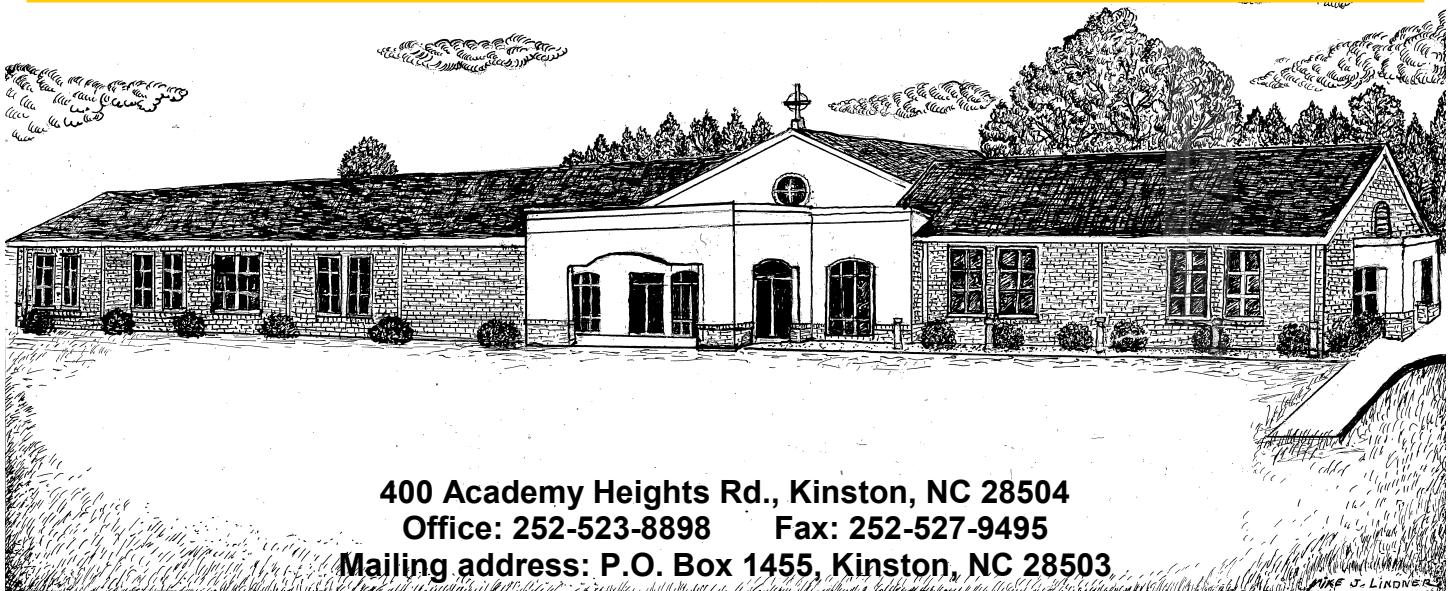


# Holy Spirit Catholic Church



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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**

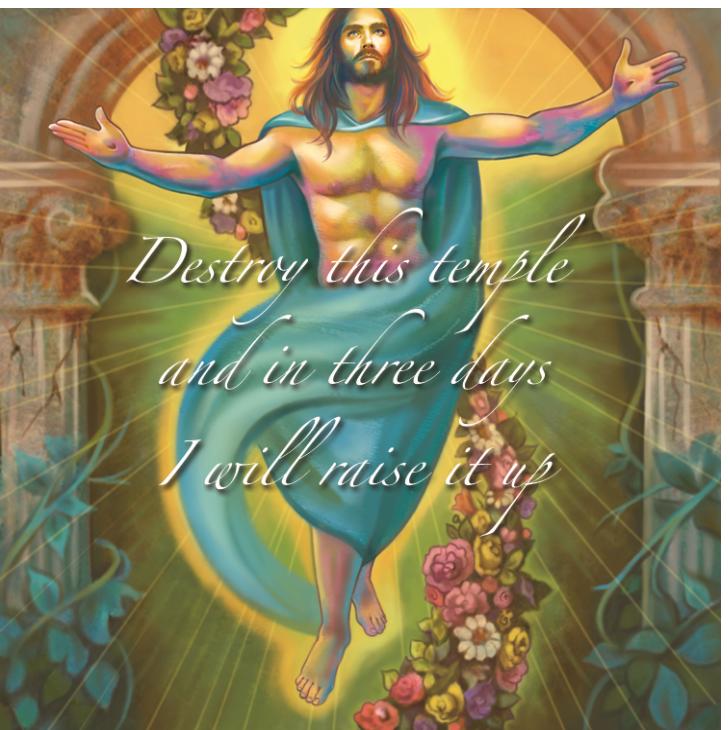
Saturday from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

DESTRUYAN ESTE TEMPLO Y EN  
TRES DÍAS LO RECONSTRUIRÉ

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 7TH 2021

TERCER DOMINGO  
DE CUARESMA  
7 DE MARZO DE 2021



## March 7, 2021

### The Third Sunday of Lent

#### TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25)

#### 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

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

The Solemnity of Saint Joseph is approaching (March 19). The Church has invited us to reflect on the role of this saint in the Special Year of Saint Joseph that runs until December 8.

It is very proper that we do the novena for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph this year. The United States Conference of Bishops has prepared a novena for this purpose for us to pray during the nine days prior to the Solemnity (March 10-March 18).

This novena can be found on the website of the Conference of Bishops, [www.usccb.org/resources/parishresources](http://www.usccb.org/resources/parishresources)

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

#### REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

—Samuel Johnson

## One Family in Christ

WHO PRAYS, SERVES & SHARES

IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides an opportunity for parishioners, as members of the larger faith community, to combine efforts and have a significant impact on those in need across Eastern North Carolina. The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports numerous ministries in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Raleigh.

How does my gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal help?

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our way of supporting the work of the Catholic Church throughout Eastern North Carolina.

- Builds our faith communities through ministry, education and training in each parish
- Provides our future Priests with their seminary education
- Serves thousands of people through Catholic Charities, whose focus is providing the corporal works of mercy to our neighbors in need
- Creates an environment for our children where they will learn fundamental life values and receive a quality education through our Faith Formation programs and Catholic School system

To make a gift, donate online at [GivetoBAA.org](http://GivetoBAA.org). Bishop's Annual Appeal commitment envelopes are also available in the church.

## Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of February 21st, 2021  
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection February 23rd, 2020:	\$1,563.00
1st collection February 21st, 2021:	\$1,602.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year:	\$62,584.00
Accum. 1st collection current year:	\$51,192.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year:	\$118,776.00
Accum. Operation income* current year:	\$103,230.00
Outreach Donation February 2020:	\$616.00
Outreach Donation February 2021:	\$462.00
Ash Wednesday 2020:	\$642.00
Ash Wednesday 2021:	\$250.00

\*Moneys non-restricted for regular parish functioning

## Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

As of Tuesday March 2nd/A la fecha del 2 de Marzo:  
Parish goal/Meta: \$13,385.00  
Amount pledged/Cantidad Prometida: \$ 4,080.00  
Percentage of goal/Porcentaje de meta: 28%  
Participation/Participación: 17 families  
Thank you /Muchas gracias

## Next Weekend Second Collection

**Name:** Catholic Relief Services

**Purpose:** To help victims of natural disasters, refugees, immigrants, the poor and marginalized.

**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:** Servicios Católicos de Alivio en Desastres

**Propósito:** Ayudar a las víctimas de desastres naturales, los refugiados, los inmigrantes, los pobres y los marginados.

**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 pasa la canasta.

## 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.

## 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

**Monday, March 8th:** Saint John of God, Religious; died 1550 in Granada at age 55; shepherd, soldier, and entrepreneur before his conversion at age forty-two; laid foundation (1537) for the Order of Hospitallers, today numbering about 1,117 religious; patron of hospitals and the sick, of nurses and booksellers.

**Tuesday, March 9th:** Saint Frances of Rome, Religious; died 1440 at age 56; noblewoman, wife, and mother; founded a community of Benedictine women oblates committed to serving the poorest of the poor; patroness of widows and motorists.

**Friday, March 12th:** Saint Luigi Orione; died 1940 at age 68; founder of The Little Work of Divine Providence, After early sojourns with Franciscans and Salesians, he entered the seminary of the Diocese of Tortona and was ordained in 1895. Always devoted to the care of others, especially the poor and sick, Don Orione established schools and learning centers, worker hostels, hospitals, and homes for the elderly, disabled, sick and blind. The members of his apostolate serve today in 300 foundations in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. The dying words of this priest, who was canonized in 2004, were “Jesus ... Jesus... Jesus.”

## African American History & Heritage

**March 8th:** P.B.S. Pinchback is denied a seat in the Senate - 1876

**March 12th:** New York was the first state to establish a Fair Employment Practices Commission - 1945

## 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.

## Stations of the Cross

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

## 7 de Marzo de 2021

### Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

#### LEALTAD TOTAL

En semanas anteriores hemos visto cómo el tema de la alianza, en preparación para la alianza bautismal que se celebra en Semana Santa, ocupa un lugar importante en nuestro ciclo de lecturas de Cuaresma. La noción de una alianza como una relación entre dos partes lleva consigo la expectativa de la responsabilidad mutua y la fidelidad a los términos del pacto. Cuando Dios forjó la alianza con el pueblo judío en el monte Sinaí, se trataba de una promesa de la protección de Dios, y que siempre les permitiría el acceso familiar como Pueblo Escogido. Por su parte, el pueblo judío debería observar los requisitos de la ley, que se resumen aquí en los Diez Mandamientos. Para estar en una relación de pacto con el Señor Dios requiere una relación exclusiva, al igual que ser discípulo de Jesús —que expresamos ritualmente en el Bautismo— exige una total lealtad a Él y a ningún otro.

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#### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (*Éxodo 20:1-7 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17] o Éxodo 17:3-7*).

**Salmo** — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (*Salmo 19 [18] o Salmo 95 (94)*).

**Segunda lectura** — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (*1 Corintios 1:22-25) o Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*).

**Evangelio** — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (*Juan 2:13-25*)

#### 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.

#### Notas del Párroco

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Estimados Feligreses,  
La Solemnidad de San José se acerca (marzo 19). La Iglesia nos ha invitado a reflexionar en el papel de este santo en el Año Especial de San José que va hasta el 8 de diciembre.

Muy propio es que nosotros hagamos la novena para la Solemnidad de San José este año. La Conferencia de Obispos de los Estados Unidos ha preparado una novena con este fin para que la recemos durante los nueve días anteriores a la Solemnidad (marzo 10-marzo 18).

Esta novena puede ser encontrada en la página de internet de la Conferencia de Obispos, [www.usccb.org/resources/parishresources](http://www.usccb.org/resources/parishresources)

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

#### RECORDATORIOS

Las personas prefieren más frecuentemente que se les recuerde de algo a que se les informe.

—Samuel Johnson

## Una Familia en Cristo

QUE ORA, SIRVE Y COMPARTE

EN EL ESTE DE CAROLINA DEL NORTE

CAMPANA ANUAL DEL OBISPO 2021  
DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA de RALEIGH

La Campaña Anual del Obispo brinda una oportunidad a que los feligreses, como miembros de la comunidad de fe, combinen sus esfuerzos y hagan un impacto significativo en los necesitados en todo el este de Carolina del Norte. La Campaña Anual del Obispo apoya a numerosos ministerios en nuestra parroquia y en toda la Diócesis de Raleigh.

¿Cómo ayuda mi contribución a la Campaña Anual del Obispo?

La Campaña Anual del Obispo es nuestra manera de apoyar la labor de la Iglesia Católica en todo el este de Carolina del Norte.

- Construye nuestra comunidad de fe por medio del ministerio, la educación y la formación en cada parroquia.
- Proporciona educación y formación a nuestros futuros sacerdotes en el seminario.
- Brinda ayuda a miles de personas, por medio de Caridades Católicas, enfocándose en las obras corporales de misericordia hacia nuestros hermanos necesitados.
- Ofrece un ambiente para nuestros hijos, en donde ellos pueden aprender sobre los valores de la vida y recibir una educación de calidad, a través de los programas de formación en la fe y del sistema escolar católico.

Para hacer una donación por internet ingrese a: [GivetoBAA.org](http://GivetoBAA.org). Los sobres de compromiso de la Campaña Anual del Obispo también están disponibles en la iglesia.



Tue. March 9 Open Mass Intention  
Wed. March 10 Open Mass Intention  
Thurs. March 11 Open Mass Intention  
Fri. March 12 †Frank Hinkle  
Req. by Jean Peterman  
Sat. March 13 †Denise H. Kurzmann  
Req. by Family  
Sun. March 14 Open Mass Intention  
Open Mass Intention  
Holy Spirit Parishioners

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

### Excerpt from Thomas Merton's Autobiography "The Seven Storey Mountain"

The Retreat Master, in one of his conferences, told us a long story of a man who had come to [the Monastery of Gethsemani, and who had not been able to make up his mind to become a monk, and had fought and prayed about it for days. Finally, went the story, he had made the Stations of the Cross, and at the final station had prayed fervently to be allowed the grace of dying in the Order.

"You know," said the Retreat Master, "they say that no petition you ask at the fourteenth station is ever refused."

In any case, this man finished his prayer, and went back to his room and in an hour or so he collapsed, and they just had time to receive his request for admission to the Order when he died.

He lies buried in the monks' cemetery, in the oblate's habit. And so, about the last thing I did before leaving Gethsemani, was to do the Stations of the Cross, and to ask, with my heart in my throat, at the fourteenth station, for the grace of a vocation to the Trappists, if it were pleasing to God.

### Condolencias

Expresamos nuestro más sentido pésame a Eustacio Aguilar-Morquecho por el fallecimiento de su madre María Trinidad Morquecho y su hermana Josefina Aguilar-Morquecho fallecidas en México a finales de enero una semana aparte.

### 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.

### A Prayer for Pope Francis

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election! Say a prayer for the Holy Father:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Francis,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her  
shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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### Vigil Mass Time Change

The Vigil Mass on Saturdays will resume its regular Daylight Saving Time schedule (5:00 pm) on Saturday March 20th.

### Cambio de Hora de la Misa de Vigilia

La misa de vigilia los sábados reanudará su horario regular de verano (5:00 pm) el sábado 20 de marzo.



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, 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.