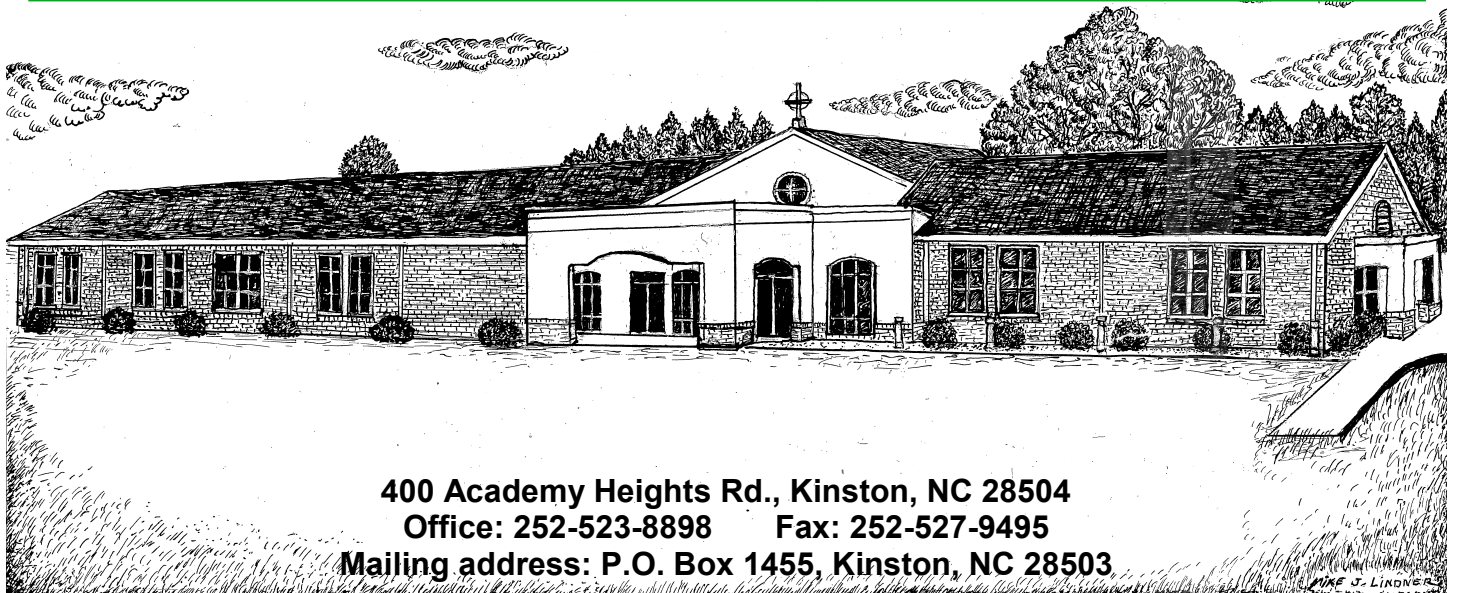


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Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

Tuesday	12:00 PM	English
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Spanish
Thursday	9:00 AM	English
Friday	9:00 AM	English

Weekend:

Saturday	5:00 PM	English
Sunday	9:00 AM	English
Sunday	10:15 AM*	Spanish
Sunday	11:30 AM	Spanish

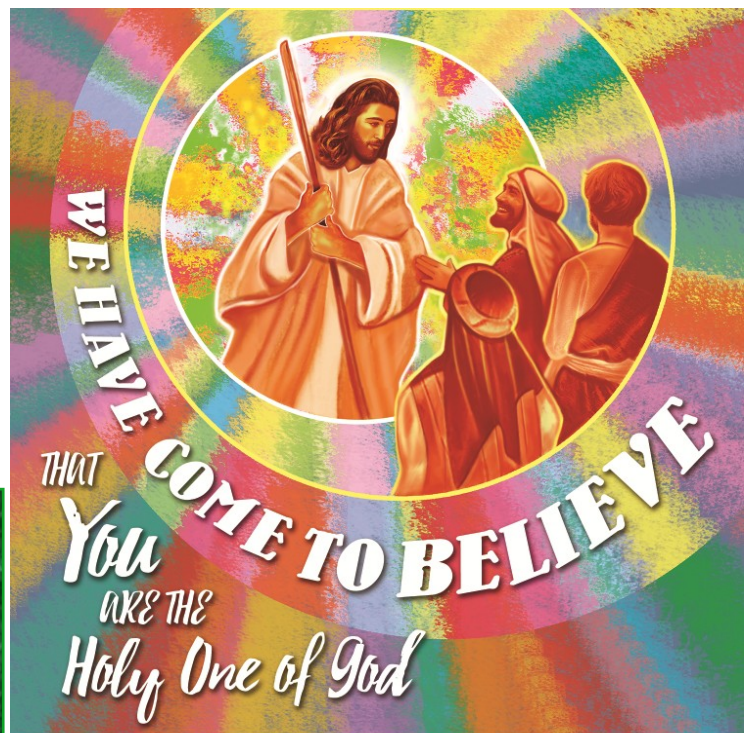
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

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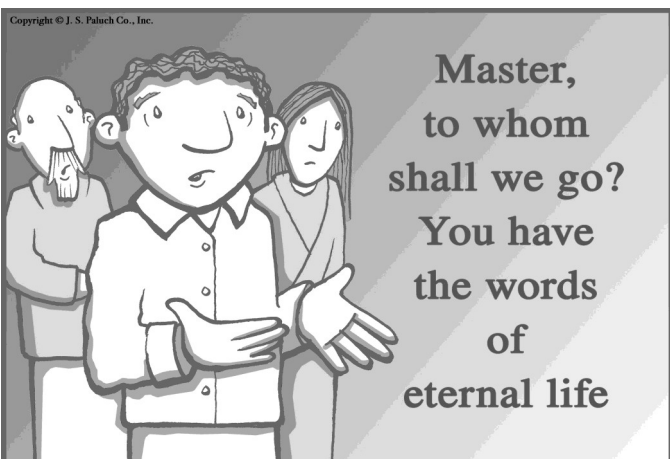
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DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
22 DE AGOSTO DE 2021



August 22, 2021 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, “Not to decide is to decide.” This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation’s involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won’t be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God’s word: Take the risk. Decide!
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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

Words of Pope Francis after the Angelu, August 15th, 2021

Pope’s Monthly Intention

August 2021: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Words of Pope Francis after the Angelu, August 15th, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

I join in the unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan. I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue. Only thus can the battered population of that country – men, women, elderly and children – return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect.

In the past few hours, a strong earthquake occurred in Haiti, provoking numerous deaths, wounding many, and causing extensive material damage. I want to express my closeness to the dear people hard hit by the earthquake. While I lift up my prayer to the Lord for the victims, I extend my word of encouragement to the survivors, hoping that the interest of the international community to help might move toward them. May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy!

THE WAY

It’s hard to train a child in a way the parents don’t go themselves.

—Anonymous

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Eucharist was never meant to be only “comfort food,” something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today’s Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one’s life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John’s Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?

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Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

**For the Weekend of August 8th, 2021
(Fiscal Year starts July 1st)**

1st collection August 9th, 2020:.....	\$1,347.00
1st collection August 8th, 2021:.....	\$1,027.00
Accum. 1st collection previous year.....	\$6,354.00
Accum. 1st collection current year.....	\$9,359.00
Emergency Fund August 8th, 2021.....	\$929.00

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 a momento en que circula la canasta

Online Giving

Holy Spirit also accepts donations and offertory online! Its safe and easy to do online contributions because:

- You can share your gifts anytime and from anywhere. Its easy to make one time contributions or to make payment plans on our online portal.
- By creating reoccurring contributions you don't have to remember to write or bring in checks each week. Its very convenient through a credit/debit card or savings account.
- Transfers are safer than paper transactions as they move directly, protecting your information.
- You can make your contribution even if you are unable to come to Mass that week, supporting your parish consistently.
- Its easy to give on the go! You can access our portal from your mobile phone, computer, or tablet.

Saints of the Week

Monday, August 23rd: Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin; died 1617 at age 31; Peruvian mystic; nicknamed “Rosa” because of her beauty; tertiary nun of the order of the Dominicans who lived a life of penance and solitude, caring for the homeless, elderly, and the sick; first declared saint of the New World (1672); patroness of the Philippines and of South America, especially Peru; also of florists and gardeners.

Tuesday, August 24th: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle; probably a surname in the synoptic gospels, meaning “son of Tolmai”; known as Nathaniel in John’s gospel; associated with St. Philip; said to have preached the gospel in India and Armenia where, according to tradition, he was flayed alive.

Wednesday, August 25th: (1) Saint Louis; died 1270 at age 56; model ruler and father of eleven children; Franciscan tertiary who cared especially for lepers; built Sainte Chapelle in Paris as a reliquary for the crown of thorns; while on his second crusade, died of the plague near Tunis; patron of masons and sculptors.

(2) Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest; died 1648 at age 91; from Aragon; founded (1617) Clerics Regular of Religious Schools (Piarists), today numbering some 1,375 religious; dedicated to helping poor children; faced many trials and calumnies for his work, including the temporary suppression of his Institute; patron of all Christian schools dedicated to assisting the poor.

Friday, August 27th: Saint Monica; died 387 at Ostia at age 56; born in Tagaste in Roman Africa (now Souk abras, Algeria); after thirty years of prayer, she obtained the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband; under the guidance of St. Ambrose (7 Dec.), she won the conversion of her eldest son, St. Augustine; patroness of mothers.

Saturday, August 28th: Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 430 at age 76; born in Tagaste, north Africa; after a dissolute life, he received baptism at age thirty-three from St. Ambrose; elected bishop of Hippo; combated Manichees, the Donatists, and Pelagius; most noted for his Confessions and City of God; over 500 homilies are extant; considered a founder of monastic life in the West, his Rule is observed by some 100 religious communities today; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called the “Doctor of Grace”.

African American History & Heritage

August 28th: Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his “I Have a dream” speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC– 1963.

22 de Agosto de 2021 Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LA TOMA DE DECISIONES

Hay un axioma que dice “No decidir es decidir”. Este dicho fue muy popular en los turbulentos tiempos de la Guerra de Vietnam. Nos instaba a no permitir que otros respondieran a las cuestiones morales planteadas por la participación de nuestro país en ese conflicto terrible, sino decidir por nosotros mismos. Esa clase de decisiones nunca es fácil. Evitarla es común. Jesús, por su parte, no solo era un valiente arriesgado, sino un claro tomador de decisiones. Al buscar cumplir la misión a la que el Padre lo había llamado, continuamente tomó decisiones por nosotros y por el Padre. Trabajó duro para establecer condiciones que permitieran a los demás tomar decisiones similares. Nunca tomó decisiones por los demás ni forzó a nadie a tomarlas, incluso las decisiones que tenían ramificaciones para la eternidad. Jesús nos invita a tomar estas decisiones hoy día. No estaremos absolutamente seguros. Lo que es cierto, sin embargo, es el mandato que sale de la Palabra de Dios: arriésgate. ¡Decide!

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Evangelio — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. (Juan 6:60-69).

Intención Mensual del Papa

Agosto de 2021: La Iglesia

Oremos por la Iglesia, para que reciba del Espíritu Santo la gracia y la fuerza para reformarse a la luz del Evangelio.

Palabras del Santo Padre después del Angelus, 15 de agosto de 2021:

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Me uno a la preocupación unánime por la situación en Afganistán. Les pido que recen conmigo al Dios de la paz para que cese el estruendo de las armas y se encuentren soluciones en la mesa del diálogo. Solo así la atormentada población de ese país -hombres, mujeres, ancianos y niños- podrá volver a sus hogares y vivir en paz y seguridad con pleno respeto mutuo.

En las últimas horas se ha producido un fuerte terremoto en Haití, que ha causado numerosos muertos, heridos y cuantiosos daños materiales. Quisiera expresar mi cercanía a esa querida población que ha sido duramente golpeada por el sismo. Mientras elevo mis oraciones al Señor por las víctimas, dirijo mi palabra de aliento a los sobrevivientes, esperando que la comunidad internacional se interese por ellos. ¡Que la solidaridad de todos alivie las consecuencias de la tragedia!

EL CAMINO

Es difícil preparar a un niño de una manera que los padres no lo hagan ellos mismos.
—Anónimo

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Narcisa de Jesús Martillo Morán nació el día de san Narciso (29 de octubre, 1832), hija de campesinos ecuatorianos. Vivió su vida como costurera y doméstica. Falleció en Perú en 1869. Su fe se distinguió por su amor a la presencia de Jesús sacramentado en la Eucaristía, sus prácticas de penitencia y sus obras de caridad.

Cuando aún era joven, conoció la vida de la recientemente beatificada y ahora santa, Marianita de Jesús, “la Azucena de Quito” (1618-1645). La vida de esta santa mujer latina la inspiró a vivir como mejor cristiana, buscando ser guiada espiritualmente por una serie de directores espirituales. En esta laica beata, encontramos dos puntos de reflexión para nosotros los latinos. El primero es la necesidad de conocer nuestros santos latinos no sólo para recurrir a ellos sino para imitar su santidad. Lo segundo es la necesidad de buenos directores espirituales, ya sean sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas, laicos o laicas. La dirección espiritual es una práctica antigua en nuestra Iglesia y muchos hombres y mujeres han sido directores espirituales para guiar a personas como Narcisa, ayudándoles en el camino a la santidad.

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Mass Intentions for the week



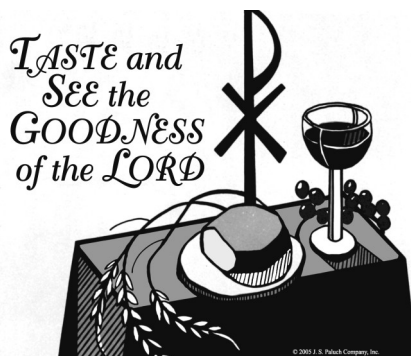
Tue. Aug. 24	Open Mass Intention
Wed. Aug. 25	No Mass
Thurs. Aug. 26	Open Mass Intention
Fri. Aug. 27	†Anna Le Thi Nham Req. by Thuc Ta family
Sat. Aug. 28	Open Mass Intention
Sun. Aug. 29	Ana Fostanes-Gardner Holy Spirit Parishioners †Martha Medina Req. by Patricia Irineo

† Denotes an intention for the deceased

Almsgiving

Almsgiving is slightly different from stewardship. *Stewardship* recognizes that everything (including personal possessions) belongs to God. This belief is expressed by returning a fixed percentage of one's income, acknowledging that the rest of what I have really belongs to God as well.

Almsgiving might also be called "partial stewardship." It is specifically directed to the poor. The word "alms" means "pity, mercy." In a way, it doesn't require as great an act of faith as stewardship (the belief that everything belongs to God). The sight of a poor person can be very moving, and is in itself a motivation to help, which is very, very good. But it doesn't necessarily include the conviction that the rest also belongs to God.



Condolences

We express our condolences to Laura Miller on the death of her father, Basil Moots, who died on August 10th in Pennsylvania. May Basil's soul rest in peace.

Condolencias

Expresamos nuestras condolencias a Laura Miller por la muerte de su padre Basil Moots, quien murió el 10 de agosto en Pennsylvania. Que el alma de Basil descance en paz.

Prayer to Begin the School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.



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Oración para Comenzar el Año Escolar

Bendito seas, Señor Dios, Creador de cuerpo, mente y corazón; has enviado el Espíritu de sabiduría y conocimiento para guiar a tu pueblo en todos sus caminos. Al comienzo de este nuevo año escolar imploramos tu misericordia: bendice a los estudiantes, maestros y personal, para que juntos podamos crecer en fe, esperanza y amor a medida que aprendemos de Ti y de los demás cómo seguir a tu Hijo Jesús. Expande los horizontes de nuestra mente para que podamos crecer en sabiduría, entendimiento y conocimiento; profundiza nuestro compromiso de buscar la verdad de tus caminos; y aviva nuestra fe para llegar a los necesitados. Gloria y alabanza a Ti, Señor Dios, en la Iglesia y en Cristo Jesús por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



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, Kay Hardison, 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 McMahan, Ivory Meadows, Robert Melton, Fredrick Miller, Alan Ortiz, Benita Parker, Ariana N. Parkman, Jackie Pitt, Genie Register, Herb Register, Gina Riggs, Phil Ryals, Msgr. Jerry Sherba, Jean Stalnaker, Laydon Stanley, Lillian Stogner, John & Julie Stowawy, Karen Stubbs, Darlene Vaughn, Henry Ward, and Justin Wharton.