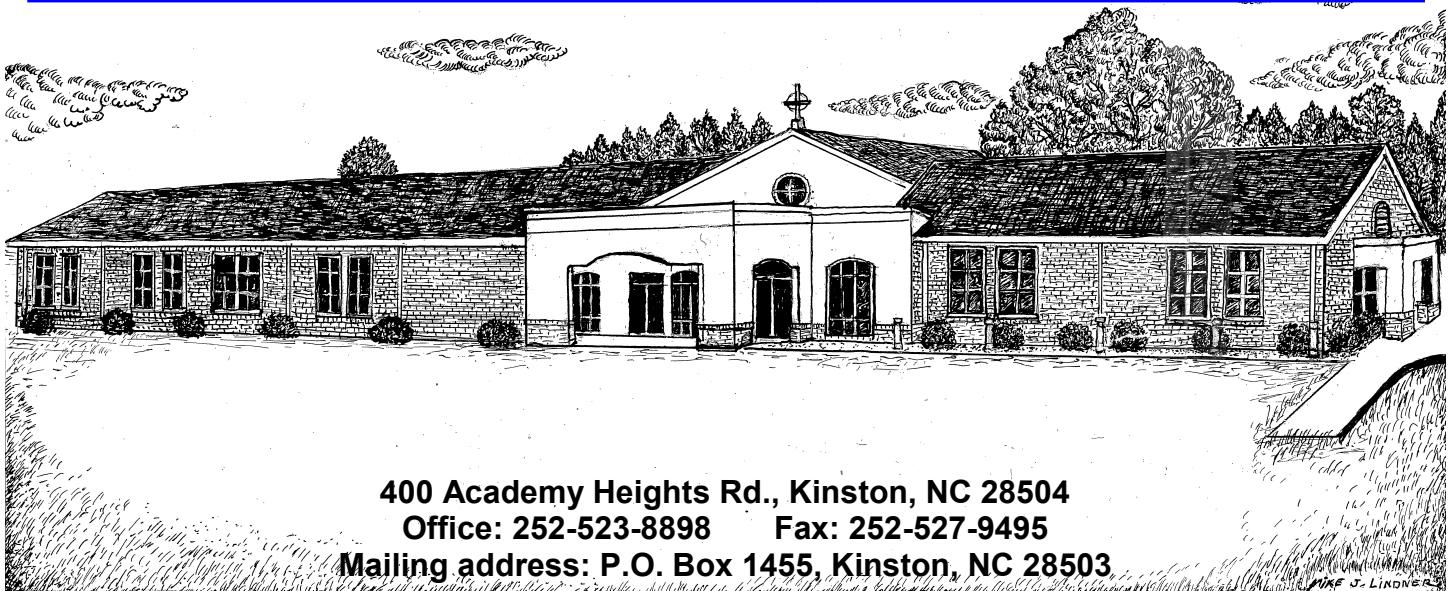


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Mass Schedule (During Pandemic Times)

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

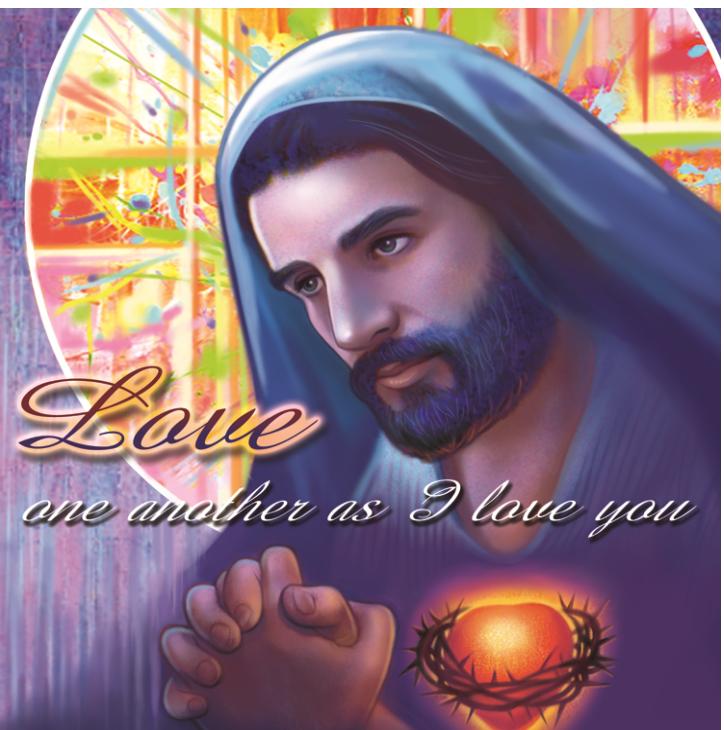
Saturday from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Or any time by appointment with Fr. Arturo

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**SIXTH SUNDAY EASTER
MAY 9TH 2021**

**SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA
9 DE MAYO DE 2021**



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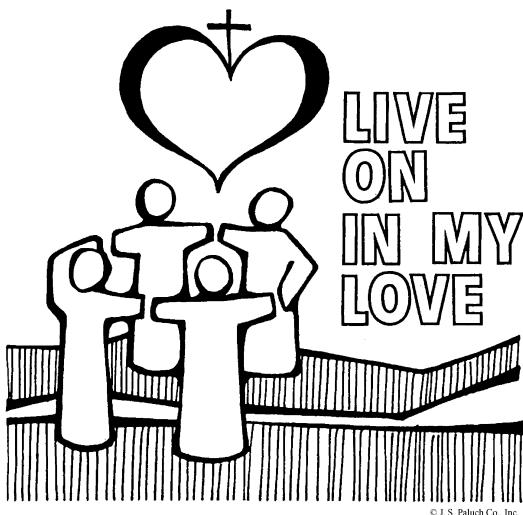
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17)

Pope's Monthly Intention

May 2021: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Holy Spirit Parish was scheduled to have Confirmations this year in March. They were to be at St. Ann's Church in Clayton. In addition to the 37 students from our parish, the group of students from Newton Grove parish was also going to be confirmed by the Bishop.

This Confirmation Mass could not be held due to the restrictions of the pandemic. Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama has authorized me to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for these candidates of our parish.

Starting this Saturday, May 15 and for five consecutive Saturdays, a confirmation Mass will be held in the parish in the morning.

The first group of students is made up of the following young people: Mia Avilez-Méndez, Bertín Avilez-Méndez, Jair Borja-González, Luis Figueroa-Arias, Adrián Mendoza-Carachue, Brittany Solís-Hernández, Neli Balderas-Márquez, and Jared Santiago-López.

I would like to congratulate these young people for their desire to confirm their faith. I raise my prayers that the Lord will make them faithful disciples of his in the Catholic Church. I thank their parents for supporting them in their faith.

I thank Kristine Keenan, Sean Keenan, and Lucía Acevedo for serving as catechists for these youth.

Yours Sincerely, Fr. Arturo

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the origins of Lent have to do with accompanying people in the final stages of preparation for baptism at Eastertime, so does the structure of the Easter season help the newly received Catholics take root in the community. This is the season of "mystagogy," which means "reflection on the mysteries." This means that new Catholics are remembering the sacraments by which they become one with us, and are sorting out the implications for their everyday life. They can understand the excitement of Cornelius and his family in the first reading, filled with the Holy Spirit, and so eager to begin their new life that they overwhelm St. Peter. The second reading and the Gospel today likewise help our new brothers and sisters explore their new life as an experience of God's tender love.

Long ago, our tradition named these newly baptized adults and children the "neophytes," from Greek words meaning "newly planted." Newly planted in the garden of faith, they look to us to provide the fertile soil in which their new life can take root and grow. You can help. If you have "neophytes" in your parish, a card or note of welcome, or warm words of congratulation, are still timely. It's Easter!

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Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

For the Weekend of April 25th, 2021
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)

1st collection April 26th, 2020:	\$700.00
1st collection April 25th, 2021:	\$1,448.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$70,924.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$69,085.00
Home Missions Collection April 2020.....	\$12.00
Home Missions Collection April 2021.....	\$141.00

Next Weekend Second Collection

Name: Catholic Communications

Purpose: Contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press.

Type: National level (all funds are sent to the Conference of Bishops to support the Church's works of social justice, evangelization, and education both domestically and around the globe; small donations like \$1.00-\$2.00 go a long way in this nationwide pool of donors).

Segunda Colecta del siguiente Domingo

Nombre: Comunicaciones Católicas

Propósito: Contribuir al proceso de la Evangelización apoyando actividades en radio, televisión, internet y otros medios sociales.

Clase: Nivel nacional (todos los fondos son enviados a la Conferencia de Obispos para apoyar el trabajo de justicia social, evangelización y educación tanto en el país como en el exterior; donaciones pequeñas como \$1.00-\$2.00 contribuyen a una colecta grande a nivel nacional).

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

As of Friday April 30th/A la fecha del 30 de Abril:

Parish goal/Meta: \$13,385.00

Amount pledged/Cantidad Prometida: \$ 10,635.00

Percentage of goal/Porcentaje de meta: 79%

Participation/Participación: 59 families

Thank you /Muchas gracias

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

For several years now and permanently the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the seventh Sunday of Easter (May 16th this year). Thursday May 13th is observed as an Easter weekday.

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Desde hace varios años y permanentemente la solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor ha sido transferida al séptimo domingo de Pascua (16 de mayo de este año). El Jueves 13 de mayo se observa como un día regular en la cincuentena Pascual.

Saints of the Week

Monday, May 10th: Saint Damien de Veuster, priest; died 15 April 1889 at age 49; Belgian who joined the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Picpus Fathers); arrived in Honolulu 19 March 1864; in 1873 began his work on Moloka'i, known as "the Devil's Island," used as a colony for over 800 lepers; diagnosed with leprosy in 1885; a man of intense interior life and deep simplicity; beatified in 1995; "I make myself a leper with the lepers, to gain all for Jesus Christ".

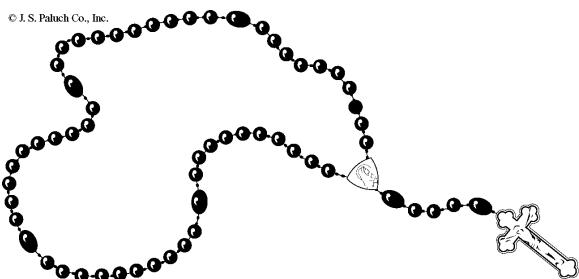
Wednesday, May 12th: (1)Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; died end of 1st century; Praetorian soldiers who converted to Christianity; beheaded during the reign of Trajan (98-117) on the island of Terracina.

(2)Saint Pancras, Martyr; died 304 at age 14; a Syrian or Phrygian orphan who came to Rome where he was converted to Christianity; he was beheaded under Diocletian; buried on the Via Aurelia.

Thursday, May 13th: Our Lady of Fatima; venerated under this title following apparitions to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, and prayer, especially the Rosary.

Friday, May 14th: Saint Matthias, Apostle; died 1st century; chosen to replace Judas; qualified because he witnessed Jesus' ministry and resurrection; said to have suffered martyrdom either at Colchis (modern day Georgia) or in Jerusalem.

Saturday, May 15th: Saint Isidore; died 1130 at age 60; layman whose wife, María de la Cabeza (Toribia) is also a saint; farm laborer associated with miracles; patron of Madrid, of farmers, and rural communities.



African American History & Heritage

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

May 10th: Nelson Mandela inaugurated as 1st President of South Africa - 1994.

May 12th: Segregated street cars integrated in Louisville, KY, following sit-in staged by a black teenager - 1871.

May 15th: U.S. Congress declares that U.S. citizens who engage in the foreign slave trade are subject to punishment by death - Act of 1820.

9 de Mayo de 2021

Sexto Domingo de Pascua

LA PRESENCIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Hoy tenemos un episodio único en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. ¡Un grupo de personas que llena una habitación es bautizado con el Espíritu Santo antes de que se bautizaran con agua! La palabra que se usa para describir el suceso: “el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre ellos” (Hechos 10:44), es característica de la forma en que el Espíritu obra en todo el libro de los Hechos: de manera poderosa y sorprendente. Aunque este “bautismo” no es la norma para describir el bautismo en el Nuevo Testamento, es sin embargo un buen recordatorio de que el Espíritu Santo no está controlado por si hemos vertido el agua o no, sino que nuestros signos sacramentales revelan al Espíritu presente y obrando entre nosotros. Y tenemos un doble refuerzo de cómo esta obra se lleva a cabo en la carta y el Evangelio que llevan el nombre de Juan. Es el amor, el auto sacrificio y el amor de entrega, que manifiestan al Espíritu de Jesús entre nosotros. El amor es el más grande de los mandamientos. El Espíritu se manifiesta también a través de los que viven en ese amor.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Salmo — El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10) o 1 Juan 4:11-16.

Evangelio — Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17)

Intención Mensual del Papa

Mayo de 2021: El mundo de las finanzas

Oremos para que los responsables de las finanzas trabajen con los gobiernos para regular la esfera financiera y proteger a los ciudadanos de sus peligros.

Notas del Párroco

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Estimados Feligreses,

La parroquia Espíritu Santo estaba programada para tener las Confirmaciones este año en Marzo. Iban a ser en la iglesia de Santa Ana en Clayton. Además de los 37 estudiantes de nuestra parroquia, el grupo de estudiantes de la parroquia de Newton Grove también iban a ser confirmados por el Señor Obispo.

Esta Misa de Confirmaciones no se pudo tener debido a las restricciones de la pandemia. El Señor Obispo Luis Rafael Zarama me ha autorizado a mí para celebrar el sacramento de la Confirmación para estos candidatos de nuestra parroquia.

Empezando este sábado 15 de mayo y durante cinco sábados consecutivos, se tendrá una Misa de confirmación en la parroquia en las horas de la mañana.

El primer grupo de estudiantes lo conforman los siguientes jóvenes: Mia Avilez-Méndez, Bertín Avilez-Méndez, Jair Borja-González, Luis Figueroa-Arias, Adrián Mendoza-Carachue, Brittany Solís-Hernández, Neli Balderas-Márquez y Jared Santiago-López.

Me gustaría felicitar a estos jóvenes por su deseo de confirmar su fe. Elevo mis oraciones para que el Señor los haga fieles discípulos suyos en la Iglesia Católica. Agradezco a sus papás por apoyarlos en su fe.

Agradezco a Kristine Keenan, Sean Keenan y Lucía Acevedo por servir como catequistas de estos jóvenes.

Cordialmente, Padre Arturo

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Tristemente una vez que muchos Latinoamericanos llegan a EE.UU. es difícil regresar a sus tierras de origen, ni siquiera para visitar. Por esta razón, muchos pueblos latinoamericanos han construido santuarios a sus Vírgenes y Santos patrones en tierra estadounidense. De esta manera buscan estar cerca al suelo que les trajo a luz, que les nutrió con frutas, verduras, flores, cantos, costumbres y tradiciones.

En Miami el pueblo Cubano ha construido una Ermita dedicada a la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, cuya capilla del Santísimo fue bendecida en la fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor. Debajo de su altar principal se guarda una piedra hecha con tierra de las distintas provincias de Cuba. Es bello el hecho, porque de esta manera todo cubano que se acerca al altar del Señor puede estar cerca de su tierra aunque sea solo por un momento.

Qué hay en la tierra que nos llama tanto a nosotros los Latinos? Será que el libro del Génesis tiene razón, Dios forma toda persona del polvo y el corazón latino anhela la tierra de que fue sacado.

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



Tue. May 11	Open Mass Intention
Wed. May 12	Open Mass Intention
Thurs. May 13	Open Mass Intention
Fri. May 14	Open Mass Intention
Sat. May 15	Open Mass Intention
Sun. May 16	†Cesly Cabreza Req. by Vicki Cabreza Open Mass Intention Holy Spirit Parishioners

† Denotes an intention for the deceased



We wish all our mothers a happy and healthy Mother's Day!

Prayer:

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment
to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mother.

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, her family,
may honor her always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Graduation Recognition

Parents with High School and/or College students who are graduating this year are asked to please inform the office about graduation. We would like to recognize these students during a Mass on Sunday in June.

Misa de Graduación

Se les pide a los padres con estudiantes de preparatoria y de universidad que se gradúan este año que informen a la oficina sobre la graduación. Nos gustaría felicitar a estos estudiantes durante la misa un domingo de junio.

Acerca del ex-sacerdote Edgar Sepúlveda

En febrero de 2020 Edgar Sepúlveda, quien sirvió en la Diócesis de Raleigh como sacerdote durante varios años, fue destituido de su ejercicio sacerdotal por abuso sexual de un menor. A raíz de esta decisión de las autoridades de la Iglesia Católica, el señor Sepúlveda no puede presentarse como sacerdote ni ejercer ministerio sacerdotal alguno.

La Diócesis de Raleigh ha sido informada recientemente que el señor Sepúlveda está organizando un retiro espiritual en Black Mountain, NC a finales del año. Si bien el señor Sepúlveda no se presenta a sí mismo como sacerdote para este evento, el cual se llevará a cabo fuera de la Diócesis de Raleigh, las autoridades de la Diócesis de Raleigh advierten del peligro de asistir a este evento dado el estado del señor Sepúlveda y la seriedad de las conclusiones que el Vaticano demostró ser ciertas con respecto a su comportamiento.



Deseamos a todas nuestras madres un feliz y saludable Día de la Madre!

Oración:

Dios amoroso
como una madre da vida y sustento
a sus hijos,
para que vele por su Iglesia.
Bendice a nuestra madre.
Que brille el ejemplo de su fe y amor.
Concede que nosotros, su familia,
poder honrarla siempre con un espíritu de profundo respeto.
Concédelo por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.



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, Judyth 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.