

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish  
of Lumberton, NC  
Sunday, March 5, 2023



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1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Wednesday (Miércoles):** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Thursday (Jueves):** 8:30 – 1:00 pm  
1:00 pm – 6:00pm

**Friday (Viernes):** 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

**MASS TIMES (HORARIOS DE MISA)**

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (miércoles, jueves y viernes):** 12:00 PM

**Saturday (sábado):** 5:00 PM [English]

**Sunday (domingo):** 9:30 AM [English]  
7:30 AM y 11:30 AM [Español]

**Please call the office for Sacraments & Social Hall Rentals, as they are by appointment ONLY.**

**Llame a la oficina de Sacramentos & Social Hall Rentals, ya que son SOLO con cita previa.**

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Confession is every Saturday from **3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**, or by appointment with the Priest.

**La confesión es todos los sábados de 3:00 PM a 4:30 PM, o con cita previa con el sacerdote.**

**PICTURGY OF THE WEEKEND**

**04 SAT: Mass 5:00 PM: (+John Joseph Brahan III)**

**05 SUN: Misa 7:30 AM: (+Sandra J. Diaz)**

**Mass 9:30 AM: (For the People)**

**Misa 11:30 AM: (+Sandra J. Diaz)**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**\*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Gn 12:1-4a

**\*Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22**

**\*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Tm 1:8b-10 \*Gospel Mt 17:1-9

**Gospel Reflection**

Like Abraham in today's first reading, we are on a journey. The circumstances of our lives are always changing. As we get older, we find that we can't do things they way we used to, so we learn to do things differently.

Change isn't always easy; so, if we're smart, we learn to be flexible. This is true in our spiritual lives also. We must learn to be more sensitive to the many ways the Lord is working in us and through us.

Lent is a time for developing this deeper sensitivity to God's presence and love. St. Paul reminds us that there are a few things that never change. They become the sure foundation for our Christian living:

- God has saved us in Jesus, who has robbed death of its power and has brought us life and immortality.
- Salvation is a grace - a gift of God. We have done nothing and can do nothing to merit it. The gift is ours because God loves us with great compassion.
- We are called to live a holy life, bearing our share of the hardship which living and sharing the gospel entails.

Like Peter, James and John, we have heard and believed the voice from the clouds: "Jesus is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." Listening to Jesus is a vital part of our living a holy life. Our willingness to take the time to listen to Jesus is the primary way that we grow in our sensitivity to God's working in us. Our listening can take many forms:

- Personal prayer
- Meditating on the life and passion of Jesus
- Spiritual reading
- Attentiveness to the needs of the people around us.

Lent is a graced time for moments of listening. What we will hear will point out the direction our journey with the Lord will take. None of us will probably hear a voice from the clouds, as the disciples did. God will speak to us in less obvious ways, but he will speak. He speaks in every event of our lives, in every person who crosses our path. As we grow in greater sensitivity to his presence in everything and everyone around us, we will more easily understand what he is telling us about ourselves and what he wants us to say and do each day. Our daily journey becomes an ever-growing dialogue with our God who loves us and calls us to be one with him.

These days of Lent are graced. Let's be sure we take the time to accept the graces God has prepared for us and grow in our baptismal commitment.

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## SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

### Reflexión del Evangelio

Jesús lleva a Pedro, Pablo y a Juan, el Hermano de Santiago a una montaña alta. Allí, ante sus ojos, Jesús fue transfigurado. Ellos vieron su gloria enceguecedora y radiante. Ellos pudieron ver claramente la relación de Jesús con todo lo que lo había precedido en la historia divina de la salvación y a través de Moisés y de Elías. Ellos escucharon una voz que confirmó la Unión de Jesús con Dios, Abba... Padre.

Algunas veces me pregunto: Fue Jesús el que cambió, o fue más bien que algo cambió dentro de los tres seguidores de Jesús?

Fue Jesús el que les mostró algo nuevo y diferente de si mismo, o fue que sus seguidores, por primera vez, pudieron ver sin dificultad y sin obstáculos la gloria deslumbrante que siempre fue parte del ministerio de Jesús para con los pobres, los desafortunados, los necesitados, los olvidados? Fue una nueva revelación para ellos el escuchar esa voz que hablaba de Jesús como el hijo amado, o fue que por primera vez estos hombres estaban escuchando una voz que siempre estuvo presente y activa desde el momento mismo de la concepción de Jesús?

Y que hay de nosotros? Somos capaces de ver la gloria que Dios nos ha dado y que se halla dentro de nosotros mismos tan claramente como los tres discípulos tuvieron la oportunidad de verla en Jesús? Somos capaces de ver como el plan divino de salvación de Dios nos ha llevado hasta el punto donde nuestra vida se encuentra ahora mismo? Tenemos la habilidad de reconocer el papel que cada uno ha sido llamado a desempeñar en ese mismo plan de salvación divina? Hemos escuchado la voz de Dios quien nos ha creado, quien nos ha redimido y nos ha inspirado a ser sus hijos amados, sus verdaderos hijos e hijas?

El mensaje no puede ser mas claro que la Palabra de Dios la cual hemos leído en el libro del Génesis. El mismo Dios quien hablo a nuestro ancestro Abraham es el mismo Dios quien se refiere a nosotros cuando dice: "Yo haré de ustedes una gran nación, y los bendeciré; Yo haré que su nombre sea grande para que ustedes mismos se conviertan en bendiciones. Yo bendeciré a aquellos que los bendigan... todas las comunidades de la tierra encontrarán en ustedes una bendición".

En la medida en que cada uno de nosotros seamos una bendición para los demás (que es muy distinto a ser una maldición) la gloria deslumbrante de Dios brillará en nosotros; la voluntad de Dios es revelada a través de nosotros; la amorosa voz de Dios esta personificada en nosotros... para que el mundo entero pueda verla. No solo en la cima de la montaña de la vida, sino también en los valles y las planicies de la convivencia diaria.

A medida que transcurre esta temporada de la Cuaresma, pidamos para que podamos obtener la gracia de ver no solo la gloria de Jesús, quien siempre esta con nosotros, sino también la gloria que Dios nos ha

dado y que brilla dentro de nosotros y dentro de todos aquellos cuyas vidas hemos influenciado. No escuchemos solamente la voz de Dios que habla de Jesús como un hijo, escuchemos también la voz de ese mismo Dios quien nos llama sus hijos e hijas en las circunstancias, las relaciones y las experiencias que vivimos cada día de nuestras vidas.

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### PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD:

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(February 25/26, 2023)*

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 4419.25**

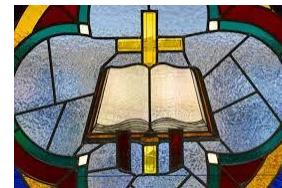
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 731.00**

**Total: \$ 5150.25**

**[Last Year: \$ 3798.25 ]**

We thank you all for your contributions. Please, remember to send your offertory envelope weekly or monthly or give online. Les agradecemos a todos por sus contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de ofertorio semanal o mensualmente o dar en línea

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



### LITURGY AND READINGS OF THE WEEK

#### **06 MON: LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**Dan 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13 \*Lk 6:36-38**

#### **07 TUE: St Perpetua & St Felicity (martyrs - Patron Saints of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers, butchers, Carthage, & Catalonia)**

**Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23 \*Mt 23:1-12**

#### **08 WED: St John of God (religious – Patron Saint of hospitals, the sick, nurses, firefighters, alcoholics, & booksellers)**

**Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16**

**\*Mt 20:17-28**

**(+Antonio)**

#### **09 THU: St Frances of Rome (religious – Patron Saint of automobile drivers)**

**Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 \*Lk 16:19-31**

**(Strength & Faith for the Gawlik Family)**

#### **10 FRI: LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21**

**\*Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**

**(+Maryland Sr. & Trulie Chance)**

#### **11 SAT: LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12**

**\*Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

## TAX TIME / Tiempo de impuestos

It's that time of year again! Anyone needing the 2022 Contribution Letters please call the office and leave a message for Rhonda or email her at rhondalou24@hotmail.com. Please let her know how you would like to receive your letter (mailed to home, emailed or pick up in the office). ¡Es esa época del año otra vez! Cualquiera que necesite las Cartas de contribución de 2022, llame a la oficina y deje un mensaje para Rhonda o envíe un correo electrónico a rhondalou24@hotmail.com. Hágale saber cómo le gustaría recibir su carta (enviada a casa, por correo electrónico o recogida en la oficina).



For the month of February, a total of **169 lbs** of nonperishable items were donated to our local Christian Care Center to help those less fortunate in our local area. As a reminder, there are boxes by the main entrance and Gift Shop entrance of our Church where you can place any items you would like to donate.



## Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners (Se solicitan sus oraciones para la siguiente lista de feligreses:)

**Tony Blackwell, Alane Walters, David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodríguez, Noelia Powell, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Janet Hester, Mitchell Pittman, Joseph & Shelby Young, The Brown Family (Erin, Adam, Marion, Delano), Cathy Cartrette and Doris Schneider, Antonio Lorenzo, Gloria Luente, and the Gawlik family (Anna, Lusia, Monika, John and Slawek), Rebecca White**

**Sick and Homebound:** Victor & Claire Dorais, Robert Barnhill, Robin Barnhill, Richard Geibert, Lydia Yarborough, Carolyn & Richard Onorato, Howard & Nellie Canady, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, Tom Jacoby, and Jan Henderson

**Nursing Homes:** Mary Hammonds, Therese Morel and Judy Whritenour at Wesley Pines

**Recently Departed (Recientemente Fallecido):**  
Martin Burch

**Please keep the 29 Candidates in your thoughts and prayers as they will get Confirmed this Sunday at 1:30 pm**

### A Prayer for our Candidates

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation,

make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,

and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel

and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Tania Citaly Ambrolio

Bryan Arellano

Anthony Navarro Bahos

Angriñi Banos

Jélen Vazquez Berca

Emilio Carrera

Danny Chavez

Fernando Chavez

Grecia Reyes Dominguez

Stephanie Elizabeth Edwards

Jasmine Estrada

Severo Serrano Flores

Allison Linnette Gonzalez

Anahy Carrera Guadarrama

Wilber Ketchum

Maria del Carmen Lagunes

Llosili Ubaira Lopez

Erick Javier Martinez

Joselyn Silvan Perez

Maycol Alexander Perez

Alina Mayte Rabanales

Yoselin Vanessa Reyes

Angelyne Jolet Rincon

Jessica Samantha Munoz Rodriguez

Marilyn Cinto Santos

Ulises Regino Sevilla

Kevin Silva

Candidio Armando Torres

Franco Chavez Verales



to everyone celebrating their birthday this week! (¡Feliz cumpleaños a todos ustedes que celebran sus cumpleaños esta semana!)

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**Harper Pittman, Julie Stanley, Steven Julius Castro Varquero, Rufo Capote-Flores, James White, Fernando Villanueva, Thomas A Pallo, Angie Chavez-Verales, Jose J Ruiz III**

**Tenga en cuenta a los 29 candidatos en sus pensamientos y oraciones, ya que serán confirmados este domingo a la 1:30 p. m.**



Our next Youth Group meeting is this Saturday, March 11, from 11:00 - 1:00. Pizza & chips will be served for lunch and all youth are asked to bring \$2 to help cover their part of the pizza. All Confirmation youth from age 14-18 are invited to attend! Nuestra próxima reunión del Grupo de Jóvenes es este sábado 11 de marzo de 11:00 a 1:00. Se servirá pizza y papas fritas para el almuerzo y se les pide a todos los jóvenes que traigan \$2 para ayudar a cubrir su parte de la pizza. ¡Todos los jóvenes de Confirmación de 14 a 18 años están invitados a asistir!

### A Letter from our Adult Faith Formation

Dear sisters and brothers,

After a two-month hiatus, we are ready to get our Adult Faith Formation (AFF) classes started again. For this year we are planning to follow the Franciscan Institute Eucharistic Revival Track. Hopefully we have our Zoom capabilities up and going for those who cannot come in person.

There are two major reasons we want to focus on the Eucharist. First involves a recent Pew Research poll that indicated a disturbing trend. They asked Catholics

regarding the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Disappointingly, only 29% of Catholics believe that Jesus is actually present in the Eucharist. This is an essential teaching at the core of our faith. Yet somewhere along the line we have failed to recognize this.

Secondly, in July 2024, the Church is preparing for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Indianapolis, IN from July 17th – 21st 2024 at the Lucas Oil Stadium. We need this renewal. We need to go back to the core of our belief to see Jesus actually present in the Eucharist – body, blood, soul and divinity. Here are some details of the Eucharistic Congress , the first one in 83 years.

The First Eucharistic Congress was held in Lille, France in 1818. This involved Catholics all over the world in prayer and adoration. Between 1895 and 1911, there were 5 such Congresses under the leadership of Bishop Maes. These involved mostly clergy, focusing on prayers, preparation of papers on Eucharistic discussions. Between 1930 and 1941 for the first time, the Congress was open to the laity. Between 1941 to the present time, World War II disrupted efforts to organize a Congress all over the world. However, in 1952 there was a renewal. In 1976 we had a Congress in Philadelphia. Eighty-three years later we are now planning this event in Indianapolis for an estimated 80,000 Catholics. If you are interested in attending this Congress you can Google "Eucharistic Congress". If you think you can attend the function – Go for it.

Back to our plans, we hope to prepare ourselves at the parish level to renew our Eucharistic vigor. We therefore are going to follow the track put out by the Franciscan Institute. It is divided into 3 courses, 4 workshops in each course containing 5-9 videos in each workshop. The workshops run between 7-15 minutes each. Our plan is to view 2 workshops at each of our sessions followed by open discussions of all participants. As we progress, if we come along any topic that appears to need further explanation or indepth look, we will isolate these topics. Then we will get speakers to research these topics into its theology, biblical basis and other aspects that relate to our faith and then present them to us.

Our classes will be held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Dinner will be provided at 6.30. Please try to come attend in person that way we have more fellowship. For those who cannot come, join us online. Please give us your email address so we can send you the link to join. Let us all grow together in our faith.

Our Email address is for any questions or if you need to get in touch with us: [SFDSChurchAFF@yahoo.com](mailto:SFDSChurchAFF@yahoo.com) Feel free to use this email at any time if you have questions, suggestions and just to present your ideas. Please feel free to contact any of our team members as follows. Winston Arokiasamy, Veronica Rich, Brad Norwood and Joe Monroy.

## Latin Prayers

The Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Pater Noster (Our Father) are now on the back page of the Glory & Praise books in the pews. Here is the YouTube link for the Pater Noster to help everyone in the Church pray it together: [https://youtu.be/5c\\_Is0wSRng](https://youtu.be/5c_Is0wSRng). El Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei y Pater Noster (Padre Nuestro) ahora están en la última página de los libros Glory & Praise en las bancas. Aquí está el enlace de YouTube para el Pater Noster para ayudar a todos en la Iglesia a rezarlo juntos: [https://youtu.be/5c\\_Is0wSRng](https://youtu.be/5c_Is0wSRng)

## Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please contact the Church Office and we will direct them to the proper Ministry Chair to have them addressed at the meeting. La próxima Reunión del Consejo Parroquial será el miércoles 15 de marzo a las 6:30 pm en el Salón Social. Si tiene preguntas, inquietudes o ideas, comuníquese con la Oficina de la Iglesia y las dirigiremos al Coordinador del Ministerio adecuado para que las aborde en la reunión.



## Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School employment opportunities

Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School is hiring teaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year, including: English, math, Spanish, and theology. For more information and application instructions, please visit our website: [www.cristoreyrt.org](https://www.cristoreyrt.org)

## MYSTERRIES OF THE ROSARY

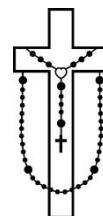
Missed the program launch at Our Lady of Lourdes? You can still enter into the Mysteries of Christ and Rediscover the Power of the Rosary. Watch the series with the rest of us on your own or with your family.

Enroll to participate for free at: <https://www.therosaryseries.com/>

Create an account, then Join our Existing Group (Code: 92194D).

You will get immediate access to stream the videos to your device.

Filmed in the Holy Land, Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music.



## Catholic Charities Hope in Action

Catholic Charities Hope In Action Campaign - Through our core programs of Disaster Services, Food Pantry Services, and Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities has positively impacted the lives of over 158,000 people this year. Help us continue to serve our neighbors in need by contributing to our Hope in Action campaign at [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/HopeInAction](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/HopeInAction) or by texting HOPE22 to 52236.

## To Love and to be Loved

Mr. Jim Towey, author and former White House Director of Faith Based Community Initiatives and contributor to the recent box office film, "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love," will be discussing his book, "To Love and to be Loved," on Thursday, March 9, at Mother Teresa Catholic Church in Cary at 6 p.m.

This event is open to the public. Please join us for an informative and inspirational evening and learn more about this beloved saint. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. For more information, please contact Matt Young, Mother Teresa Communications Director, at 919-428-3404; or visit the website at <https://motherteresacary.org/>.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Red – social hall Green – church Blue – graymoor			1 12pm Mass, Rosary 7-9pm Ensayo de coro	2 12pm Mass 6:30pm Choir practice 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	3 12pm Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30pm Benediction 6pm Stations of the Cross 6:30-7pm Lenten Soup 7:15pm Via Crucis 8pm Reunión de planificación para el Grupo Carismático	4 9am Confession and Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates 3-4:30pm Confession 5pm Vigil Mass 6pm Reunión de planificación para el Grupo Carismático
5 7:30 am Misa 8-9:20am Faith Formation 9:30am Mass (BAPTISM) and Children's Liturgy	6 RCIA 11am-12:30pm; 6:30- 8pm 11:30am Misa 1:30pm Confirmation Mass	7 5-7pm Music Practice 7-9pm Grupo de parejas 7pm Ensayo de coro	8 12pm Mass, Rosary 7pm Adult Faith Formation 7pm Ensayo de coro	9 12pm Mass 6:30pm Choir practice 7-9pm Grupo de Oración Carismático	10 12pm Mass 6pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Lenten Soup 7:15pm Via Crucis	11 9-10am Monaguillos 9-10:30am Adult Youth Meeting 9-10:30am English Class 11am-1pm Youth Group Meeting
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19 7:30 am Misa Second Scrutiny 7:30am 8am Faith Formation 9:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy	20 6:30pm Meditative Stations of the Cross by Deacon Pat RCIA 11am-12:30pm; 6:30- 8pm 11:30 am Misa (BAUTISMO) Catequesis 1-3pm	21 6pm Lenten Penance Service 7pm Adult Faith Formation 7pm Ensayo de coro	22 12pm Mass, Rosary 7pm Adult Faith Formation 7pm Ensayo de coro	23 12pm Mass 6:30pm Choir practice 7pm Grupo de Oración Carismático	24 12pm Mass 6pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Lenten Soup 7:15pm Via Crucis	25 9-10am Monaguillos 9-10:30am Adult Youth Meeting 9-10:30am English Class 12-4:30pm English Catechist Meeting
26 7:30 am Misa 8am Faith Formation 9:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy	27 Third Scrutiny and Our Father 9:30 & 11:30 am RCIA 11am-12:30pm; 6:30- 8pm 11:30 am Misa Catequesis 1-3pm	28 5pm Music Practice 6:30pm Easter Liturgy Meeting 7pm Grupo de parejas	29 12pm Mass, Rosary 7pm Ensayo de coro	30 12pm Mass 6:30pm Choir practice 6:30 pm 6:30pm KoC Officers Meeting 7pm Grupo de Oración Carismático	31 12pm Mass 6pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Lenten Soup 7:15pm Via Crucis 8pm Ultreya	