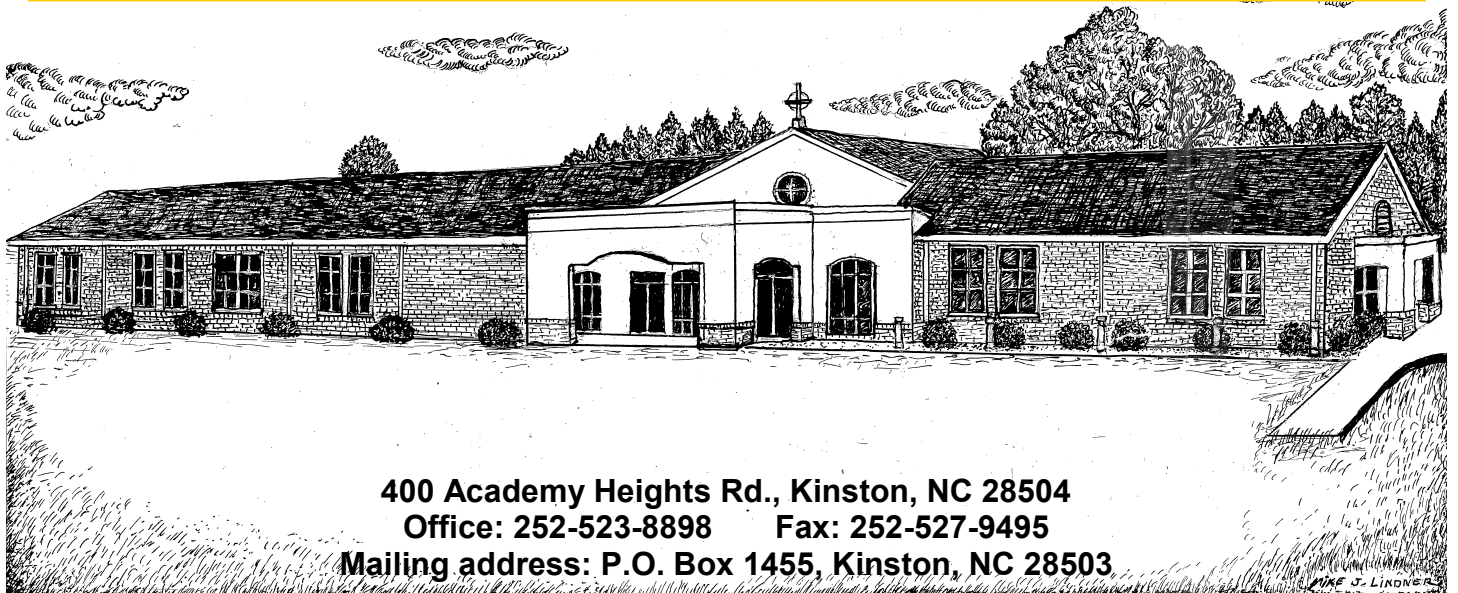


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Mass Schedule

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8TH 2019

8 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2019
SEGUNDO DOMINGO
DE ADVIENTO

*The Kingdom of Heaven
is at hand*



EL REINO DE LOS CIELOS ESTÁ
CERCA

December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD

(Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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,

Per the directives of the Committee on Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic

Bishops, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this year is not a holy day of obligation. This solemnity is transferred this year to Monday, December 9th. The Second Sunday of Advent this year falls on December 8th and it is observed on that day.

I will celebrate Mass (English) on Monday December 9th at 12:00 pm in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. As stated, Mass attendance is not obliged this year.

Sincerely, Fr. Arturo



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JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, English Quaker

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tieltacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.

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Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

**For the Weekend of November 24th, 2019
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)**

1st collection Nov. 25th, 2018:.....	\$1,150.00
1st collection Nov. 24th, 2019:.....	\$1,837.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$37,053.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$35,067.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year.....	\$74,142.00
Accum. Operation income* current year.....	\$72,811.00
Human Development November 2018.....	\$511.00
Human Development November 2019.....	\$675.00

*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 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.

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.

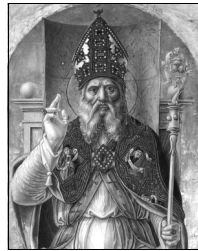
Saints of the Week

Monday, Dec. 9th: 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. 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.



Friday, Dec. 13th: Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr; died probably in Sicily in 304 under Diocletian; because of her name, she is the patroness of those afflicted with diseases of the eye and associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia; patroness of Syracuse and all Sicily.



Saturday, 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.



African American History & Heritage

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

Dec. 12th: Joseph H. Rainey, 1st African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives - 1870



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8 de diciembre de 2019 Segundo Domingo de Adviento

LARGA ESPERA

A medida que transcurren los domingos de Adviento el foco de las lecturas cambia de la venida final del Señor a su histórico nacimiento. Las lecturas de hoy mezclan ambos. Isaías, desilusionado de los reyes de sus tiempos, imagina al rey ideal que gobernará con la aprobación de Dios y será guiado por la divina sabiduría. Por siglos el pueblo judío anticipó la llegada de ese Mesías, quien inauguraría una era de gracia cuando todo el mundo finalmente viviría en justicia y paz.

Luego de siglos de creciente expectativa, la predicación de Juan Bautista sobre la inminente llegada del Mesías no hizo más que provocar un intenso interés. El mensaje del Bautista sobre “el que viene” (Mateo 3:11) deja claro que Jesús, de hecho, es aquel esperado por largo tiempo que inaugura la nueva era predicha por Isaías y todos los profetas.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo — Que en sus días florezca la justicia y la paz abunde eternamente (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista predica, “Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca” (Mateo 3:1-12).

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,

Según las directivas del Comité de Culto Divino de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de este año no es un día sagrado de obligación. Esta solemnidad se transfiere este año al lunes 9 de diciembre. El segundo domingo de Adviento este año cae el 8 de diciembre y se observa ese día.

Celebraré la misa (inglés) el lunes 9 de diciembre a las 12:00 pm en observancia de la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. Como se dijo, la asistencia a misa no obliga este año.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo



JUSTICIA Y OBEDIENCIA

La justicia es el seguro que tenemos para nuestra vida, y la obediencia es la prima que pagamos por él.

—William Penn, cuáquero inglés

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 9 de diciembre conmemoramos a san Juan Diego de México. Hace un par de años este indígena mesoamericano fue canonizado por su misión en las apariciones Guadalupanas. Hubo controversia alrededor de su canonización porque había quienes insistían que Juan Diego nunca existió. Después de investigar, el Vaticano decidió que no sólo existió, sino que fue y es santo, digno de ser modelo e intercesor.

Las investigaciones encontraron que el nombre indígena de Juan Diego era Cuatitlatoatzin, es decir “Águila que habla”. Tal vez por este nombre tan significativo fue que los franciscanos lo bautizaron Juan Diego. El nombre Juan recuerda al apóstol, quien escribió el evangelio más místico y cuyo símbolo es el águila. Diego viene del apóstol Santiago o san Diego quien evangelizó a los españoles durante el siglo I. De cualquier manera, Juan Diego Cuatitlatoatzin se convirtió en el “Águila que habla” y anuncia el evangelio místico según Guadalupe, es “Águila que habla” de amor, paz, consuelo y desafío en una tierra conquistada, oprimida y llena de promesa.

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

Mass Intentions for the week



Mon. Dec. 9	12:00 pm	Open Mass Intention
Tue. Dec. 10	12:00 pm	Open Mass Intention
Wed. Dec. 11	6:30 pm	†Rebecca Martínez Req. by Bill Greiwe
Thurs. Dec. 12	7:00 pm	Open Mass Intention
Fri. Dec. 13	8:30 am	†Gisele Owens Req. by Ron Owens
Sat. Dec. 14	4:00 pm	Open Mass Intention
Sun. Dec. 15	10:00 am	Holy Spirit Parishioners

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

Parish Council Meeting

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

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.



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Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th: 4:00 pm Mass (English)
7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)
Wednesday, December 25th: 10:00 am Mass (English)

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)

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.

Christmas Flowers

Donations for Christmas flowers are now accepted. Parishioners who receive offertory envelopes should have received an envelope for this purpose dated December 15th, 2019. 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 15 de diciembre de 2019. 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.



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, Henry Ward, and Justin Wharton.