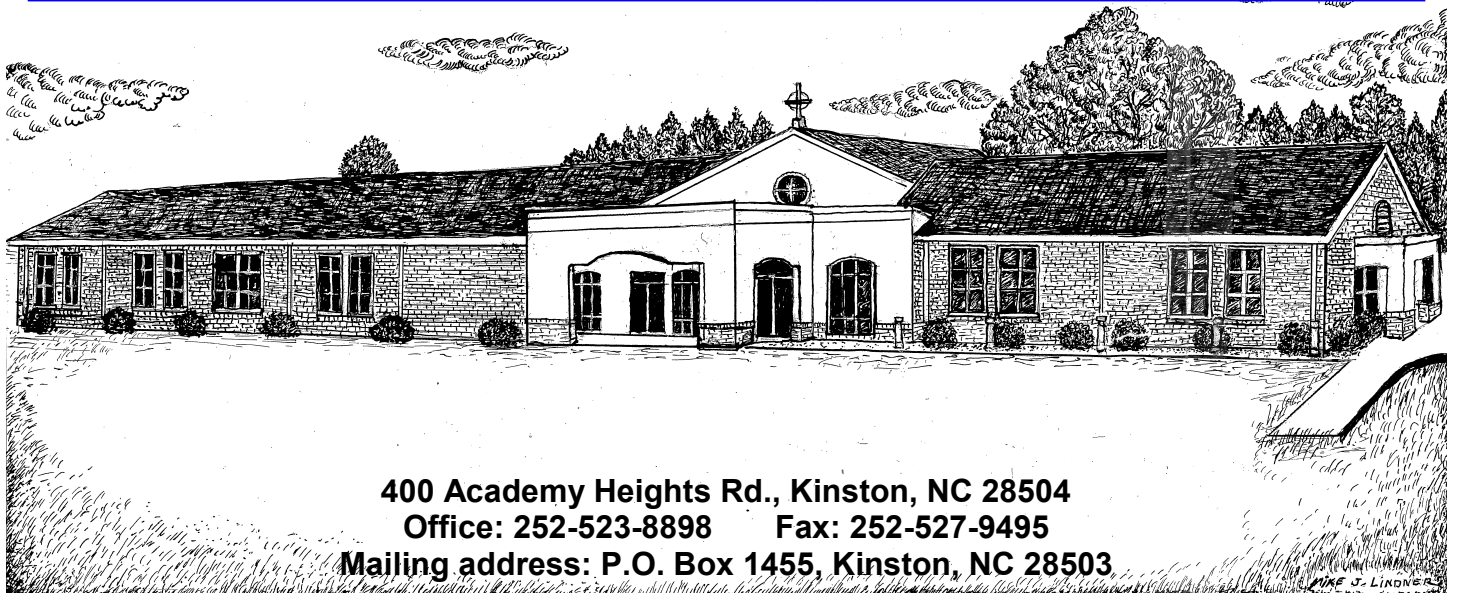


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Mass Schedule

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

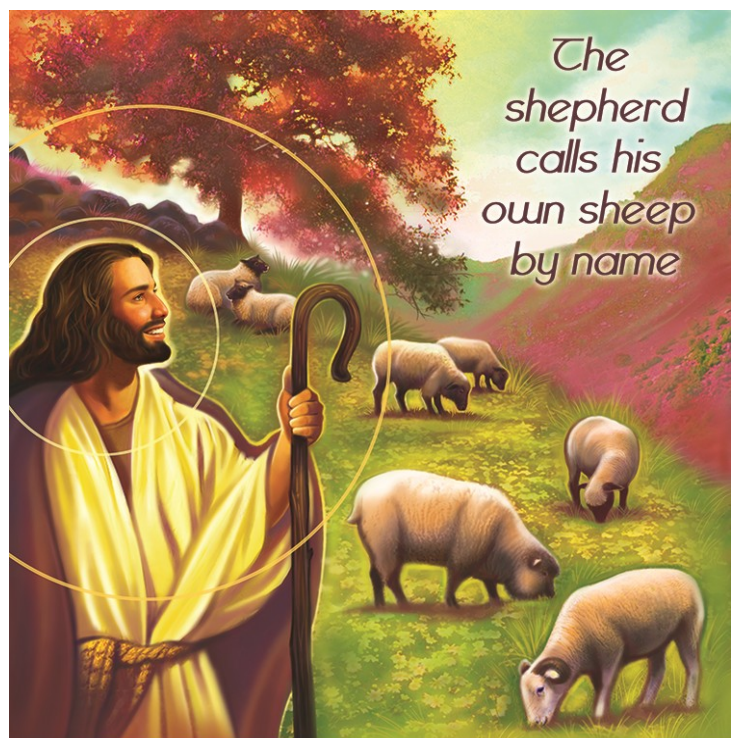
Saturday from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

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

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3RD 2020

CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA
3 DE MAYO DE 2020



EL PASTOR LLAMA A CADA UNA
DE SUS OVEJAS POR SU NOMBRE

May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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,

The Church has traditionally celebrated the Feast of the Good Shepherd on the fourth Sunday of

Easter. The role of the Good Shepherd, our Lord, who laid down his life to save the sheep, is better appreciated during this time of Easter. The image of the Good Shepherd is one that many Christians love the most. Psalm 23, the Lord is my Shepherd, is one of the most popular psalms.

Today we give thanks to our Lord for his care as our Shepherd. He leads us with his word and example. He feeds us with his very self, the Holy Eucharist.

There are other shepherds in the Church that also perform this task of leading and feeding the sheep. They are the priests of the Church. In a special place we have Pope Francis. Our Lord entrusted Saint Peter with the overseeing of his entire flock. After our Lord, the Pope is our most important shepherd. During these times of uncertainty and fear, we have turned to him with more attention. His words have been very appropriate for the time we live in. We also thank God for Pope Francis today. And we pray for his well-being and ministry.

At the local level we have also shepherds. They are our bishop and our priests. Today we thank God for the Bishop and the priests that He has appointed for us. They lead and fed us with the Word of God and the Eucharist. Today we also pray for Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and for our priests that the Lord may keep them safe and focused on the task ahead of offering the care and the food the flock needs at present.

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

COUNTING SHEEP

When at night you cannot sleep,
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

—Anonymous

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are few openings for “Shepherds” in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize “Good Shepherd” as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd’s walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God’s Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God’s call.

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Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of April 19th, 2020
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection April 21st, 2019:.....	\$1,659.00
1st collection April 19th, 2020:.....	\$595.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$82,289.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$70,224.00
Accum. Operation income* previous year.....	\$149,019.00
Accum. Operation income* current year.....	\$136,728.00
Outreach April 2019.....	\$590.00
Outreach April 2020.....	\$62.00

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

Next Weekend Second Collection

Name: Emergency Fund.

Purpose: Frequent effort to raise funds to set aside in order to cover parish unexpected expenses and to reduce the need to withdraw from savings or to borrow.

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: Fondo de Emergencia.

Propósito: Colecta frecuente que recoge fondos para ser ahorrados a fin de pagar los gastos inesperados de la parroquia y para reducir la necesidad de gastar ahorros o hacer préstamos.

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 24th/A la fecha del 24 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	



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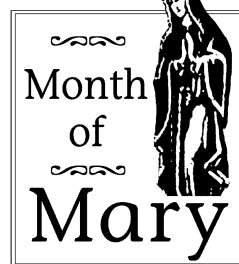
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Beginning section of Pope Francis Homily at the Easter Vigil 2020

“After the Sabbath” (*Mt 28:1*), the women went to the tomb. This is how the Gospel of this holy Vigil began: with the Sabbath. It is the day of the Easter Triduum that we tend to neglect as we eagerly await the passage from Friday’s cross to Easter Sunday’s Alleluia. This year however, we are experiencing, more than ever, the great silence of Holy Saturday. We can imagine ourselves in the position of the women on that day. They, like us, had before their eyes the drama of suffering, of an unexpected tragedy that happened all too suddenly. They had seen death and it weighed on their hearts. Pain was mixed with fear: would they suffer the same fate as the Master? Then too there was fear about the future and all that would need to be rebuilt. A painful memory, a hope cut short. For them, as for us, it was the darkest hour.

Yet in this situation the women did not allow themselves to be paralyzed. They did not give in to the gloom of sorrow and regret, they did not morosely close in on themselves, or flee from reality. They were doing something simple yet extraordinary: preparing at home the spices to anoint the body of Jesus. *They did not stop loving*; in the darkness of their hearts, they lit a flame of mercy. *Our Lady spent that Saturday*, the day that would be dedicated to her, *in prayer and hope*. She responded to sorrow with trust in the Lord. Unbeknownst to these women, they were making preparations, in the darkness of that Sabbath, for “the dawn of the first day of the week”, the day that would change history. Jesus, like a seed buried in the ground, was about to make new life blossom in the world; and these women, by prayer and love, were helping to make that hope flower. How many people, in these sad days, have done and are still doing what those women did, sowing seeds of hope! With small gestures of care, affection and prayer. ●

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Note: We italicized the sections above in order to highlight the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturdays are dedicated to her. The entire month of May is also dedicated to her. October is the month of the rosary. Pope Francis said that “Our Lady spent that Saturday in prayer and hope”. We her children throughout the world are spending these long weeks in prayer and hope with her. She does not stop loving us. We do not stop loving

African American History & Heritage

May 4th: Freedom Rides started in protest to segregated bus terminals - 1961 Washington, DC

May 6th: St. Martin de Porres canonized a Saint, Rome-1962

President Eisenhower signed the Civil Rights Act of 1960

May 9th: John Brown, abolitionist, born 1800 Torrington, CT.

3 de mayo de 2020 Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

SE NECESITA UN PASTOR

Por un tiempo estuvo de moda tener cerdos como mascotas. La publicidad que rodeó a estas criaturas nos informó que, contrario a la imagen popular, son animales muy limpios y también bastante inteligentes. Resulta triste decirlo, pero las ovejas probablemente nunca gozarán de este tipo de popularidad doméstica. Ni limpias ni inteligentes, son mayormente indefensas cuando se dejan solas, aunque el rebaño sea numeroso. La imagen bíblica de que somos un rebaño de ovejas no resulta muy favorecedora. Triste es el caso de las ovejas sin pastor porque, sin duda, perecerán dada su incapacidad de valerse por sí mismas o su carencia de defensas contra sus predadores. Colocarnos al centro de esta imagen poco favorecedora puede fortalecer nuestra fe. Sólo cuando tomamos profunda conciencia de que necesitamos un pastor, podemos apreciar nuestras bendiciones al haber sido entregados al Pastor, a aquél que dio su vida por nosotros y fue resucitado para la vida eterna en el Espíritu, a fin de poder guiarnos por siempre mientras lo seguimos en fe.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que creyeron fueron bautizados (Hechos 2:14a, 36-41).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Han vuelto al pastor y guardián de sus almas (1 Pedro 2:20b-25).

Evangelio — Yo soy la puerta para las ovejas (Juan 10:1-10).

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,

La Iglesia ha celebrado tradicionalmente la Fiesta del Buen Pastor el cuarto domingo de Pascua. El papel del Buen Pastor, nuestro Señor, que dio su vida para salvar a las ovejas, se aprecia mejor durante este tiempo de Pascua. La imagen del Buen Pastor es la que muchos cristianos aman más. El Salmo 23, el Señor es mi pastor, es uno de los salmos más populares.

Hoy damos gracias a nuestro Señor por su cuidado como nuestro Pastor. Nos guía con su palabra y ejemplo. Nos alimenta con su propio ser, la Sagrada Eucaristía.

Hay otros pastores en la Iglesia que también realizan esta tarea de dirigir y alimentar a las ovejas. Son los sacerdotes de la Iglesia. En un lugar especial tenemos al papa Francisco. Nuestro Señor le confió a San Pedro la supervisión de todo su rebaño. Después de nuestro Señor, el Papa es nuestro pastor más importante. Durante estos tiempos de incertidumbre y miedo, hemos recurrido a él con más atención. Sus palabras han sido muy apropiadas para el tiempo en que vivimos. También agradecemos a Dios por el Papa Francisco hoy. Y oramos por su bienestar y ministerio.

A nivel local también tenemos pastores. Ellos son nuestro obispo y nuestros sacerdotes. Hoy agradecemos a Dios por el Obispo y los sacerdotes que nos ha designado. Nos guían y nos alimentan con la Palabra de Dios y la Eucaristía. Hoy también oramos por el obispo Luis Rafael Zarama y por nuestros sacerdotes para que el Señor los mantenga seguros y centrados en la tarea de ofrecer el cuidado y la comida que el rebaño necesita actualmente.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

SIN PASTOR

Sin pastor, las ovejas no son rebaño.
—Proverbio ruso

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el año 1674 una Argentina, Doña Ana Mattos de Siqueyras se llevó a su casa una imagen de la Virgen María para hacerle una capillita en sus terrenos a un lado del río Luján. La imagen era de reputación milagrosa y Doña Ana deseaba tenerla cerquita de su hogar. Al día siguiente la imagen se había regresado a un eremitorio donde la cuidaba un esclavo africano llamado Manuel. Esto le pasó un par de veces hasta que se le ocurrió a Doña Ana llevarse en peregrinación a ambos María y Manuel. Desde entonces en una capilla abierta al público María se quedó sin ningún problema.

Como muchos ricos, Doña Ana quería echarse a Dios en el bolsillo llevándose para sí misma la imagen de María. Pero nuestra Señora de Luján tenía otro plan. Ella deseaba estar con el esclavo Manuel y con el pueblo. En fin, Doña Ana se fijó que a Dios y su madre no los controla nadie y nadie los puede hacer su propiedad, al contrario, ellos se entregan a los pobres y desamparados.

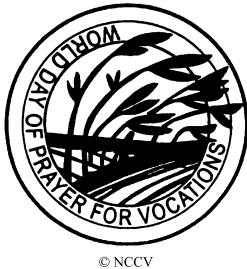
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Mass Intentions for the week



- Tue. May 5 †John Croom
Req. by Ervin Parker
- Wed. May 6 †Gloria Jean Pitt
Req. by Ervin Parker
- Thurs. May 7 †Bernice Jacobs
Req. by Jean Peterman
- Fri. May 8 †Gisele Owens
Req. by Ron Owens
- Sat. May 9 Holy Spirit Parishioners
- Sun. May 10 Mother's Day

† Denotes an intention for the deceased



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholics to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones

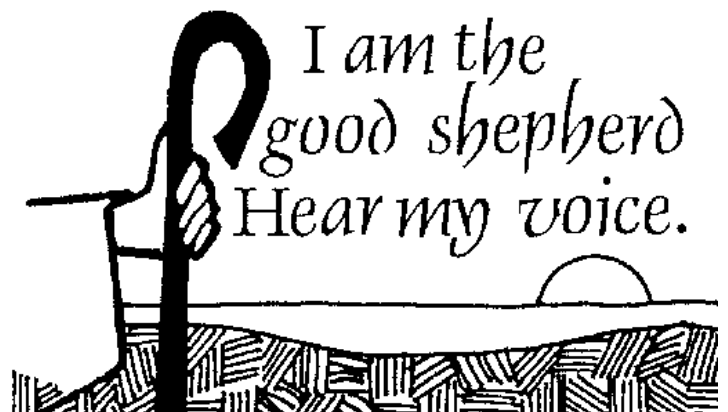
Hoy el Santo Padre ha pedido a todos los católicos que intercedan por las vocaciones. ¿Harás un esfuerzo especial para pedirle al Señor más vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa?

- Ora por los sacerdotes que te han servido a lo largo de tu vida, tanto vivos como muertos.
- Mantén a nuestros párrocos y diáconos en oración durante toda la semana.
- Anima a tus hijos o nietos a considerar una vocación como sacerdote o hermano o hermana religiosa.
- Reza un rosario para que más hombres y mujeres jóvenes de nuestra diócesis respondan al llamado de Dios.

Traditional Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, through Thy most sweet Heart we humbly beseech Thee that Thou, O eternal pastor, wouldst not desert Thy flock in its affliction, but wouldst refresh it with the spirit which Thou didst so abundantly pour forth upon Thine apostles. We beg of Thee to call many to the priesthood and the religious state. We beg of Thee to fill those whom Thou dost choose with zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. May they be sanctified in Thee. May Thy Holy spirit strengthen them against all adversity.

O Jesus give us priests and religious according to Thine own heart. Amen.



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Condolences

We express our condolences to Robert and Carol Lassiter on the death of their son, Robert Lassiter Jr., who died on Wednesday, April 22nd. May Robert's soul rest in peace.

Condolences

We express our condolences to Elaine White on the death of her brother from New Jersey, John Croom, who died on Tuesday, April 21st. May John's soul rest in peace.



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.