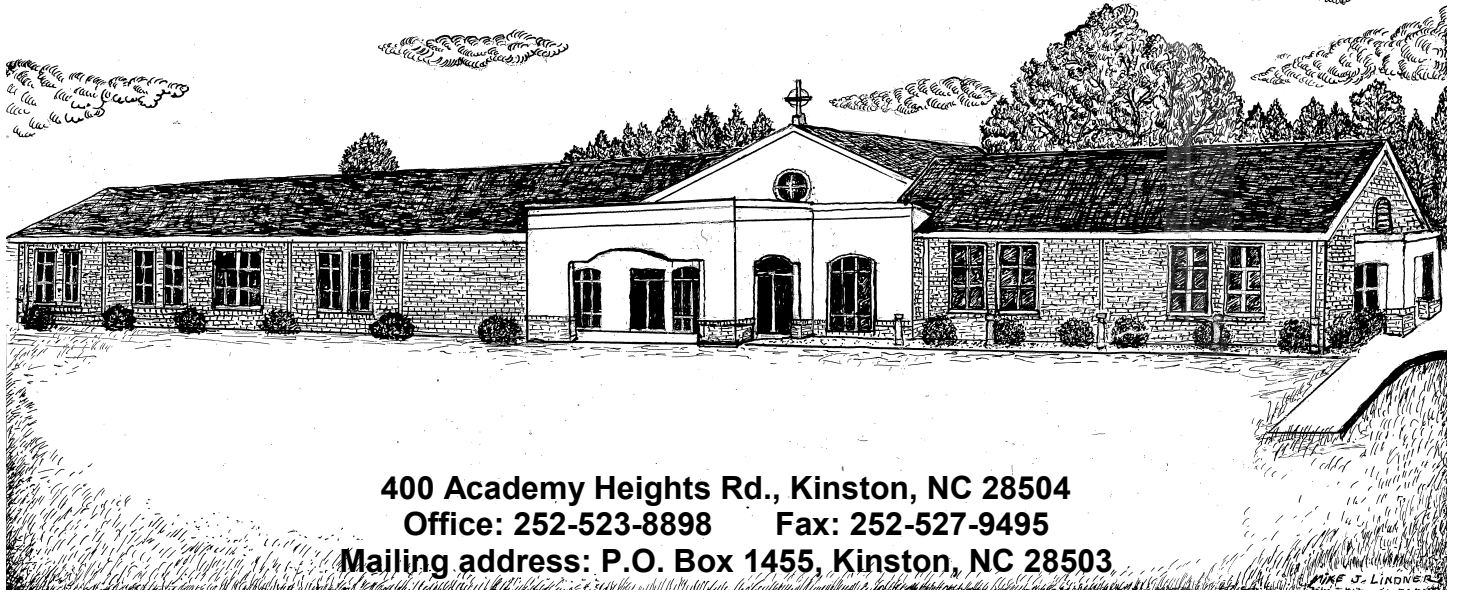


# Holy Spirit Catholic Church



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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

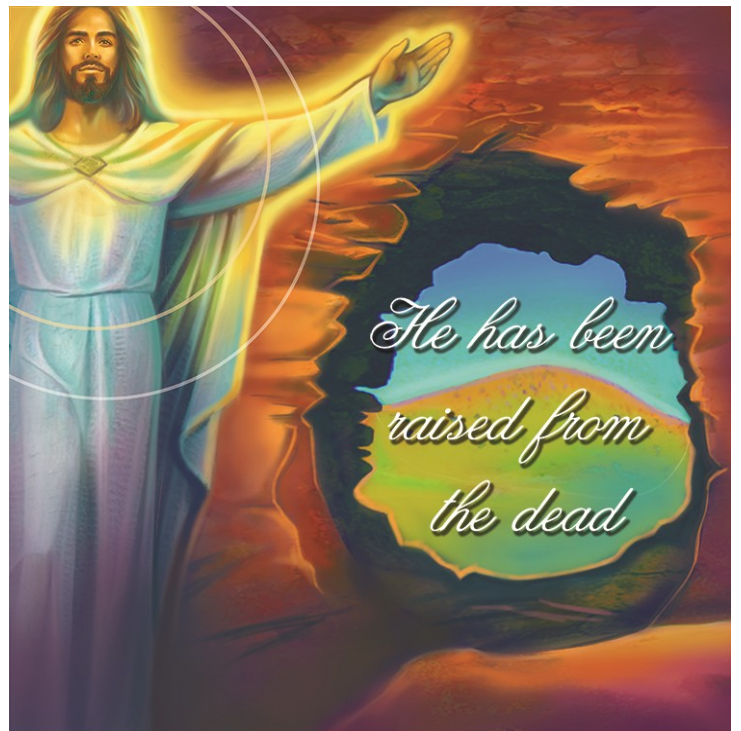
Wednesday & Thursday  
from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

HA RESUCITADO DE ENTRE LOS  
MUERTOS

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 12TH 2020

12 DE ABRIL DE 2020  
DOMINGO DE PASCUA



## April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

### SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

### Pope's Monthly Intention

#### April 2020: Freedom from Addiction

For those suffering from addiction that they may be helped and accompanied.

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,  
Happy Easter!

In the past we were used to deliver this greeting in person in our churches. This year this greeting is delivered through other ways such as this bulletin and social media.

It feels very strange that on this most solemn of the days in the liturgical year the majority of the parishioners cannot participate in person in the liturgy of the Mass. We are in a very different time now.

Still, our Lord's victory over death is what keeps our faith alive and compels us to move forward with hope. We hope our lives will be different with him. We want to live in his presence as the new creatures he has made possible we become through his Death and Resurrection.

In the midst of so much darkness, suffering, and death the good news of our Lord's Resurrection fills our souls with the assurance of God's power working in our world. He is risen and with him we can face any trial we may encounter in this life. He is the Good Shepherd and he will never abandon us. Happy Easter!

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

### Thank You Letter to the Bishop

Below is the content of the letter Fr. Arturo recently mailed to Bishop Zarama.

Dear Bishop Zarama,

On behalf of the Holy Spirit Parish, I would like to thank you sincerely for forgiving us the debt that the parish owed the Diocese for the purchase of the rectory.

The news took me and all the parishioners by surprise. No one expected it. Referring to the gift of God in the Incarnation of his Son, someone said that receiving a gift is wonderful, but that it is even more satisfying when it comes by surprise. You and the Diocese surprised us in an incredible way with your beautiful gift.

You and the Diocese have given us a wonderful example of the meaning of the Lord's command to “forgive debts,” an example that shines much brighter in this holy season of Lent.

This gesture of generosity joins and tops all the other gestures that the Diocese has had with the parish in recent years. The Diocese has been supporting us monthly with a subsidy and has awarded us several grants for different parish projects. We are deeply grateful for all this generosity.

Your ministry and you along with the success of the Diocese of Raleigh are in my prayers and the prayers of all the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish. I pray to God that He may return with blessings all the good that you and the Diocese do for Holy Spirit Parish.

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

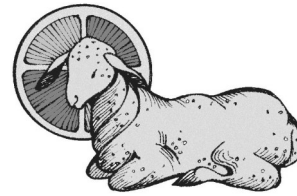
## Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

### For the Weekend of March 29th, 2020

#### (Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection March 31st, 2019:.....	\$1,636.00
1st collection March 29th, 2020:.....	\$290.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$74,410.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$67,219.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year.....	\$137,886.00
Accum. Operation income* current year.....	\$128,474.00
Rice Bowl Collection 2019.....	\$1,111.00
Rice Bowl Collection 2020.....	\$5.00

\*Moneys non-restricted for regular parish functioning



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## The Octave of Easter

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday. These eight days are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. The feasts of the saints that fall on these days are not kept.

## La Octava de Pascua

La octava de Pascua comprende los ocho días que se extienden desde el primero hasta el segundo domingo. Es una forma de prolongar la alegría del día inicial. En cierto sentido, cada día de la octava es como un pequeño domingo. Estos ocho días se celebran como solemnidades del Señor. Las fiestas de los santos que caen en estos días no se guardan.

## Confession during COVID-19

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is suspended at this time except for those in danger of death. All other means of providing the Sacrament should cease. In particular the practice being observed of “stational penance” via automobile “drive throughs,” etc., should be discontinued.

The Holy Father in his homily at the Mass of Santa Marta on March 20th, 2020, mentioned the importance of the act of contrition when one is unable to confess. It is a possibility mentioned in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: the examination of conscience and recitation of the Act of Sorrow, a true contrition accompanied by the intention not to sin anymore and to go to the confessional as soon as it is possible, are pleasing to God, reconcile us with him and obtain the forgiveness of sins.

The Vatican is offering an indulgence to the faithful suffering from COVID-19, health care workers, family members, and all those who are following the example of the Good Samaritan to care for the sick, and the faithful who offer some forms of personal devotion. See the Vatican website:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html>

## African American History & Heritage

**April 16th:** Lelia Smith Foley becomes the first African American woman to be elected mayor of a US City (Taft, OK)- 1973

**April 18th:** Alex Haley, author of “Roots” was awarded the Pulitzer Prize- 1977

## 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 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.

## 12 de abril de 2020 Domingo de Pascua

### SEMILLAS DE FE

Hay una brevedad, una cierta concisión en las lecturas del Domingo de Pascua. El discurso de Pedro en Hechos está construido con frases directas y al punto. Las cartas de Pablo se basan en declaraciones directas como credos. Hasta el relato del Evangelio sólo narra brevemente lo que resultará ser uno de los sucesos más notables de la historia humana —la Resurrección de Jesús de entre los muertos. Los agentes publicitarios llaman a estos resúmenes “puntos para destacar”. Los biblistas los llaman *kerigma* o las “semillas” de nuestra fe. En realidad, “semillas” o granos son buenos términos para estas afirmaciones, puesto que durante todo el tiempo de Pascua, oiremos en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, en las cartas de Pablo y en los relatos del Evangelio sobre los días que siguieron a la Resurrección, exactamente cómo ese *kerigma* comienza a florecer, cómo continúa creciendo en la vida de la nueva Iglesia. Que estas “semillas” pascuales de fe sirvan un propósito similar para nosotros también, para que la vida de Cristo Resucitado florezca en nosotros y mediante nuestro testimonio en los días que siguen.

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### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Pedro es un testigo: el Señor ha resucitado (Hch 10:34a, 37-43).

**Salmo** — Este es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).

**(1) Segunda lectura** — Todos los bautizados, eleven su corazón al cielo (Colosenses 3:1-4) o

**(2) Segunda lectura** — Cristo, nuestra Pascua, fue sacrificado; por tanto celebremos (1 Corintios 5:6b-8).

**Evangelio** — Tres testigos, María, Pedro y Juan; cada uno responde a la tumba vacía (Juan 20:1-9) o *Mateo 28:1-10 (o en la Misa de la tarde o de la noche, Lucas 24:13-35).*

### Intención Mensual del Papa

#### Abril de 2020: Libertad de la Adicción

Por aquellos que sufren de adicción, para que puedan ser ayudados y acompañados.

## Notas del Párroco

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Queridos feligreses,

¡Felices Pascuas!

En el pasado estábamos acostumbrados a entregar este saludo en persona en nuestras iglesias. Este año, este saludo

se entrega a través de otras formas, como este boletín y las redes sociales.

Se siente muy extraño que en el día más solemne del año litúrgico, la mayoría de los feligreses no puedan participar en persona en la liturgia de la Misa. Ahora estamos en un momento muy diferente.

Aún así, la victoria de nuestro Señor sobre la muerte es lo que mantiene viva nuestra fe y nos obliga a avanzar con esperanza. Esperamos que nuestras vidas sean diferentes con él. Queremos vivir en su presencia como las nuevas criaturas que él ha hecho posibles gracias a su muerte y resurrección. En medio de tanta oscuridad, sufrimiento y muerte, las buenas noticias de la Resurrección de nuestro Señor llenan nuestras almas con la seguridad del poder de Dios que opera en nuestro mundo. Él ha resucitado y con él podemos enfrentar cualquier prueba que podamos encontrar en esta vida. Él es el Buen Pastor y nunca nos abandonará.

¡Felices Pascuas!

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

### Carta de Agradecimiento al Obispo

Abajo está el contenido de la carta que el Padre Arturo recientemente envió al Señor Obispo.

Apreciado Obispo Zarama,

En nombre de la Parroquia Espíritu Santo, me gustaría agradecerle sinceramente por perdonarnos la deuda que la parroquia le debía a la Diócesis por la compra de la casa cural.

La noticia me tomó a mí y a todos los feligreses por sorpresa. Nadie lo esperaba. Refiriéndose al regalo de Dios en la Encarnación de su Hijo, alguien dijo que recibir un regalo es maravilloso, pero que es aún más satisfactorio cuando se trata de una sorpresa. Usted y la Diócesis nos sorprendieron de una manera increíble con su hermoso regalo.

Usted y la Diócesis nos han dado un maravilloso ejemplo del significado del mandato del Señor de "perdonar las deudas", un ejemplo que brilla mucho más en este sagrado tiempo de Cuaresma.

Este gesto de generosidad se une y supera a todos los demás gestos que la Diócesis ha tenido con la parroquia en los últimos años. La Diócesis nos ha estado apoyando mensualmente con un subsidio y nos ha otorgado varias subvenciones para diferentes proyectos parroquiales. Estamos profundamente agradecidos por toda esta generosidad.

Su ministerio y usted junto con el éxito de la Diócesis de Raleigh están en mis oraciones y en las oraciones de todos los feligreses de la Parroquia Espíritu Santo. Ruego a Dios que Él regrese con bendiciones todo el bien que usted y la Diócesis hacen por la Parroquia Espíritu Santo.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

## Jesus' Tomb

First-century Jews typically buried their dead in family tombs dug out of the limestone hillsides or the ground. According to custom, the corpse would be placed on a shelf in an outer chamber of the tomb for about a year, until the flesh decomposed. The bones would then be collected and placed in an ossuary or bone box in an inner recess.

Jesus' tomb, according to ancient tradition, was at a site less than two hundred feet from Golgotha, dug into the hillside just outside the western wall of the city. In the fourth century, when Christianity became legal, the Emperor Constantine built a magnificent basilica at the site, removing most of the hillside surrounding the tomb. Today the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built over the traditional sites of both the crucifixion and the resurrection, is the holy place most venerated by Christians of both East and West.

## Child Abuse Awareness Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. It is also a time of prayer in our Church. Each life is a precious gift from God. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 or email [safe@raldioc.org](mailto:safe@raldioc.org). Information is also available at: <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/>

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 13th.

## Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 13 de abril.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

The second Sunday of Easter (April 19th this year) is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John tells us that "When they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out (19, 33-34). The red and blue rays that irradiate from our Lord's side in the Divine Mercy Portrait makes reference to this fact. They are symbols of the grace of God (his mercy) given to us through the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. The devotion of reciting the Divine Mercy chaplet daily (customarily at 3:00pm because of our Lord's time of death) is recommended especially during this week. The Divine Mercy Novena that started on Good Friday will end that Sunday.

## Bishop Annual Appeal (BAA)

Thank you for your generosity.

As of Friday April 3rd:

Parish goal:	\$13,385
Amount pledged:	\$ 8,330
Percentage of goal:	62%
Participation:	41 families

## Campaña Anual del Obispo

Muchas gracias por su generosidad.

A la fecha del 3 de abril:

Meta:	\$13,385
Cantidad Prometida:	\$ 8,330
Porcentaje de meta:	62%
Participación:	41 familias

## The Date of Easter

The date of Easter varies every year because it depends on the moon calendar. The date of Easter is the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. This year the spring equinox was March 19th (the first day of spring) and the full moon after that date will be Tuesday, April 7th.

## Mes de la Prevención de Abuso Infantil

Abril es el Mes de la Prevención del Maltrato de Menores en los Estados Unidos. También es un tiempo de oración en nuestra Iglesia. Cada La vida es un precioso regalo de Dios. Para obtener información acerca de cómo puede estar más informado e involucrado para proteger a nuestros niños, por favor llame a: The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection al número telefónico: 1-866-535-7233 o por correo electrónico:

[SET.support@raldioc.org](mailto:SET.support@raldioc.org). Para mayor información visite la página web:

[www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth](http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth)



We kindly ask that you pray for the following parishioners and loved ones: Lee Alphin, Mila Q. Arionday, 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, Beth Stalnaker Hill, Maria Hill, Johnny Hinson, Baylor Jackson, John Jones, Bonnie Kasper, Sonia Koonce, Maria Linder, Charles Thomas McDonald, Caroline McMahan, 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.