

PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD: COLLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Collection: \$ 4401.00
Second Collection: \$ 1090.00
 {Total: \$ 5491.00 }
[Last Year: \$ N/A]

We thank you all for your contributions. Please remember to send your offertory envelop weekly or monthly or give online.

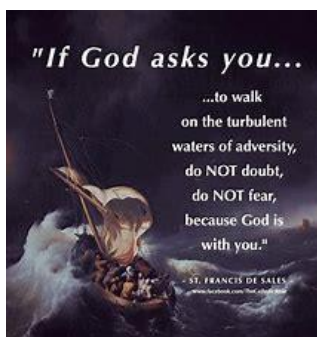
Les damos gracias a todos por sus contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de colección semanalmente o mensualmente o puede donar en línea.

<http://www.stfrancisdesalescatholic.org/online-giving.html>

SOCIAL MINISTRY/ MINISTERIO SOCIAL: UPDATE/ ACTUALIZAR

Thanks to a last-minute donation at the end of last week (March 30th to be exact), the total amount of non-perishable items turned in for the month of March reached **78 pounds!** Thank you **ALL** for your continued support and contributions for those less fortunate. As a reminder, there are boxes by the main entrance of the Church and the side door leading to the "Cry Room" for you to put any contributions you may have. Every little bit helps and is **GREATLY** appreciated!

Gracias a una donación de última hora a fines de la semana pasada, ¡la cantidad total de artículos no perecederos entregados durante el mes de marzo alcanzó 78 libras! Gracias a TODOS por su continuo apoyo y contribuciones para los menos afortunados. Como recordatorio, hay cajas junto a la entrada principal de la Iglesia y la puerta lateral que conduce a la "Cry Room" para que deposite las contribuciones que pueda tener. ¡Cada poquito ayuda y es MUY apreciado!



Local Events within our Diocese

- [Ignited by Truth 19th Annual Catholic Conference](#) will be in person this year on April 9th from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM at the NC State Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. [Register here.](#)
- April 8-10 [SEARCH retreat](#) for teens in grade 10 -12
- April 28 - [Collaborative Special Needs Ministry large group online meeting](#) - 2:00 PM
- April 30 - [10th Annual Catholic Charities Gala](#) - at Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley
- June 10 - [Faith Formation Leaders Day](#) returns. Join us for [Spiritual Refreshment](#)
 - St. Ann in Clayton from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. [Registration is open sign up today!](#)
- July 11 - 14 [St. John Bosco Conference](#) at [Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio](#)
 - If you are interested in attending contact [Patrick Ginty](#), who is organizing a carpool.
- Save the Date for upcoming diocesan Youth Ministry Leader Workshops
 - August 19 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM in Raleigh for Paid Youth Ministers
 - August 20 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM for Volunteer Youth Ministers
 - August 21 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM in Newton Grove for persons interested in becoming Youth Ministers
 - **To better serve you at these events, [please complete this survey.](#)**
- Join others from the Diocese of Raleigh at [World Youth Day 2023](#)



Happy Birthday to all celebrating birthdays this week/
 Feliz Cumpleaños a todos los que celebran cumpleaños en
 esta semana 4/10-4/16

Danny Garcia, Kelvin Ortega,
Serenity Morris, Patrica Antone,
Dana Evans

PRAYER REQUESTS



Your prayers are requested for the following
 parishioner prayer list /
 Se solicitan sus oraciones para la siguiente lista de
 oración de feligreses:

**Tony Blackwell, Sandra Rodríguez, Alane
 Walters, Lydia Yarborough, Juanita Mishoe,
 Carolyn Onorato, Richard Onorato, David &
 Rhonda Martin, Noelia Powell, Richard Geibert,
 Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores
 Castellano, Joe Younge, Fabien, Mary
 Hammonds, Therese Morel, Maryland Chance,
 Lorene Sinclair, Janet Hester, Mitchell Pittman
 Joseph Young, Shelby Young, Howard and Nellie
 Canady**

Recently Departed/Recientemente Fallecido:
**Mary Caliendo; Marina Rojo Labra, Jose Ramires
 Castrejón**

Remember also in your prayers all those affected
 by the Coronavirus around the world.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to all those
 celebrating this week! ¡Feliz aniversario a todas
 las que celebran esta semana!



To be published in our weekly bulletin, please inform
 the office of your Wedding Anniversary!

Parish Gift Shop

The Easter Season is upon us! Did you forget to
 grab a gift for that (or any) special occasion? Stop
 by after any Mass or during normal Church Office
 hours to find exactly what you are looking for! If
 you have something specific in mind and it's not in
 our inventory, just let us know and we will do our
 best to get it for you.



Tienda de artículos religiosos de la iglesia

¡La temporada de Pascua está sobre nosotros!
 ¿Olvidaste comprar un regalo para esa (o
 cualquier) ocasión especial? ¡Pase después de
 cualquier Misa o durante el horario normal de la
 Oficina de la Iglesia para encontrar exactamente
 lo que está buscando! Si tiene algo específico en
 mente y no está en nuestro inventario, háganoslo
 saber y haremos todo lo posible para
 conseguirlo.

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation of St. Francis de Sales
 would like to invite you to attend our adult
 education class on April 13th at 7:00 PM. Our goal is
 to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith
 and fellowship together. If there are any questions
 please contact Joseph Walters
 at waltersjoseph65@gmail.com, hope to see you
 there.

Formación de fe para adultos

La Formación de Fe para Adultos de San Francisco de Sales quisiera invitarlo a asistir a nuestra clase de educación para adultos el 13 de abril a las 7:00 p.m. Nuestro objetivo es profundizar nuestra comprensión de la fe católica y el compañerismo juntos. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Joseph Walters en waltersjoseph65@gmail.com, esperamos verlo allí.



The P. Holley Burch Council of the Knights of Columbus is offering a scholarship to a high school senior who is enrolling in a continuous education institution upon graduation. The applicant must be a member of St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church and have participated in volunteer work for the church, and their community or school. In the event that there are no eligible high school applicants, students currently enrolled in an institute of higher learning may also be eligible, provided they have not previously received this scholarship. Awarding of the scholarship is contingent upon proof of enrollment in an institute of higher learning; examples include a tuition statement, class schedule, or letter from the registrar. Applications may be submitted to any brother knight in good standing, mailed to the church, or dropped off at the parish office.

The application deadline is June 1st.

Proof of enrollment must be provided to K of C prior to July 31st.

The scholarship will be awarded the 1st Sunday in August at the 10:30 Mass.

Applications are available for pick up in the parish office or by emailing acabral@nc.rr.com or lee.pittman10@gmail.com

Oportunidad de beca Caballeros de Colón

El Consejo P. Holley Burch de los Caballeros de Colón está ofreciendo una beca a un estudiante de último año de secundaria que se inscriba en una institución de educación continua después de graduarse. El solicitante debe ser miembro de la Iglesia Católica St. Francis De Sales y haber participado en trabajo voluntario para la iglesia y su comunidad o escuela. En el caso de que no haya solicitantes elegibles de escuela secundaria, los estudiantes actualmente inscritos en un instituto de educación superior también pueden ser elegibles,

siempre que no hayan recibido esta beca anteriormente. La concesión de la beca depende de la prueba de inscripción en un instituto de educación superior; los ejemplos incluyen una declaración de matrícula, horario de clases o carta del registrador. Las solicitudes pueden enviarse a cualquier hermano caballero con buena reputación, enviarse por correo a la iglesia o dejarse en la oficina parroquial. La fecha límite de solicitud es el 1 de junio. Se debe proporcionar prueba de inscripción a C de C antes del 31 de julio.

La beca se otorgará el 1er domingo de agosto en la Misa de 10:30.

Las solicitudes están disponibles para recoger en la oficina parroquial o por correo electrónico acabral@nc.rr.com o lee.pittman10@gmail.com

Franciscan At Home

Register today using the links below and feel free to share it around with others! Our trio of webinar topics in April will be:

- **Tuesday, April 5 at 2:00pm** (Eastern Time in the U.S.) – **The Spiritual Journey** – Robert Siemens, Founder and Director of Franciscan University's School of Spiritual Direction. Click [here](#) to register for this webinar.
- **Tuesday, April 12 (during Holy Week) at 2:00pm** (Eastern Time in the U.S.) – **The Primacy of Grace and How Ministry Flows from the Divine Life within Us** – Dr. Petroc Willey, Director of the Catechetical Institute. Click [here](#) to register for this webinar.
- **Tuesday, April 26 at 2:00pm** (Eastern Time in the U.S.) – **Evangelization and the Liturgy** – Dr. James Pauley, Franciscan Catechetics Professor and Chris Carstens, Director of the Office of Sacred Worship for the Diocese of La Crosse. Click [here](#) to register for this webinar.

Reach out to Winston Arokiasamy (arocspeech1@gmail.com) or the Church Office (910 - 739 - 4723; office@stfrancisdesalescatholic.org) with any problems or questions you may have. REMEMBER: All Classes/Courses are FREE!

Pro-Life Answers to False Pro-Choice Arguments

"How can you make a fetus more important than a grown woman?" Abortion is a human rights issue, but politically speaking, it does involve competing rights. On the one hand, you have the mother's "right" not to be pregnant. On the other hand, you have the baby's right not to be killed. The question that must therefore be answered is which right is more fundamental? Abortion advocates argue that outlawing abortion would, in essence, elevate the rights of the unborn over and above those of the mother. However, in reality, outlawing abortion would not be giving unborn children more rights; it would simply re-establish for them the most fundamental right that no one can live without, namely the right to life. If a baby is not to be aborted, then the pregnant mother must remain pregnant. This will also require of her sickness, fatigue, reduced mobility, an enlarged body and some new clothes. Fortunately, it is not a permanent condition. On the flip side, for a pregnant woman not to be pregnant, her child must be killed (unless she is past 22 weeks of pregnancy, in which case the baby may well survive outside the womb). Abortion costs the unborn child his or her very life and it is a thoroughly permanent condition. That is what's at stake, both for the child and for the mother. It is not an issue of who is more important, but rather who has more on the line. Any time there are competing rights, the government must protect the more fundamental right. For example, the law requires the driver of a car to slow down and stop so a pedestrian may cross the road in front of him. This is not because the pedestrian is more valuable or important than the driver, but rather because, if the driver does not stop, it might cost the pedestrian his life. Obviously, for a woman to remain pregnant, she gives up far more than a few minutes of drive time, but she gives up far less than her baby who would otherwise be killed. This is what it comes down to. Since the child has far more at stake, the more fundamental right to life must be upheld.

Respuestas Pro-Vida a falsos argumentos Pro-Elección

“¿Cómo se le puede dar mas importancia a un feto que a una mujer adulta? El aborto es una cuestión de derechos humanos, pero, politicamente hablando, involucra derechos concurrentes. Por un lado, está el derecho de la madre a no estar embarazada. Y por otro lado, se tiene el derecho del bebé a no ser asesinado. La pregunta que debe ser respondida entonces es: ¿Qué derecho es más fundamental? Defensores del aborto, argumentan que deslegalizar el aborto elevaría los derechos del no nacido sobre los de la madre. Sin embargo, en realidad, deslegalizar el aborto no le estaría dando mas derechos a los bebés no nacidos, simplemente reestablecería para ellos el derecho mas fundamental: el derecho a la vida. Si un bebé no es abortado, por ende la madre debe permanecer embarazada. Esto también requerirá de ella: fatiga, cansancio, movilidad reducida, cambios en su cuerpo y ropa nueva. Afortunadamente, no es una condición permanente. Por el contrario, para una mujer embarazada, que no quiere estar embarazada, su bebé debe morir (a menos que tenga mas de 22 semanas de embarazo, en cuyo caso existe la posibilidad de que el bebé sobreviva fuera del vientre). El aborto le cuesta al bebé su vida a través de una condición permanente. Esto es lo que esta en juego para el bebé y la madre, no se trata de quién es mas importante, sino quien tiene más en riesgo. Cada vez que hay derechos contraponiéndose, el gobierno debe proteger el más fundamental. Por ejemplo, la ley requiere que el conductor de un automóvil baje la velocidad y se detenga para que un peatón pueda cruzar la calle enfrente de él. Esto no significa que el peatón sea mas importante que el conductor, pero si el conductor no se detiene, el peatón puede perder la vida.

Sunday Mass Obligation Returns to the Diocese of Raleigh

Beginning Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, Bishop Zarama has lifted the dispensation that has been in place for the Mass obligation for Sundays and Holy Days for the faithful in the Diocese of Raleigh.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has had in place an obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Importantly, the Church specifies that the elderly, sick, those with pre-existing health conditions or other vulnerable people are always dispensed from this Mass obligation. In some instances, the bishop or pastor may “lift the dispensation” among the faithful. This may occur during severe weather, for instance. Most recently, this has been the case during the COVID pandemic.

As so many of the faithful gather for Easter Masses, Bishop Luis offers this reminder that the obligation to attend Mass is also an invitation to return to our churches and renew ourselves in receiving God’s love through the Eucharist.

“The doors of our churches are wide open,” said Bishop Luis. “Now let us open our hearts, embracing each other in community and fully embracing the gift of God’s love with an open and joyful heart.”

La obligación de la misa dominical regresa a la Diócesis de Raleigh

A partir del Domingo de Pascua, 17 de abril de 2022, el Obispo Zarama ha levantado la dispensa que ha estado vigente para la obligación de Misa para los domingos y días santos para los fieles en la Diócesis de Raleigh.

Durante siglos, la Iglesia Católica ha tenido la obligación de que los católicos asistan a misa los domingos y días santos. Es importante destacar que la Iglesia especifica que los ancianos, los enfermos, las personas con condiciones de salud preexistentes u otras personas vulnerables siempre están dispensados de esta obligación de masa. En algunos casos, el obispo o pastor puede “levantar la dispensación” entre los fieles. Esto puede ocurrir durante el clima severo, por ejemplo. Más recientemente, este ha sido el caso durante la pandemia de COVID.

Mientras muchos de los fieles se reúnen para las Misas de Pascua, el Obispo Luis ofrece este recordatorio de que la obligación de asistir a la Misa es también una invitación a regresar a nuestras iglesias y renovarnos en la recepción del amor de Dios a través de la Eucaristía.

“Las puertas de nuestras iglesias están abiertas de par en par”, dijo el obispo Luis. “Ahora abracemos nuestros corazones, abrazándonos unos a otros en comunidad y abrazando plenamente el don del amor de Dios con un corazón abierto y alegre”.