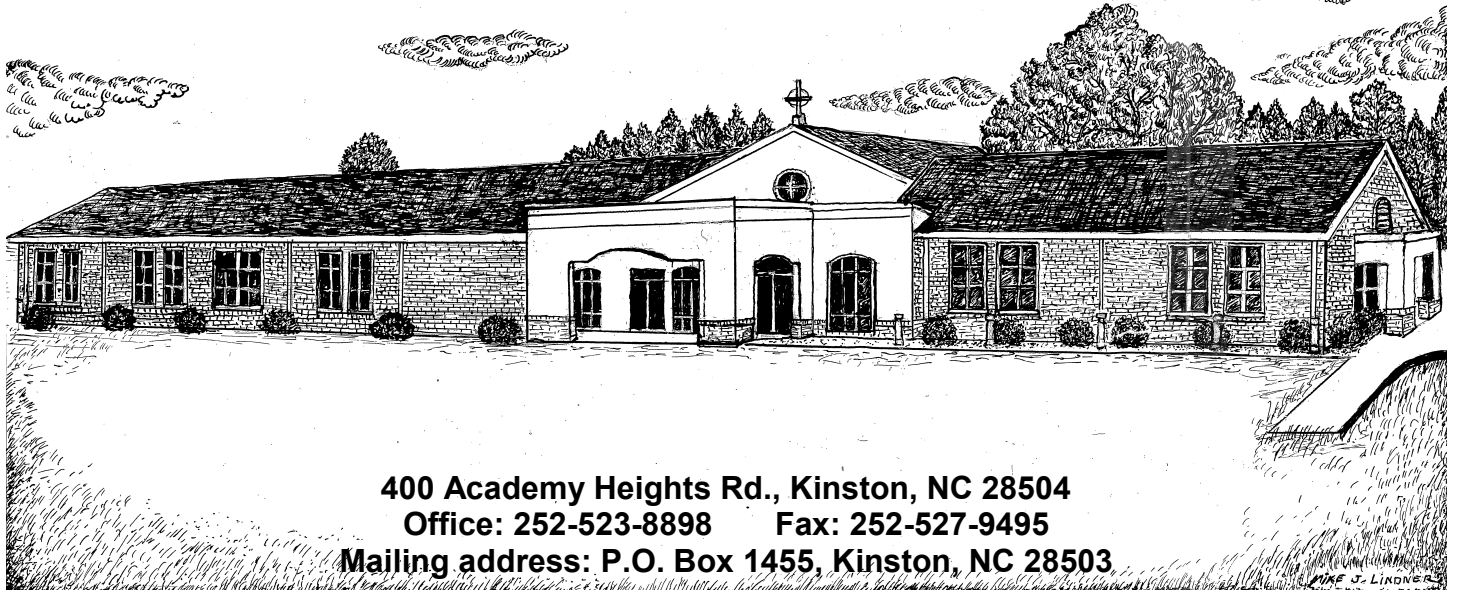


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Mass Schedule

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26TH 2020

26 DE ABRIL DE 2020
TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA



¿NO SENTÍAMOS ARDER
NUESTRO CORAZÓN?

April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

Pope's Monthly Intention

May 2020: For Deacons

For Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, that they may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

From the Pastor



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Dear Parishioners,

In this time of spiritual hunger without being able to receive the Bread of Life, we need to feed the

soul with spiritual food that fills it. The Word of God is that food that the soul needs right now. The Church offers us beautiful readings at Mass during this Easter season, not forgetting the beauty of the texts for Holy Week and Lent that preceded it.

We also need to go to the shepherds that God has chosen to guide his people at this time. As we have not done in other years, many of us have opened our ears to listen to the words of our Bishop and, of course, those of the Holy Father. The Holy Father's homilies of the last Sundays have been wonderful.

I invite you to listen to the homilies of the Holy Father. They are a blast of fresh air for our time. If you have not done so, listen to the homilies of his Urbi et Orbe blessing of March 27, Palm Sunday, the Easter Vigil, and Divine Mercy Sunday. I expect a great homily for this Third Sunday of Easter. On YouTube you can find the videos; I recommend two pages: Vatican News and EWTN. For those who want to have them in writing, they can be found on the page of the Holy See: vatican.va

Below you find an excerpt of the Holy Father's homily on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

“On this feast of Divine Mercy, the most beautiful message comes from Thomas, the disciple who arrived late; he was the only one missing. But the Lord waited for Thomas. Mercy does not abandon those who stay behind. Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that we may then be struck by an even worse virus, that of *selfish indifference*. A virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me, and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me”.

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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of April 12th, 2020
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection April 14th, 2019:.....\$2,657.00
 1st collection April 12th, 2020:.....\$965.00
 Accum. 1st collection previous year.....\$78,630.00
 Accum. 1st collection current year.....\$69,629.00
 Accum. Operation income* previous year.....\$146,526.00
 Accum. Operation income* current year.....\$136,103.00
 Priest Retirement April 2019.....\$919.00
 Priest Retirement April 2020.....\$75.00

*Moneys non-restricted for regular parish functioning
 (includes first collection)

Next Weekend Second Collection

Name: Building Maintenance

Purpose: Monthly effort to raise extra funds to cover the expenses of the parish buildings that the regular collection cannot cover.

Type: Parish level (all funds remain in the parish for parish use only).

Segunda Colecta del siguiente Domingo

Nombre: Mantenimiento de los Edificios Parroquiales

Propósito: Campaña mensual que recoge fondos extras para pagar los gastos de los edificios parroquiales que la colecta regular no puede cubrir.

Clase: Nivel parroquial (todos los fondos se quedan en la parroquia para su uso exclusivo).

Video on St. Catherine of Siena

On occasion of her feast, April 29th, Bishop Robert Barron is making available to watch for free his feature-length film "St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic". This video (approximately 55 minutes) is part of a series of Saints titled "The Pivotal Players". Bishop Barron goes to the places where St. Catherine lived and tells about her story and influence in the Catholic Church. The video is available for watching until April 29th. <https://special.wordonfire.org/st-catherine-book>

Bishop Annual Appeal (BAA)

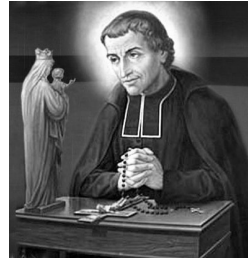
As of Friday April 17th/A la fecha del 17 de abril:

Parish goal/Meta: \$13,385
 Amount pledged/Cantidad Prometida: \$ 8,825
 Percentage of goal/Porcentaje de meta: 66%
 Participation/Participación: 46 families
 Thank you /Muchas gracias

Saints of the Week

Tuesday, April 28th: (1) Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; died 1841 at age 38; French Marist missionary on the Pacific islands of Wallis and Futuna where he was martyred; destroyed cult of evil spirits; protomartyr and patron of Oceania.

(2) Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest; died 1716 at age 43; from Brittany; studied at Saint Sulpice; hospital chaplain and founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom; apostolic missionary whose preaching led to a spiritual revival in his native Brittany; established numerous confraternities for the recitation of the rosary; founded (1705) the



Missionaries of the Company of Mary, today numbering about 930 religious. Chief work: *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

Wednesday, April 29th: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church; died 1380 at age 33; Sister of the Dominican Order (tertiary), mystic, and author (*The Dialogue*); peacemaker within the Church and renewer of religious life; worked toward ending the Avignon papacy under Gregory XI (1377); declared doctor of the Church in 1970; patroness of Italy and, together with



St. Bridget of Sweden (23 July) and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein] (9 August), co-patroness of Europe.

Thursday, April 30th: Saint Pius V, Pope; died 1 May 1572 at age 68; implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent; promulgated the *Roman Catechism*, the *Roman Missal*, and the *Roman Breviary*.

Saturday, May 2nd: Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 373 at age 77; forty-five years the bishop of Alexandria; champion of Nicea; prolific polemicist against the Arians who exiled him five times; one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church; wrote on the Incarnation, the *Discourse Against the Arians* and the *Life of Antony*; known as the "Doctor of the Incarnation".



African American History & Heritage

April 30th: Black children are admitted to public schools in Philadelphia, PA-1822

May 2nd: Poor People's Campaign march to Washington began - 1968 Memphis, TN

26 de abril de 2020 Tercer Domingo de Pascua

EL PLAN DE DIOS

Hoy san Pedro nos habla dos veces. En la primera lectura, escuchamos un pasaje de su sermón en Pentecostés; en la segunda, parte de su primera carta. Antes, un aterrorizado pescador con poca educación quien a menudo decía lo equivocado, el Pedro de ahora habla sobre la verdad que conoce. Todo lo que Jesús había dicho ahora tiene sentido. Su muerte y resurrección eran parte del plan de Dios, y nuestra fe y esperanza pueden centrarse en Dios.

El Evangelio de hoy describe el relato del camino a Emaús en el que Jesús se une a dos discípulos. Aterrorizados, tristes y confundidos aquellos dos no reconocen a Jesús, quien les dice lo que escuchamos a Pedro decir arriba: todo esto tuvo que suceder como parte del plan de Dios. Al final, estos discípulos reconocen a Jesús así como nosotros debemos reconocerle —al partir el pan.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No era posible que Jesús quedara bajo el dominio de la muerte (Hechos 2:14, 22-33).

Salmo — Señor, nos mostrarás el sendero de vida (Salmo 16 [17]).

Segunda lectura — Han sido salvados por la Sangre preciosa de Cristo, como con un cordero sin mancha ni defecto. (1 Pedro 1:17-21).

Evangelio — Reconocieron a Jesús en la fracción del pan (Juan 24:13-35).

Intención Mensual del Papa

Mayo de 2020: Por los Diáconos

Por los Diáconos, fieles en su servicio a la Palabra y a los pobres, para que puedan ser un símbolo estimulante para toda la Iglesia.

Notas del Párroco

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Apreciados Parroquianos,

En este tiempo de hambre espiritual sin poder recibir el Pan de Vida, necesitamos alimentar el alma con un alimento espiritual que la llene. La Palabra de Dios es ese alimento que el alma necesita ahora mismo. La Iglesia nos ofrece lecturas hermosas en la Misa durante este tiempo de Pascua, sin olvidar la belleza de los textos de la Semana Santa y la Cuaresma que la precedió.

Necesitamos también acudir a los pastores que Dios ha escogido para guiar a su pueblo en este momento. Como no lo habíamos hecho en otros años, muchos de nosotros hemos abierto nuestros oídos a escuchar las palabras de nuestro Obispo y, por supuesto, las del Santo Padre. Las homilias de Santo Padre de los últimos domingos han sido maravillosas.

Yo los invito a que escuchemos las homilias del Santo Padre. Son una ráfaga de aire fresco para nuestro tiempo. Si no lo han hecho, escuchen las homilias de su bendición Urbi et Orbe del 27 de marzo, del Domingo de Ramos, de la Vigilia Pascual, del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Yo espero una hermosa homilía este Tercer Domingo de Pascua. En YouTube se pueden encontrar los videos; les recomiendo esta página de Internet: Diócesis de San Sebastián. Para los que las quieran tener por escrito, se pueden encontrar en la página de la Santa Sede: vatican.va

Abajo se transcribe un trozo de la homilía del Santo Padre del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

“En esta fiesta de la Divina Misericordia el anuncio más hermoso se da a través del discípulo que llegó más tarde. Sólo él faltaba, Tomás, pero el Señor lo esperó. La misericordia no abandona a quien se queda atrás. Ahora, mientras pensamos en una lenta y ardua recuperación de la pandemia, se insinúa justamente este peligro: olvidar al que se quedó atrás. El riesgo es que nos golpee un virus todavía peor, el del *egoísmo indiferente*, que se transmite al pensar que la vida mejora si me va mejor a mí, que todo irá bien si me va bien a mí”.

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.

Where is Emmaus?

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus April 6th, 2008

The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life.

In the disciples' conversation with the unknown wayfarer the words the evangelist Luke puts in the mouth of one of them are striking: "We had hoped..." (Lk 24: 21). This verb in the past tense tells all: we believed, we followed, we hoped..., but now everything is over. Even Jesus of Nazareth, who had shown himself in his words and actions to be a powerful prophet, has failed, and we are left disappointed.

This drama of the disciples of Emmaus appears like a reflection of the situation of many Christians of our time: it seems that the hope of faith has failed. Faith itself enters a crisis because of negative experiences that make us feel abandoned and betrayed even by the Lord. But this road to Emmaus on which we walk can become the way of a purification and maturation of our belief in God.

Also today we can enter into dialogue with Jesus, listening to his Word. Today too he breaks bread for us and gives himself as our Bread. And so the meeting with the Risen Christ that is possible even today gives us a deeper and more authentic faith tempered, so to speak, by the fire of the Paschal Event; a faith that is robust because it is nourished not by human ideas but by the Word of God and by his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ

Video sobre Santa Catalina de Siena

En ocasión de su fiesta, el 29 de abril, el obispo Robert Barron está haciendo disponible para ver gratis su largometraje "St. Catalina de Siena: la Mística". Este video (aproximadamente 55 minutos) es parte de una serie de vidas de santos titulada "The Pivotal Players". El Obispo Barron va a los lugares donde vivió Santa Catalina y cuenta su historia e influencia en la Iglesia Católica. El video está disponible para ver hasta el 29 de abril. Es en inglés. <https://special.wordonfire.org/st-catherine-book>

Dónde queda Emaús?

Papa Benedicto XVI, Angelus 6 de abril de 2008

La localidad de Emaús no ha sido identificada con certeza. Hay diversas hipótesis, y esto es sugestivo, porque nos permite pensar que Emaús representa en realidad todos los lugares: el camino que lleva a Emaús es el camino de todo cristiano, más aún, de todo hombre. En nuestros caminos Jesús resucitado se hace compañero de viaje para reavivar en nuestro corazón el calor de la fe y de la esperanza y partir el pan de la vida eterna.

En la conversación de los discípulos con el peregrino desconocido impresiona la expresión que el evangelista san Lucas pone en los labios de uno de ellos: «Nosotros esperábamos...» (Lc 24, 21). Este verbo en pasado lo dice todo: Hemos creído, hemos seguido, hemos esperado..., pero ahora todo ha terminado. También Jesús de Nazaret, que se había manifestado como un profeta poderoso en obras y palabras, ha fracasado, y nosotros estamos decepcionados.

Este drama de los discípulos de Emaús es como un espejo de la situación de muchos cristianos de nuestro tiempo. Al parecer, la esperanza de la fe ha fracasado. La fe misma entra en crisis a causa de experiencias negativas que nos llevan a sentirnos abandonados por el Señor. Pero este camino hacia Emaús, por el que avanzamos, puede llegar a ser el camino de una purificación y maduración de nuestra fe en Dios.

También hoy podemos entrar en diálogo con Jesús escuchando su palabra. También hoy, él parte el pan para nosotros y se entrega a sí mismo como nuestro pan. Así, el encuentro con Cristo resucitado, que es posible también hoy, nos da una fe más profunda y auténtica, templada, por decirlo así, por el fuego del acontecimiento pascual; una fe sólida, porque no se alimenta de ideas humanas, sino de la Palabra de Dios y de su presencia real en la Eucaristía.



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, Basil Moots, Willard Nowalk, 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.