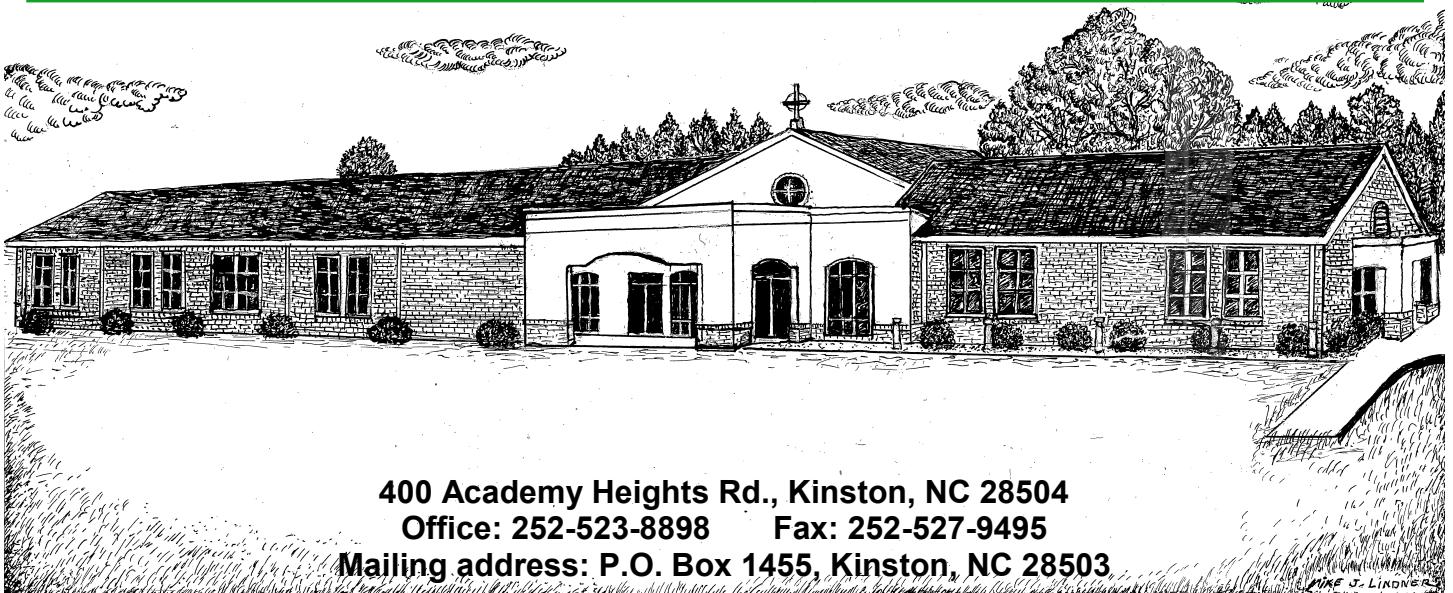


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Mass Schedule

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

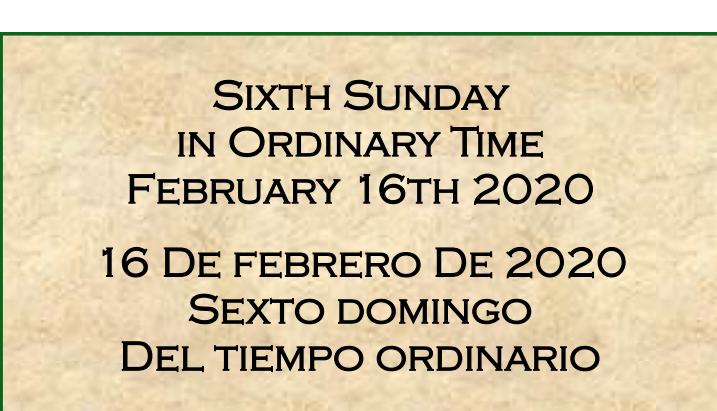
Saturday from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Wednesday & Thursday

from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

HE VENIDO A DAR PLENITUD
A LA LEY



February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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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 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

Pope's Monthly Intention

February 2020: Listen to the Migrants' Cries

For our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, that their cries may be heard and considered.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Some of the children in Faith Formation will be receiving sacraments in the very near future.

Fifteen teenagers will be celebrating their Confirmation on March 24th (at Saint Mary's in Goldsboro). Some other children will be having their Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) on Holy Saturday (April 11th). Finally, close to 30 children will celebrate their First Communion on May 2nd.

These dates are special moments for these children and their families. I encourage these children to grow in expectation and be generous of their time for the due preparation. I would like to ask all parishioners to offer some prayers for these children.

Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance challenges us to examine our hearts inwardly and then express outwardly the ways we have failed to love God and neighbor—through both personal sin and social sin.

Examining our consciences teaches us how to "look squarely at our life" to see how well we are living the Gospel (Pope Benedict XVI). Only in recognizing our failings can our hearts be converted to God so that we can receive his forgiveness and allow his grace to heal us and our relationships.

BAD COMPANY

People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.

—Anonymous

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Mass (English) with imposition of ashes will be on February 26th at 12:00 pm. Imposition of ashes alone (no Mass) at 6:30 pm (service both in English and Spanish).

Norms for Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 26th, and Good Friday, April 10th, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of February 2nd, 2020
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection Feb. 3rd, 2019:	\$1,558.00
1st collection Feb. 2nd, 2020:	\$1,977.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$58,854.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$57,132.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year.....	\$109,013.00
Accum. Operation income* current year.....	\$111,201.00
Maintenance Donation February 2019.....	\$1,459.00
Maintenance Donation February 2020.....	\$2,038.00

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

Next Weekend Second Collection

Name: For the Church in Eastern Europe

Purpose: Help with evangelization programs and the formation seminarians and lay leaders.

Type: National level (all funds are sent to the Conference of Bishops for distribution; small donations 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: Para la Iglesia en Europa Oriental

Propósito: Ayudar con programas de evangelización y la formación de seminaristas y laicos.

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

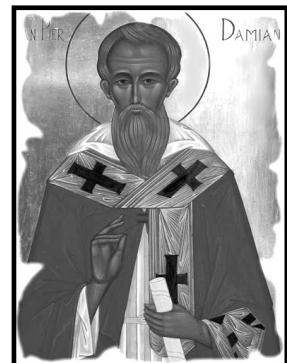
Feb. 20th: Writer Wallace Thurman's play Harlem opens in New York City. It is the first successful play by an African American playwright.- 1929



Saints of the Week

Monday, Feb. 17th: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; the Order of the Friar Servants of Mary or Servites founded by seven Florentine cloth merchants in 1233, today number about 855 religious; they popularized devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Friday, Feb. 21st: Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 1072 at age 65; indefatigable defender of the Gregorian reform; monk, later Cardinal bishop of Ostia; promoter of religious life.



Bishop Annual Appeal (BAA)

Our Bishop asks us to participate in the mission of the Church here at the diocesan level. The BAA funds many educational and pastoral programs throughout the diocese. Pledges must be brought to the parish this year and filled out in black ink (not pencil). Your prayers are welcome for the success of the appeal as well as for the spiritual works the appeal supports.

Campaña Anual del Obispo

Nuestro obispo nos pide que participemos en la misión de la Iglesia aquí a nivel diocesano. La campaña financia muchos programas educativos y pastorales en toda la diócesis. Las promesas deben llevarse a la parroquia este año y completarse con tinta negra (no con lápiz). Sus oraciones son bienvenidas por el éxito de la campaña, así como por las obras espirituales que esta apoya.

Parish Directories

Directories will be delivered sometime in March. Families who were photographed will receive a copy. Families which were not photographed and would like to have a copy need to contact the office and place an order. As these copies will not be given by the company for free, we recommend a donation of \$10.00 per copy.

Directorios Parroquiales

Los directorios se entregarán en algún momento de marzo. Las familias que fueron fotografiadas recibirán una copia. Las familias que no fueron fotografiadas y desean tener una copia deben comunicarse con la oficina y hacer un pedido. Como estas copias no serán entregadas por la compañía de forma gratuita, recomendamos una donación de \$10.00 por copia.

16 de febrero de 2020

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

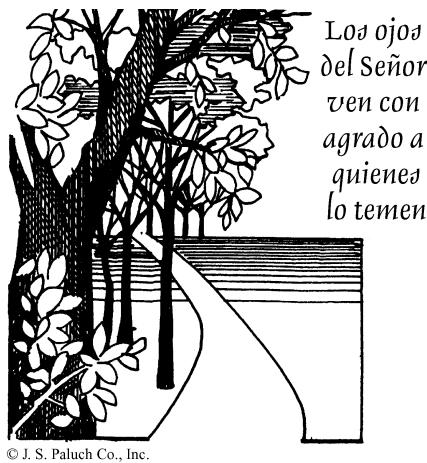
TÚ DECIDES

“Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos”, nos dice Eclesiástico (Sirácide). Dios “ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras” (Eccl 15:15, 16). Este es un gran misterio: Dios no nos controla tan completamente que no podemos elegir nuestro propio camino. Es cierto que tenemos límites, pero nadie sino nosotros mismos podemos elegir el camino dentro de esos límites.

En la lectura de hoy del Evangelio según san Mateo, Jesús nos recuerda que somos libres y responsables de nuestra vida. Nos llama a ir más allá de las palabras de los mandamientos para considerar su significado. Si vas más allá del adulterio verás el egoísmo que envenena nuestro amor. Si vas más allá del asesinato verás la ira que corre a nuestra compasión. Si vas más allá del falso testimonio (perjurio) verás las mentiras y engaños que producen este comportamiento.

Nuestra vocación es elegir la vida para nosotros mismos, y tomar un camino a través de nuestro mundo que haga la vida posible y más abundante para otros también.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios nos permite tomar decisiones, pero no debemos optar por la injusticia o el pecado (Sirácide 15:16-21).

Salmo — Dichosos los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor (Salmo 119 [118]).

Segunda lectura — La sabiduría de Dios es misteriosa y escondida (1 Corintios 2:6-10).

Evangelio — Jesús no ha venido a abolir la ley ni los profetas, sino a darles plenitud (Mateo 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

La Intención Mensual del Papa

Febrero 2020: Escuchar los gritos de los migrantes

Por nuestros hermanos migrantes, víctimas de tráfico criminal, para que sus gritos puedan ser escuchados y considerados.

Notas del Párroco

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Apreciados Parroquianos,
Algunos de los niños en la Formación de Fe recibirán sacramentos en un futuro muy cercano. Quince adolescentes celebrarán su Confirmación el 24 de marzo (en la iglesia de Santa María en Goldsboro). Algunos otros niños tendrán su iniciación cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión) el Sábado Santo (11 de abril). Finalmente, cerca de 30 niños celebrarán su Primera Comunión el 2 de mayo.

Estas fechas son momentos especiales para estos niños y sus familias. Animo a estos niños a crecer en expectativa y ser generosos con su tiempo para la preparación adecuada. Me gustaría pedir a todos los feligreses que ofrezcan algunas oraciones por estos niños.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

El Sacramento de la Penitencia

El sacramento de la Penitencia nos desafía a examinar nuestros corazones interiormente y luego expresar exteriormente las maneras en que hemos fallado en amar a Dios y al prójimo, a través del pecado personal y de pecado social.

Examinar nuestras conciencias nos enseña cómo “mirar con sinceridad la propia existencia” para ver cuán bien estamos viviendo el Evangelio (papa Benedicto XVI). Sólo al reconocer nuestras fallas pueden nuestros corazones convertirse a Dios para que podamos recibir su perdón y permitir que su gracia nos cure a nosotros y a nuestras relaciones.

Horario del Miércoles de Ceniza

La misa (inglés) con imposición de cenizas será el 26 de febrero a las 12:00 p.m. Imposición de cenizas solo (sin misa) a las 6:30 pm (servicio en inglés y español).

Normas para el Ayuno y la Abstinencia

El miércoles de ceniza, 26 de febrero, y el viernes santo, 10 de abril, son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los viernes de Cuaresma también son días de abstinencia. El ayuno debe ser observado por todos los mayores de 18 años, que aún no han celebrado su 59 cumpleaños. En un día rápido se permite una comida completa. Se pueden tomar otras dos comidas, suficientes para mantener la fuerza, de acuerdo con las necesidades de cada uno, pero juntas no deberían equivaler a otra comida completa. No se permite comer entre comidas, pero se permiten líquidos, como leche y jugos. La abstinencia se observa en todos los 14 años de edad y mayores. En los días de abstinencia, no se permite carne. Tenga en cuenta que cuando la salud o la capacidad de trabajar se verían seriamente afectadas, la ley de la Iglesia no obliga. En caso de duda sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia, se debe consultar al párroco.



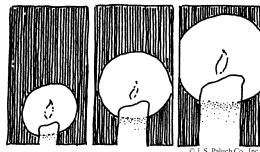
Tue. Feb. 18	12:00 pm	No Mass*
Wed. Feb. 19	6:30 pm	Rosary and Adoration
Thurs. Feb. 20	6:30 pm	†Cristino SanJuan Fuentes Req. by Francisco SanJuan and Elianett Rocha-Peralta
Fri. Feb. 21	8:30 am	Open Mass Intention
Sat. Feb. 22	4:00 pm	†Charles Kellum Req. by Sandra Daughety
Sun. Feb. 23	9:00 am	†Paul Keesee Req. by George Keesee 11:30am Holy Spirit Parishioners

* Denotes an intention for the deceased

*Fr. Arturo will be attending a deanery meeting

Circle of Renewed Life

The Circle of Renewed Life will meet on Thursday, February 20th in the old conference room at 2:00 PM. Dr. Heath Fallin (pain management specialist) will be our speaker. Hostesses are Anne Waller and Mary Alice Hargitt. All ladies of the parish are invited.



The Road to Redemption A Lenten Faith Group

Presenter: Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ (DVD Presentation)

Facilitator: Maria Jones

Participants: All Adult Parishioners

Begins: February 26th (Ash Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

An evening class will be added if needed for parishioners who cannot attend during the day.

Are our hearts ready to accept the passion of our Lord so that we may share in his glorious Resurrection? The six weeks leading up to Easter mark our own 40 days in the desert with Jesus. Join us this Lent as we take 6 weeks to prepare ourselves for Easter! This study concentrates on the Sunday lectionary readings and incorporates the ancient method of *Lectio Divina* (praying the scriptures). To prepare, each participant reads the Sunday readings along with the "Points to Ponder" commentary, answers the Study Questions & Questions for Reflection and "prays the scriptures."

To register email Maria Jones at
hsckinstonfaithformation@gmail.com If you cannot make a morning class and would like to attend an evening class, please let her know in your email.

Vigil Mass Time Change

The Vigil Mass on Saturdays will resume its regular Daylight Saving Time schedule (5:00 pm) on Saturday March 14th.

Cambio de Hora de la Misa de Vigilia

La misa de vigilia los sábados reanudará su horario regular de horario de verano (5:00 pm) el sábado 14 de marzo.

Olive Wood Carved Religious Items From The Holy Land

Olive wood carving in the Holy Land is an ancient tradition, handed down from generation to generation since the 12th century. It is the only source of income for a good number of families who live there. Sales of these items have been drastically decreased in recent years due to troubles in the Middle East. Families struggle to support their children and remain in the Holy Land. Little Bethlehem Christians group helps these families by making their crafts available to customers in the United States. Little Bethlehem will be visiting Holy Spirit parish the weekend of **February 29th and March 1st** to display the olive wood carved religious items. Get your items for personal use and for gifts.

Artículos Religiosos Tallados en Madera de Olivo de la Tierra Santa

La talla de madera de olivo en Tierra Santa es una antigua tradición, transmitida de generación en generación desde el siglo 12. Es la única fuente de ingresos para un buen número de familias que viven allí. Venta de estos los artículos han disminuido drásticamente en los últimos años debido a los problemas en el Medio Oriente. Las familias luchan por apoyar a sus hijos y permanecer en Tierra Santa. El pequeño grupo de cristianos de Belén ayuda a estas familias a poner sus manualidades a disposición de los clientes en los Estados Unidos. El pequeño Belén visitará el Espíritu Santo. Parroquia el fin de semana del **29 de Febrero y 1 de Marzo** para mostrar los artículos religiosos tallados en madera de olivo. Obtenga sus artículos para uso personal y para regalos.



We kindly ask that you pray for the following parishioners and loved ones: Lee Alphin, Manny Arcino, Mila Q. Arionday, Joseph Bennet, Betty Billings, Julie Blue, Judyth Boyette, David Cabra, Michael Cannon, Kathy and Monroe Clevenger, Brenda Edwards, Toni Frankfort, Patrick Gallagher, Trey Hamlin, Debra Hardison, Fabian & Joyce Hayden, Beth Stalnaker Hill, Maria Hill, Johnny Hinson, Baylor Jackson, John Jones, Bonnie Kasper, Maria Linder, Charles Thomas McDonald, Caroline McMahon, Ivory Meadows, Robert Melton, 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 Stowaway, Karen Stubbs, Darlene Vaughn, Henry Ward, and Justin Wharton.