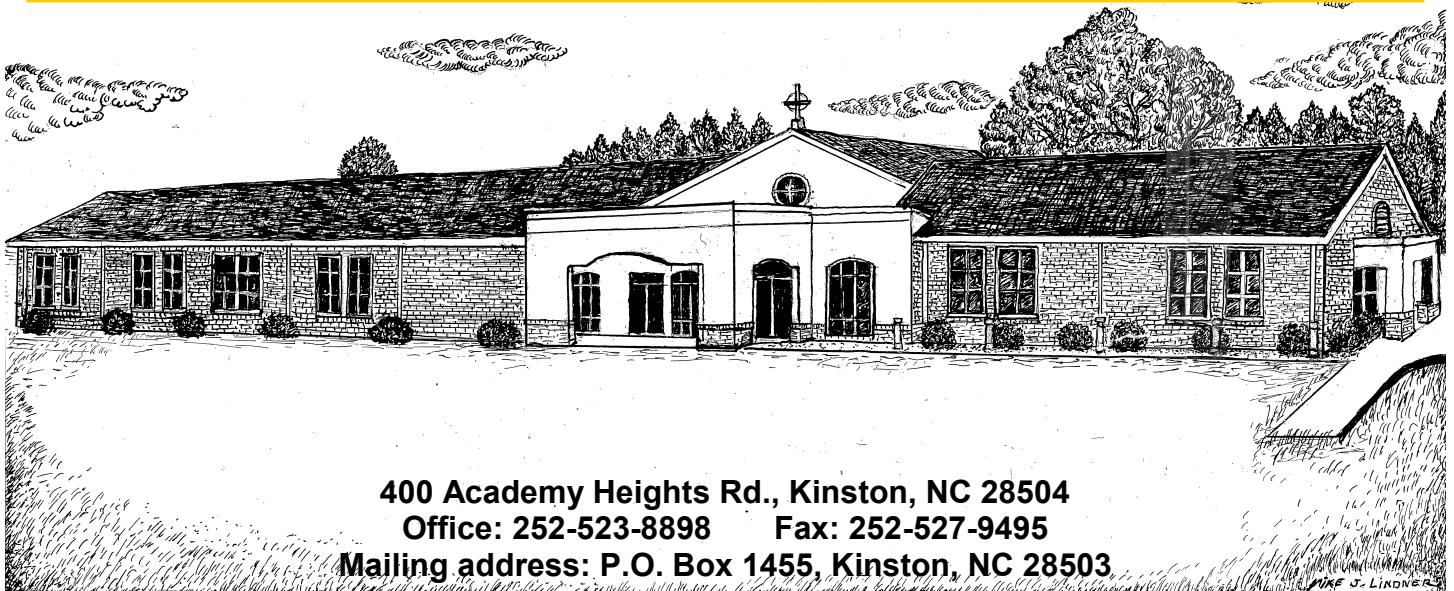


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Mass Schedule (During Pandemic Times)

Weekdays: Mass times announced via text alert system

Weekend:

Saturday	5:00 PM	English
Sunday	9:00 AM	English
Sunday	10:15 AM	Spanish
Sunday	11:30 AM	Spanish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

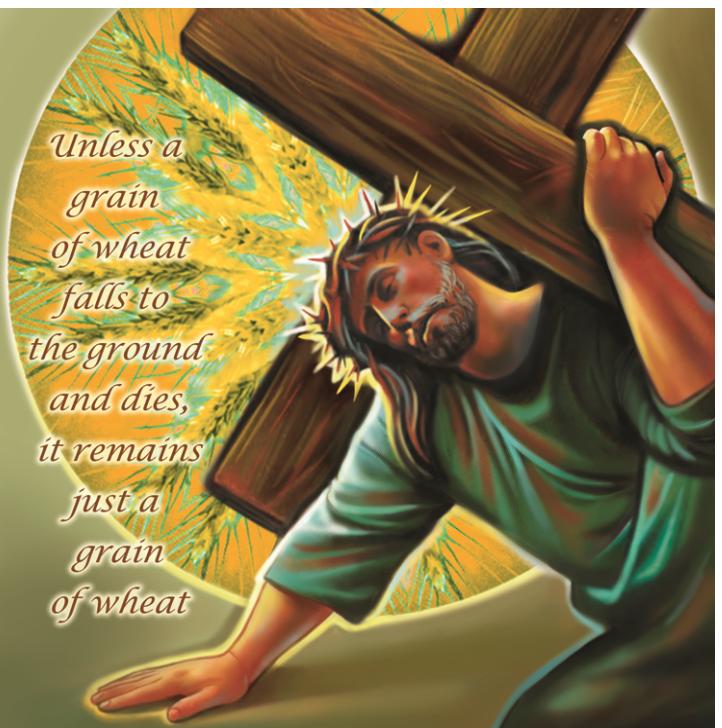
Saturday from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 21ST 2021

QUINTO DOMINGO
DE CUARESMA
21 DE MARZO DE 2021



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March 21, 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

Pope's Monthly Intention

March 2021: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

He Made His Dwelling Among Us

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man." God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life." The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory." Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God." By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel." Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.

—Anonymous

Fasting in Christian Tradition

Following the biblical tradition, the early Church developed customs of fasting as a way to intensify prayer and practice self-denial. By the late second century, there was a tradition of fasting for forty hours from Good Friday afternoon through Easter morning to commemorate the Lord's passion. Lent later developed as a fast of forty days. The Fathers [of the early Church] held fasting in high esteem. In their view, the practice of fasting made the faithful ready for nourishment of another kind: the food of the Word of God (Matthew 4:4) and of fulfillment of the Father's will (John 4:34). Fasting is closely connected to prayer, it strengthens virtue, inspires mercy, implores divine assistance, and leads to conversion of heart.

Christian tradition has always closely linked fasting with charity to the poor. Saint Augustine wrote, "Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Give it two wings: fasting and almsgiving".

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of March 7th, 2021
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection March 8th, 2020:	\$2,480.00
1st collection March 7th, 2021:	\$1,797.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year:	\$65,512.00
Accum. 1st collection current year:	\$54,998.00
Building Maintenance March 2020:	\$2,293.00
Building Maintenance March 2021:	\$1,696.00

*Moneys non-restricted for regular parish functioning

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

As of Tuesday March 16th/A la fecha del 16 de Marzo:
Parish goal/Meta: \$13,385.00
Amount pledged/Cantidad Prometida: \$ 7,070.00
Percentage of goal/Porcentaje de meta: 53%
Participation/Participación: 37 families
Thank you /Muchas gracias

Next Weekend Second Collection

Name: Name: Rice Bowl

Purpose: To help food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education, and self-sufficiency in communities around the world.

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: Taza de Arroz

Propósito: Ayudar con proyectos de seguridad alimenticia que promueven agricultura, nutrición, educación y autosuficiencia en regiones de todo el mundo.

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 esta opción al momento en que circula la canasta.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 12:30 pm (bilingual service, one station in English followed by one station in Spanish).

Estaciones del Viacrucis

Cada viernes de cuaresma a las 12:30 pm (servicio bilingüe, una estación en inglés seguida por una estación en español).

Saints of the Week

Tuesday, March 23rd: Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop; died 1606 at age 67; from Salamanca; as a layman he was the chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada; as archbishop of Lima, he presided over the III Council of Lima (1583); established the first seminary in the New World; sought to alleviate poverty among the native population; contemporary of Rose of Lima (23 Aug.); Patron of Latin American bishops.

Friday, March 26th: Saint Basil the Younger; died 952 at age 110; As a young man, Basil began living as a hermit near Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey. Courtiers of the Byzantine emperor, alarmed at his appearance and fearful of his influence, had him arrested and questioned as a spy. Basil would say only that he was a pilgrim and stranger on earth, but he denounced their immoral lifestyles. According to his hagiography, he survived their cruel tortures and being thrown to a lion unharmed, and was saved from an official drowning by two dolphins. These miracles won him freedom. Thereafter, many of the faithful came to his hermitage for healing, prophecies and instruction.

African American History & Heritage

March 21st: Freedom March from Selma to Montgomery begins - 1965

March 22nd: Puerto Rico abolishes slavery - 1873

Communal Penance Services during this Lent

Because of the continued rise in cases of the Coronavirus and on the advice of the CDC against gathering in large numbers for the immediate future, Bishop Luis Zarama has advised against the celebration of communal penance services during this Lenten Season. Holy Spirit parishioners who would like to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to make an appointment with Father Arturo.

Servicios Comunitarios de Penitencia durante esta Cuaresma

Debido al aumento continuo de casos de coronavirus y al consejo del Centro de Control de Enfermedades (CDC por su sigla en inglés) de no reunirse en multitudes por el futuro inmediato, el Obispo Luis Rafael Zarama no aconseja la celebración de servicios comunitarios de penitencia durante esta Cuaresma. Los feligreses de la parroquia Espíritu Santo que deseen recibir el sacramento de la Reconciliación están invitados a hacer una cita con el Padre Arturo.

21 de Marzo de 2021

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

EL NUEVO PACTO

La primera lectura de hoy es un paso muy importante, en la historia del pueblo judío y también para nosotros como discípulos de Jesús que ven en ella un anuncio de la dispensación cristiana. El profeta anuncia que Dios ha escogido perdonar al pueblo, y que como un signo del perdón divino se establecerá una nueva alianza. Contrastando la nueva alianza con la que Dios hizo con Moisés en el Monte Sinaí, Jeremías dice que el nuevo pacto será inscrito en el corazón del pueblo y no en tablas de piedra. Ya no será la tradición de la comunidad la única portadora de la alianza; a partir de ahora, Dios hablará directa y personalmente a cada individuo, perdonando el pecado y pidiendo un retorno a Él en fidelidad. Ya no bastará el mero cumplimiento de los dictados externos de la ley; a partir de ahora, Dios pide una obediencia que brota de lo más profundo de nuestro corazón.

Precisamente ese tipo de obediencia se destaca en la segunda lectura de hoy, donde el autor de la Carta a los Hebreos describe a Jesús como el mediador del nuevo pacto, cuya obediencia ha hecho de él la fuente de salvación para todos los que, a su vez, le obedecen.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) o Ezequiel 37:12-14.

Salmo — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 (50)) o Salmo 130 (129).

Segunda lectura — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) o Romanos 8:8-11.

Evangelio — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33)

Intención Mensual del Papa

Marzo de 2021: Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Oremos para que podamos experimentar el sacramento de la reconciliación con renovada profundidad, a fin de saborear la infinita misericordia de Dios.

Y Vivió Entre Nosotros

La Anunciación celebra la visita del ángel Gabriel a la Virgen María para informarle que sería la madre de Jesús. En esta maravillosa fiesta, no solo recordamos el valiente “sí” de María a Dios, sino que también celebramos la Encarnación de Cristo, nuestro Salvador. Porque fue allí, en el vientre de una mujer, nueve meses antes de la celebración del pesebre, que “el Verbo se hizo carne, y vivió entre nosotros” (Juan 1,14).

La Iglesia nos enseña que “el Hijo de Dios con su encarnación se ha unido, en cierto modo, con todo hombre.” Dios deseaba vivir entre nosotros, como uno de nosotros, para traernos la salvación. En esta verdad “se revela a la humanidad no solo amor infinito de Dios... sino también el valor incomparable de cada persona humana.”

Cada uno de nosotros está hecho a imagen y semejanza de nuestro Creador para compartir la vida de Dios. Esta realidad “manifiesta la grandeza y valor de la vida humana”. La persona humana “es manifestación de Dios en el mundo, signo de su presencia, resplendor de su gloria”. creados por el amor del Padre, cada uno de nosotros lleva “una huella indeleble de Dios”. Al compartir nuestra humanidad, Cristo nos invita a compartir su divinidad para que podamos vivir con él por toda la eternidad.

Por lo tanto, “el Evangelio del amor de Dios al hombre, el Evangelio de la dignidad de la persona y el Evangelio de la vida son el único e indivisible Evangelio.” Por medio del descenso de Cristo a la tierra, Dios nos eleva a las alturas del cielo. Que podamos reconocer que proclamar el Evangelio de la vida es proclamar a Cristo, aquel que vivió entre nosotros.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

RIESGOS

Si confío demasiado, me arriesgo a equivocarme. Pero si no confío lo suficiente, me arriesgo a vivir atormentado por el sufrimiento.

—Anónimo

El Ayuno en la Tradición Cristiana

Siguiendo la tradición bíblica, la Iglesia primitiva desarrolló costumbres de ayuno como una forma de intensificar la oración y practicar la abnegación. A fines del siglo II, había una tradición de ayunar durante cuarenta horas desde la tarde del Viernes Santo hasta la mañana de Pascua para conmemorar la pasión del Señor. La Cuaresma más tarde se desarrolló como un ayuno de cuarenta días. Los Padres [de la Iglesia primitiva] tenían en alta estima el ayuno. En su opinión, la práctica del ayuno preparó a los fieles para una alimentación de otro tipo: el alimento de la Palabra de Dios (Mateo 4: 4) y el cumplimiento de la voluntad del Padre (Juan 4:34). El ayuno está estrechamente relacionado con la oración, fortalece la virtud, inspira misericordia, implora la asistencia divina y conduce a la conversión del corazón. La tradición cristiana siempre ha vinculado estrechamente el ayuno con la caridad hacia los pobres. San Agustín escribió: “¿Deseas que tu oración vuele hacia Dios? Dale dos alas: ayuno y limosna ”.



Tue. March 23	Open Mass Intention
Wed. March 24	Open Mass Intention
Thurs. March 25	Open Mass Intention
Fri. March 26	†Larry Brown Req. by Jean Peterman
Sat. March 27	Open Mass Intention
Sun. March 28	Open Mass Intention Open Mass Intention Holy Spirit Parishioners

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

Easter Vigil Mass Time

The Mass on Holy Saturday, April 3rd, will be at 8:15 pm. Because there are 13 older children to be baptized, their families will have preference in attendance. Mass at 5:00 pm on Holy Saturday will not be celebrated.

Misa de la Vigilia Pascual

La Misa del Sábado Santo, 3 de abril, será a las 8:15 pm. Debido a que hay 13 niños mayores para ser bautizados, sus familias tendrán preferencia en la asistencia. No se celebrará Misa a las 5:00 pm el Sábado Santo.

Christ's Battle Against Satan

St. Lawrence of Brindisi comments, "Christ came into the world to do battle against Satan, to do away with idolatry, and to turn the world to faith and piety and the worship of the true God. He could have accomplished this by using the weapons of his might as he manifested himself in his transfiguration. Who would not then have believed in Christ? But in order that his victory might be the more glorious, he willed to fight Satan in our weak flesh. It is as if an unarmed man, right hand bound, were to fight with his left hand alone against a powerful army; if he emerged victorious, his victory would be regarded as all the more glorious. So Christ conquered Satan with the right hand of his divinity bound and using against him only the left hand of his weak humanity."

Easter Flowers

Parishioners may contribute to purchase the altar flowers for Easter. Donations may be made any Sunday.

Flores de Pascua

Los feligreses pueden contribuir a comprar las flores del altar para la Pascua. Las donaciones para las flores de Pascua se pueden hacer cualquier domingo.

Norms for Abstinence

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed (Chicken included). 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.

Normas para la Abstinencia

Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. La abstinencia se observa en todas las personas de 14 años de edad y mayores. En los días de abstinencia, no se permite carne (pollo incluido). 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.

Rice Bowl Campaign

This Lenten tradition consists on placing donations in a bowl that reminds us of the many people in the world that do not have sufficient food. Parishioners have the 40 days of Lent to fill the bowls. Our second collection on March 28th will be for this purpose. Those using bowls should disregard the envelope for that collection. Bowls are available in the atrium.

Campaña Taza de Arroz

Esta tradición cuaresmal consiste en poner donaciones en una taza que nos recuerda a la gente que no tiene alimentos suficientes. Los parroquianos tienen los 40 días de la cuaresma para llenar la taza. La segunda colecta el domingo 28 de marzo será para este propósito. Personas que usan las tazas no se deben ocupar del sobre para esa colecta. Las tazas están disponibles en el atrio.



Remember
the
Sick

We kindly ask that you pray for the following parishioners and loved ones: Lee Alphin, Mila Q. Arionday, Joseph Bennet, Betty Billings, Julie Blue, Judith Boyette, Michael Cannon, Harry Daniels, 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, Alan Ortiz, Benita Parker, Ariana N. Parkman, Jackie Pitt, Genie Register, Herb Register, Gina Riggs, Anne Ruggiero, Phil Ryals, Msgr. Jerry Sherba, Laydon Stanley, Lillian Stogner, John & Julie Stowawy, Karen Stubbs, Joy Taylor, Darlene Vaughn, Henry Ward, and Justin Wharton.