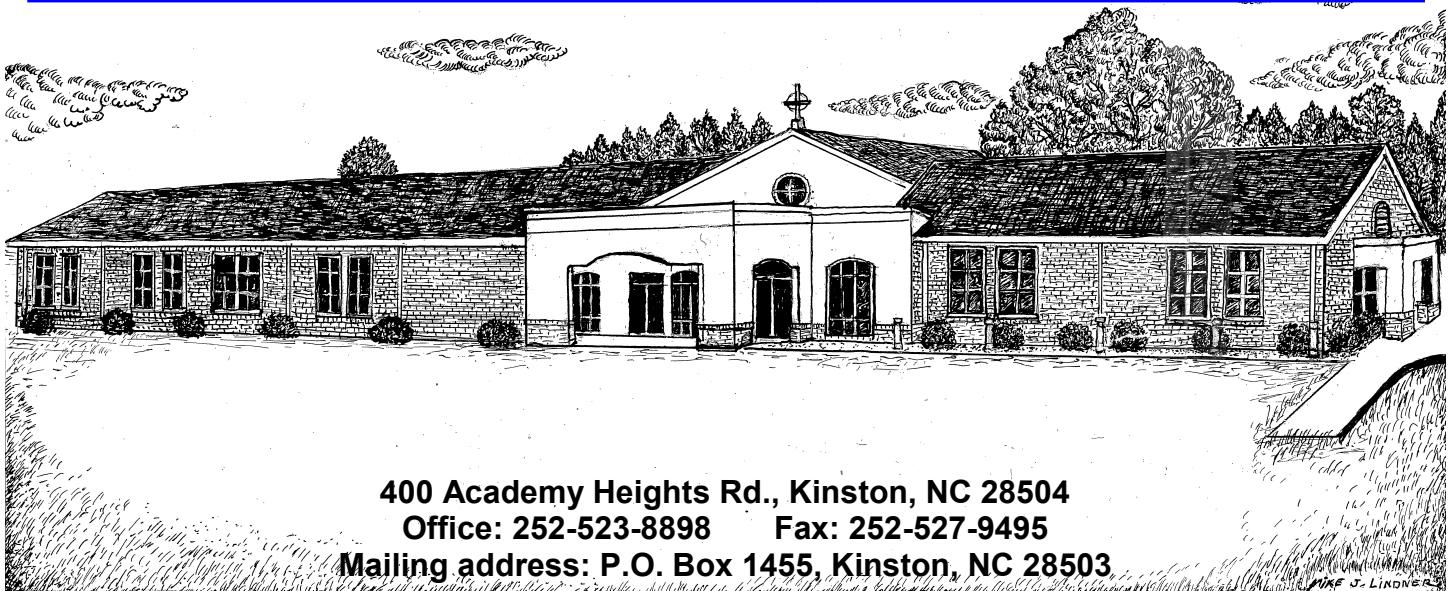


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Mass Schedule (During Pandemic Times)

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

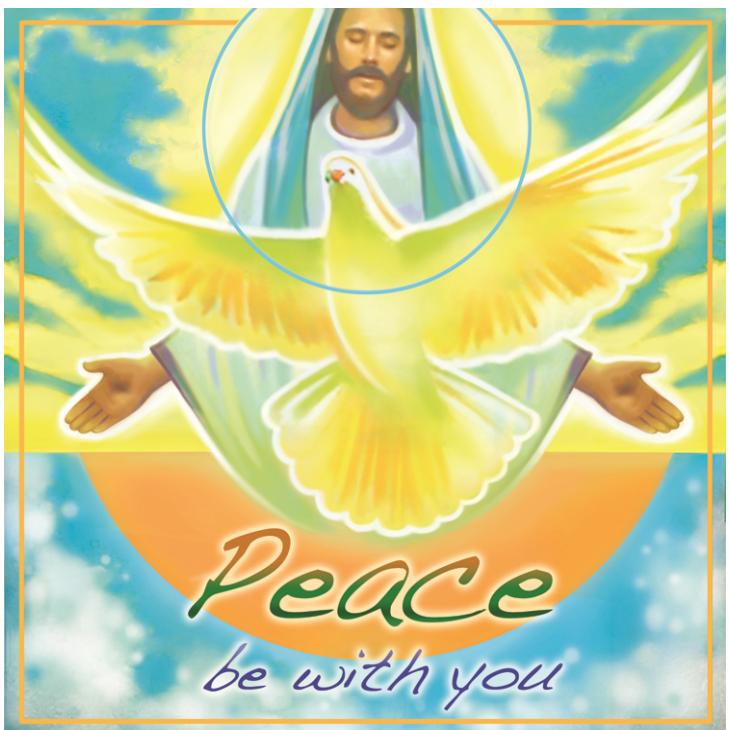
Saturday from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

LA PAZ ESTÉ CON USTEDES

**THIRD SUNDAY EASTER
APRIL 18TH 2021**

**TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA
18 DE ABRIL DE 2021**



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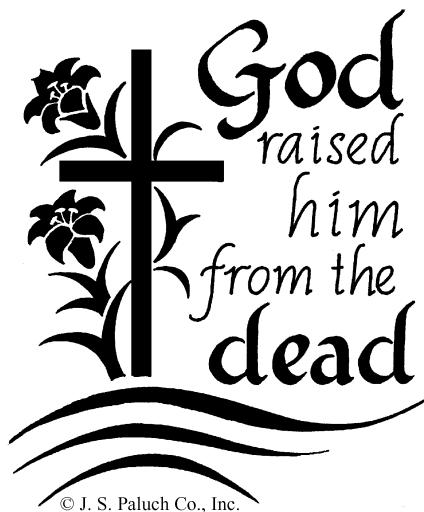
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Third Sunday of Easter

FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

Pope's Monthly Intention

April 2021: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

We are coming to the end of the year of Faith Formation classes for children. The parish has been able to offer this very important ministry amid the limitations presented by the pandemic.

Children who were in grades of preparation for the reception of a sacrament have received the classes this year. Even the first graders (who are beginning their two-year preparation for the reception of First Communion) were able to receive their training since January of this year. The fact that only seven children signed up for this group gave us the opportunity to accommodate the chapel as the classroom for this grade.

In the end we were able to offer classes to 88 children: 7 in first grade, 11 in second grade-First Communion, 7 older children in other grades-First Communion, 13 adolescents in Year One Confirmation, 37 adolescents in Second Year Confirmation, and 13 children/adolescents/young-adults in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children/Adults.

Classes will conclude at the end of this month of April and the reception of the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will take place on several Saturdays in May and June.

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as "love's month," while in England, more practical farmers called it "Three Milks," since the cows grazing on springtime's bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with Maytime frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month's prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary's place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary's role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary's Canticle of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ's birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church.

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Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of April 4th, 2021
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection April 5th, 2020:	\$1,445.00
1st collection April 4th, 2021:	\$6,570.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year:	\$68,664.00
Accum. 1st collection current year:	\$65,440.00
Priest Retirement April 2020:	\$125.00
Priest Retirement April 2021:	\$4,340.00

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 Siguiente 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)

As of Friday April 9th/A la fecha del 9 de Abril:

Parish goal/Meta: \$13,385.00

Amount pledged/Cantidad Prometida: \$ 8,870.00

Percentage of goal/Porcentaje de meta: 66%

Participation/Participación: 50 families

Thank you /Muchas gracias

Online Giving

Thank you for your generous support of our parish during our "Holy Spirit is Me and I am Holy Spirit" Increased Offertory Program! We are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program.

If you currently use online giving, please make sure you go in to the application and update your giving to reflect your new commitment. If you do not remember what you have committed to or if you need help logging in to the online giving application, please contact the parish office. Your generosity shows your willingness, as a faithful steward, to be a part of the ongoing mission of Holy Spirit.

Saints of the Week

Wednesday, April 21st: Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 1109 at age 76; abbot of Bec in Normandy, later archbishop of Canterbury; twice exiled for defending the rights of the Church; theologian and philosopher; known as the "Father of Scholasticism."

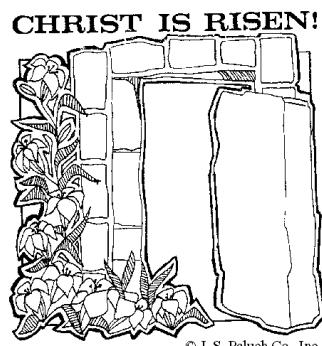
Friday, April 23rd: (1) Saint George, Martyr; Tradition holds that George was decapitated perhaps in Palestine sometime before the reign Constantine; 12th century legend portrays him as a knight and dragon slayer; since the crusades, the patron of England and Constantinople.

(2) Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr; died 997 at age 40; born of a noble family in Bohemia; at age twenty-six elected bishop of Prague; forced to leave his See twice due to violent political oppression; preached in Pomerania to the Prussians who murdered him on April 23, 997; buried in Gniezo, the first capital of Poland; patron of Bohemia, the Czech Republic, and Prussia; a patron of Poland.

Saturday, April 24th: Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr; died 1622 at age 45 in Switzerland; from Swabia; known as the "lawyer of the poor" before becoming a Capuchin; preached in the canton of the Grisons.

African American History & Heritage

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



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Donaciones en Línea

¡Gracias por su generoso apoyo a nuestra parroquia durante nuestro Programa de Aumento del Ofertorio "Espíritu Santo soy yo y yo soy Espíritu Santo"! Estamos comenzando a ver señales de que nuestras colectas del ofertorio dominical están creciendo gracias a la generosidad de muchos feligreses. Muchas gracias a todos los que han elegido participar en este programa tan importante. Si está haciendo donaciones en línea, asegúrese de acceder a la solicitud y actualizar sus donaciones para reflejar su nuevo compromiso. Si no recuerda a qué se ha comprometido o si necesita ayuda para iniciar sesión en la solicitud de donaciones en línea, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. Su generosidad muestra su disposición, como mayordomo fiel, a ser parte de la misión continua de la parroquia.

18 de Abril de 2021 Tercer Domingo de Pascua

CUMPLIMIENTO

Es interesante que durante el tiempo de Pascua, cuando no escuchamos la lectura del Antiguo Testamento, se vuelve tan importante. Esto es particularmente cierto hoy. El discurso de Pedro comienza con una fórmula de oración familiar a los judíos: "El Dios de Abraham..." (Hechos 3:13). Asimismo contiene las poderosas frases "Santo y Justo" y "boca de todos los profetas" (3:14, 18). Pedro estaba declarando sin lugar a dudas que la ley, los salmos y los profetas se habían cumplido en Cristo. Esto se ve reforzado por el mismo Jesús en el pasaje del Evangelio, cuando dice que todo en la Escritura (para los primeros cristianos "la Escritura" era lo que hoy llamamos el Antiguo Testamento) tenía que cumplirse. Por encima de todo, Jesús y Pedro hacen hincapié en que somos testigos de todo esto, y somos enviados a dar testimonio en el mundo. La palabra missa en latín, significa "enviado" (como "misión"). Al salir de la misa de hoy, recordemos ser testigos de todo lo que se ha cumplido en Cristo resucitado.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

Salmo — En ti, Señor, confío. Aleluya (Salmo 4).

Segunda lectura — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

Intención Mensual del Papa

Abril de 2021: Derechos fundamentales

Oramos por quienes arriesgan su vida mientras luchan por los derechos fundamentales bajo dictaduras, regímenes autoritarios e incluso en democracias en crisis.

Notas del Párroco

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Estimados Feligreses,

Estamos llegando al final del año de educación en la fe de los niños. La parroquia ha podido ofrecer este ministerio tan importante en medio de las limitaciones presentadas por la pandemia.

Los niños que estaban en grados de preparación para la recepción de un sacramento han recibido las clases este año. Incluso los niños de primer grado (quienes empiezan su preparación de dos años para la recepción de la Primera Comunión) pudieron recibir su entrenamiento desde enero de este año. El hecho de que solo siete niños se inscribieron para este grupo nos dio la oportunidad de acomodar la capilla como el salón de clases para este grado.

Al final pudimos ofrecerle clases a 88 niños: 7 en primer grado, 11 en segundo grado-Primera Comunión, 7 niños grandes otros grados-Primera Comunión, 13 adolescentes en Año Uno Confirmación, 37 adolescentes en Segundo Año Confirmación, y 13 niños/adolescentes/jóvenes en el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Niños/Adultos.

Las clases terminan al final de este mes de abril y la recepción de los sacramentos de la Eucaristía y la Confirmación serán durante varios sábados en mayo y junio.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

LECCIONES DE LA NATURALEZA

Créeme porque lo he probado, encontrarás mucho más en los bosques que en los libros. Los árboles y las rocas te enseñarán lo que no pueden decirte los maestros.

—San Bernardo de Claraval

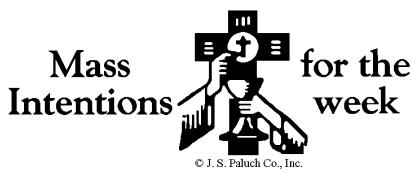
TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El lenguaje es una herramienta de comunicación no solo entre nosotros mismos, sino con Diosito. Nací en EE.UU. pero mi lengua materna es el español, lo aprendí en la cuna y lo usábamos en casa. También aprendí inglés en la escuela. Hay quienes me preguntan cual idioma uso para hablar con Dios. Esta pregunta reconoce que el ser humano debe usar un lenguaje humano para rezar.

Esta semana celebramos el Día del Idioma para festejar la herencia que tenemos en nuestra lengua castellana. Festejamos el 23 de abril, fecha en que falleció Miguel de Cervantes y Saavedra (1547–1616) autor de Don Quijote de la Mancha. Este autor español fue el que enriqueció y ayudó a dar forma gramática a la lengua española.

Hay que saber que el castellano que llegó a nuestro continente tiene una larga y rica historia, ya que es una mezcla del latín, dialectos ibéricos y el árabe. Una vez en América el español tomó características y vocabulario indígena, y ahora en EE.UU. se está renovando con anglicismos. Y es en este idioma que yo y muchos latinos hablamos con Diosito.

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



Tue. April 20	Open Mass Intention
Wed. April 21	†George Boatswain Req. by Rosa Boatswain
Thurs. April 22	Open Mass Intention
Fri. April 23	Open Mass Intention
Sat. April 24	Open Mass Intention
Sun. April 25	Krissy Cale Req. by Laura Miller Open Mass Intention Holy Spirit Parishioners

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

Crucifixion: the Ultimate Punishment

It is difficult for Jesus' modern-day followers to re-create the sense of horror that his reference to a cross must have evoked. Crucifixion was the cruelest and most degrading form of capital punishment known to the ancient world, a means of execution reserved for slaves, rebels, and violent criminals, and always carried out in public so as to serve as a powerful deterrent. According to the Roman statesman Cicero, it was the "extreme and ultimate punishment of slaves," "the cruelest and most disgusting penalty." Josephus, a first-century Jewish historian, called it "the most wretched of deaths." The condemned person was forced to carry the crossbeam to the site of execution, where it would be fastened to the upright beam. Then the victim would be either nailed or tied to the cross and left to die, which sometimes occurred only after days of torment.

Crucifixión: el Castigo Supremo

Es difícil para los seguidores modernos de Jesús recrear la sensación de horror que su referencia a una cruz debe haber evocado. La crucifixión era la forma más cruel y degradante de la pena capital conocida en el mundo antiguo, un medio de ejecución reservado para esclavos, rebeldes y criminales violentos, y siempre se realizaba en público para servir como un poderoso elemento disuasorio. Según el estadista romano Cicerón, era el "castigo extremo y último de los esclavos", "la pena más cruel y repugnante". Josefo, un historiador judío del primer siglo, lo llamó "la muerte más miserable". La persona condenada se vio obligada a llevar la viga transversal al sitio de ejecución, donde se fijaría a la viga vertical. Luego, la víctima sería clavada o atada a la cruz y se la dejaría morir, lo que a veces ocurría solo después de días de tormento.

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. Information is also available at: <http://www.preventchildabuse.org/>

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. Para mayor información visite la página web: www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth



Condolences

We express our condolences to Fredrick Miller on the death of his mother, Joy Taylor, who died on Saturday, April 3rd. May Joy's soul rest in peace.

Condolencias

Expresamos nuestras condolencias al Fredrick Miller por la muerte de su madre, Joy Taylor, quien murió el sábado 3 de abril. Que el alma de Joy descance en paz.



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, Mary Alice Hargitt, 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, Darlene Vaughn, Henry Ward, and Justin Wharton.