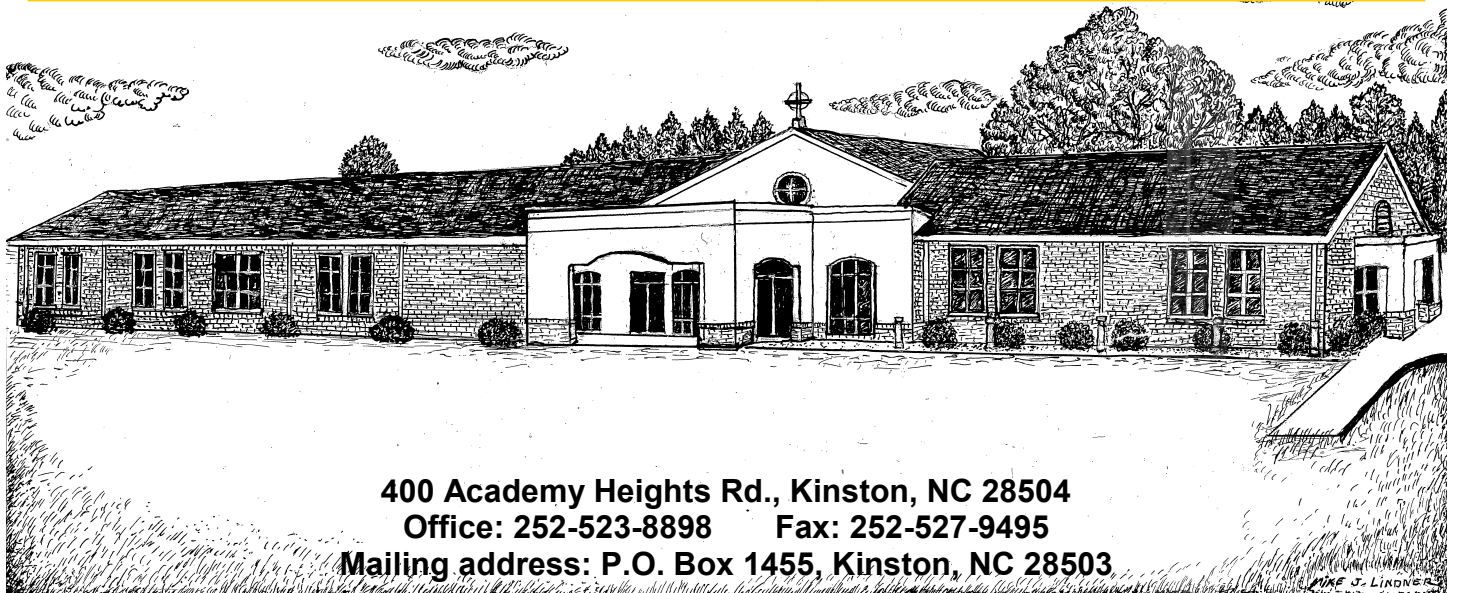


# Holy Spirit Catholic Church



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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	5:00 PM	English
Sunday	9:00 AM	English
Sunday	11:30 AM	Spanish

\*See inside Mass Intentions list for cancellations.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesday & Thursday  
from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 8TH 2020

8 DE MARZO DE 2020  
SEGUNDO DOMINGO  
DE CUARESMA

*He was transfigured  
before them*



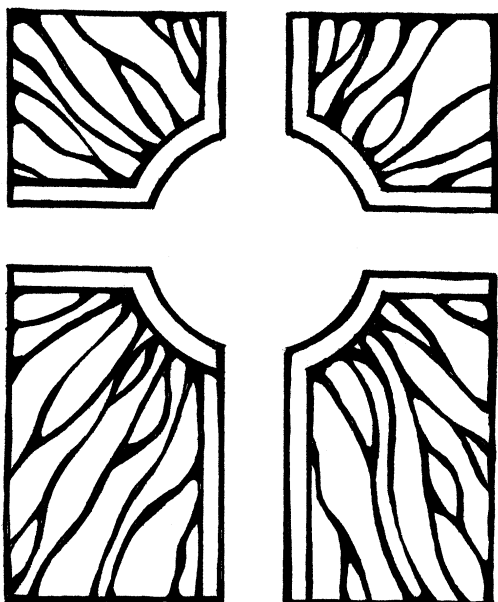
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PRESENCIA

## March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

### CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

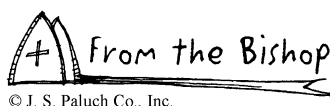
**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

### Pope's Monthly Intention

#### March 2020: Catholics in China

For the Church in China that it may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



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Dear Father Cabra,

I am pleased to inform you that I have accepted the

recommendations of Dr. Russell Elmayer, Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese, and subsequently of the Diocesan Finance Council, to forgive the debt at Holy Spirit Parish as of March 1, 2020. Our records show that as of February 19, 2020, that debt was \$20,071.44.

This forgiveness is part of a larger proposal to forgive the debt of any parish, mission, or campus ministry that has not previously received a Diocesan grant for new facility construction within the past 10 years, and which have an annual offertory of less than \$125,000.

This forgiveness of debt is consistent with the precepts in Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and it aligns with the wishes of the Holy Father, who has spoken of the need for leaders to forgive burdensome debt. I am pleased that the forgiveness of this debt will now allow funds that were previously used for loan payments to instead be used for pastoral and charitable ministries.

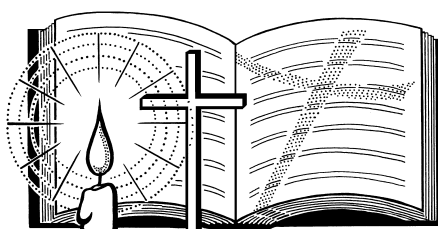
Please know of my prayerful best wishes for your priestly ministry and for all the parishioners at Holy Spirit Parish in Kinston.

In Christ,  
Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Raleigh

### 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 and coming as he will come to judge, in glory and majesty, just as he manifested himself in his transfiguration. Who would not then have believed in Christ? But in order that his victory might be 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."

—From *A Word in Season: Readings for the Liturgy of the Hours* (Villanova, PA: Augustinian Press, 1999), 7:245



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## Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

**For the Weekend of February 23rd, 2020  
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)**

1st collection Feb. 24th, 2019:.....	\$1,743.00
1st collection Feb. 23rd, 2020:.....	\$1,563.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$64,799.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$62,584.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year.....	\$117,433.00
Accum. Operation income* current year.....	\$118,776.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe 2019.....	\$509.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe 2020.....	\$511.00
Ash Wednesday 2019.....	\$701.00
Ash Wednesday 2020.....	\$642.00

\*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.

## African American History & Heritage

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

## Bishop's 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.

## Saints of the Week

**Monday, 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.

## 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.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 pm (bilingual service, one station in English followed by one station in Spanish).

## 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. 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.

## 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.

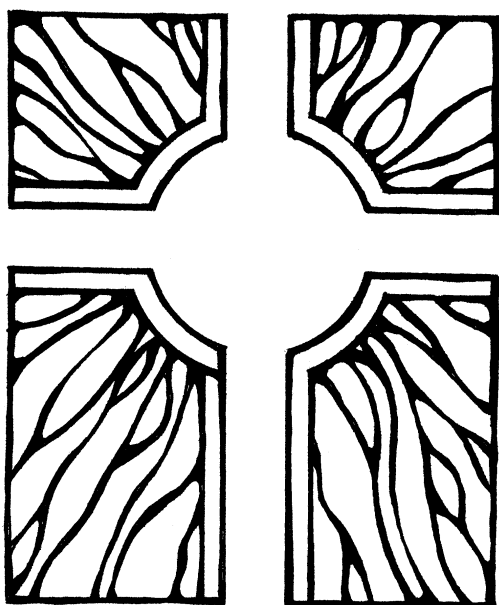
"You know," said the Retreat Master, "they say that no petition you ask at the fourteenth station is ever refused." In any case, this man finished his prayer, and went back to his room and in an hour or so he collapsed, and they just had time to receive his request for admission to the Order when he 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.

## 8 de marzo de 2020 Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

### CAMBIO

Cuaresma es cambio y cambiar no es fácil. Para poder cambiar debemos dejar algo atrás. Hoy escuchamos acerca de un hombre muy viejo que decide responder al llamado de Dios. Abram atraviesa por una tremenda cantidad de cambios cuando todo lo deja y lo arriesga por la promesa de Dios. Jesús cambia, se transfigura, justo delante de los ojos de sus discípulos. Las escrituras en Cuaresma nos llaman a cambiar, a ser transfigurados, para que también nosotros pronto participemos en la gloria de Dios. ¿Qué nos pide Dios dejar atrás? ¿Estamos dispuestos a arriesgarlo todo por la promesa que Dios hace? Estas son las preguntas centrales en el camino de conversión de la Cuaresma. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a).

**Salmo** — Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti hemos confiado (Salmo 33 [32]).

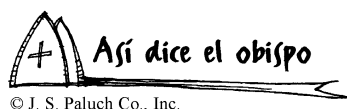
**Segunda lectura** — Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10).

**Evangelio** — “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo” (Mateo 17:1-9).

### La Intención Mensual del Papa

**Marzo de 2020:** Católicos en China

Por la Iglesia en China para que pueda perseverar en su fidelidad al Evangelio y crecer en unidad.



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Querido Padre Cabra:

Me complace informarle que he aceptado las

recomendaciones del Dr. Russell Elmayan, Director Financiero de la Diócesis, y posteriormente del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas, para perdonar la deuda en la Parroquia del Espíritu Santo a partir del 1 de marzo de 2020. Nuestros registros muestran que al 19 de febrero de 2020, esa deuda era de \$20,071.44.

Este perdón es parte de una propuesta más amplia para perdonar la deuda de cualquier parroquia, misión o ministerio universitario que no haya recibido previamente una subvención diocesana para la construcción de nuevas instalaciones en los últimos 10 años, y que tengan un ofertorio anual de menos de \$125,000.

Este perdón de deudas es consistente con los preceptos de la Sagrada Escritura, el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, y se alinea con los deseos del Santo Padre, quien ha hablado de la necesidad de que los líderes perdonen las deudas onerosas. Me complace que el perdón de esta deuda ahora permita que los fondos que anteriormente se usaban para pagos de préstamos se usen en cambio para ministerios pastorales y caritativos.

Por favor, le ofrezco mis mejores deseos de oración para su ministerio sacerdotal y para todos los feligreses de la Parroquia Holy Spirit en Kinston.

En Cristo,  
Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
Obispo de Raleigh

### LA MAYOR CARGA

Cargar resentimiento es la mayor carga que puedes echar encima.

—Anónimo

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante la cuaresma es importante orar, pero muchas personas se declaran ignorantes sobre el tema de la oración. Dicen que nunca aprendieron a orar o que les gustaría poder orar mejor. Tristemente, muchos tienen un entendimiento equivocado sobre lo que es la oración. Piensan que orar es solo recitar oraciones memorizadas o esperan que la oración produzca visiones extraordinarias como la transfiguración de Jesucristo en el monte Tabor. Esperan que patriarcas y profetas, o por lo menos ángeles y santos, se les aparezcan de repente.

No digo que estas cosas no pasan, muchas personas lo han experimentado, algunos de ellos por ser muy santos mientras otros más por ser locos. Sinceramente la oración es otra cosa, es más fácil que aprender oraciones de memoria y mucho más simple que éxtasis y visiones. Orar es hablar como hijo al Dios que nos ama. Orar es contarle al Señor cómo nos van las cosas, nuestros temores, nuestros problemas, nuestros gozos y nuestros anhelos. Orar es pasar tiempo con Dios, a veces platicando, y a veces calladitos, pero siempre amados.

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

**Mass Intentions for the week**



Tue. March 10	12:00 pm	Open Mass Intention
Wed. March 11	6:30 pm	No Mass*
Thurs. March 12	6:30 pm	Open Mass Intention
Fri. March 13	8:30 am	†Gisele Owens Req. by Ron Owens
Sat. March 14	5:00 pm	Open Mass Intention
Sun. March 15	9:00 am	†Virginia Keesee Req. by George Keesee
	11:30am	Holy Spirit Parishioners

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

\*Fr. Arturo will be in Goldsboro hearing confessions

### Parish Council Meeting

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

### Circle of Renewed Life

The Circle of Renewed Life will meet on Thursday, March 19th at 2:00 pm in the conference room. Maria Jones will be the speaker on a Lenten program. The hostesses are Jean Peterman and Carolyn Melton. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### 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/29th will be for this purpose. Those using bowls should disregard the envelope for that collection.

### Campaña Taza de Arroz

Esta tradición cuaresmal consiste en poner donaciones en una taza que nos recuerda a la gente que no tiene suficiente alimento. Los parroquianos tienen los 40 días de la cuaresma para llenar la taza. La segunda colecta el domingo 29 de marzo será para este propósito. Personas que usan los sobres no se deben ocupar de ellos esa vez.

### Socks for the Homeless

Parishioners are invited to bring new socks during Lent to be donated to the homeless in our midst.

### Calcetines para Personas sin Hogar

Los feligreses están invitados a traer nuevos calcetines durante la Cuaresma para donar a las personas sin hogar en nuestro medio.

### 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 verano (5:00 pm) el sábado 14 de marzo.

### Lenten Penance Service

There will be a communal penance service on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm. Two more priests will join Father Arturo to hear individual confessions.

### Servicio de Penitencia de Cuaresma

Habrà un servicio comunal de penitencia el miércoles 18 de marzo a las 6:30 pm. Habrà dos sacerdotes más para ayudar al padre Arturo a escuchar confesiones.

### Estaciones del Viacrucis

Serán cada viernes de cuaresma a las 6:30 pm (servicio bilingüe, una estación en inglés seguida por una estación en español).

### Normas para la Abstinencia

Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. 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.

### Easter Candy

We are in need of Easter candy to fill the eggs for our Easter Egg hunt. We also need volunteers to fill the eggs. Please bring the candy to the office and help fill the eggs by Palm Sunday.



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, Michael Cannon, Kathy and Monroe Clevenger, Brenda Edwards, Toni Frankfurt, Patrick Gallagher, Trey Hamlin, Debra Hardison, Fabian & Joyce Hayden, Beth Stalnaker Hill, Maria Hill, Johnny Hinson, Baylor Jackson, John Jones, Bonnie Kasper, Sonia Koonce, 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 Stowawy, Karen Stubbs, Darlene Vaughn, Henry Ward, and Justin Wharton.