

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish
of Lumberton, NC
Sunday, February 26, 2023



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Temporary Office Hours

(temporario horarios del oficina)

Tuesday (martes): 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
[Bilingual]

closed from (cerrado de) 12:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Thursday (jueves): 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

closed from (cerrado de) 11:50 AM – 12:50 PM

MASS TIMES (HORARIOS DE MISA)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (miercoles, 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]**

CONFESSION (CONFESIÓN)

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.

LITURGY OF THE WEEKEND

18 SAT: Mass 5:00 PM: (+Joe Lupyak)

19 SUN: Misa 7:30 AM: (+Lorenzo Cedano)

Mass 9:30 AM: (+Mike Wadrose)

Misa 11:30 AM: (+Wilma Matthews)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

***1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

***Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17**

***2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19 *Gospel Mt 4:1-11**

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel focuses on the temptations of Christ. St. Francis de Sales notes: Our Lord did not seek temptation. Yet, He allowed the Spirit to lead Him into the desert to be tempted to show us how we ought to resist it. No one who comes to serve God can avoid temptations. But no one should seek temptation. Still, if the Spirit leads us to a place where we encounter it, we must have confidence in the Spirit to strengthen us.

As soon as you are conscious of being tempted, be like children when they see a bear out in the country. They immediately run into the arms of their father or mother, or at least call to them for help and protection. Turn in the same way to God, for we must not trust in our own strength or courage to overcome evil. If the temptation continues, turn your thoughts to some good, commendable activities. When good thoughts enter and find a place in your heart, they will drive away evil thoughts.

No matter what temptations may come to you, and no matter what pleasure accompanies them, as long as you refuse consent, they do not offend God. Let the enemies of our salvation stand continually at our heart's door so as to gain entrance. As long as this act of refusal remains in our heart, we may rest assured that divine love, the life of the soul, remains within us. Through continual prayer, the sacraments, and confidence in God, our strength will return, and we will live a healthy and happy life.

Walk confidently, then, and remain in peace. Live well in gentleness, simplicity and humility. If you believe in God and the truth of God's word, nothing can harm you. Resolve not to sin, but do not be astonished or troubled when you do fall into sin. We must confide ourselves to the goodness of God who, for all that, does not love us less.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales.)

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Primer domingo de Cuarema

Reflexión del Evangelio

El evangelio de hoy se centra en las tentaciones de Cristo. San Francisco de Sales anota: Nuestro Señor no buscó la tentación. Sin embargo, permitió que el Espíritu lo llevara al desierto para ser tentado y mostrarnos cómo debemos resistirlo. Nadie que viene a servir a Dios puede evitar las tentaciones. Pero nadie debe buscar la tentación. Aun así, si el Espíritu nos lleva a un lugar donde lo encontremos, debemos tener confianza en el Espíritu para que nos fortalezca.

Tan pronto como seas consciente de ser tentado, sé como los niños cuando ven un oso en el campo. Inmediatamente corren a los brazos de su padre o madre, o al menos les llaman para pedir ayuda y protección. Vuélvete de la misma manera a Dios, porque no debemos confiar en nuestra propia fuerza o coraje para vencer el mal. Si la tentación continúa, dirige tus pensamientos hacia algunas actividades buenas y encomiables. Cuando los buenos pensamientos entran y encuentran un lugar en tu corazón, alejarán los malos pensamientos.

No importa qué tentaciones puedan venir a ti, y no importa qué placer las acompañe, mientras rechaces el consentimiento, no ofenden a Dios. Que los enemigos de nuestra salvación permanezcan continuamente a la puerta de nuestro corazón para poder entrar. Mientras este acto de rechazo permanezca en nuestro corazón, podemos estar seguros de que el amor divino, la vida del alma, permanece en nosotros. A través de la oración continua, los sacramentos y la confianza en Dios, nuestra fuerza volverá y viviremos una vida saludable y feliz.

Caminen, pues, con confianza y permanezcan en paz. Vive bien en la mansedumbre, la sencillez y la humildad. Si crees en Dios y en la verdad de la palabra de Dios, nada puede hacerte daño. Resuelvan no pecar, pero no se asombren ni se turben cuando caigan en pecado. Debemos confiarnos a la bondad de Dios que, por eso, no nos ama menos.

(Adaptado de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales.)

PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(February 18/19, 2023)

1st Collection: \$ 3835.50
2nd Collection: \$ 746.86
Total: \$ 4582.36
[Last Year: \$ 4220.11]

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

27 MON: St Gregory of Narek (abbot & doctor of the Church)
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9,10 15 *Mt 25:31-46

28 TUE: WEEKDAY

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5,6-7, 16-17, 18-19 *Mt 6:7-15

01 WED: LENTEN WEEKDAY

Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

***Lk 11:29-32**

(Healing & Strength for Gloria Lucente)

02 THU: LENTEN WEEKDAY

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8

***Mt 7:7-12**

(+Kayla Hammonds)

03 FRI St Katharine Drexel (virgin – Patron Saint of racial justice & philanthropists)

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a 7bc-8 *Mt 5:20-26

(+Sandra Joaquin Diaz)

04 SAT St Casimir (Prince of Poland – Patron Saint of all youth)

Deu 26:16-19: Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 *Mt 5:43-48

Stations of the Cross		
Lead Commission Schedule		
FEB		
24	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Adult Faith Formation Young Adult Faith Formation
MAR		
03	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Social Commission comisión social
MAR		
10	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Youth Faith Formation Grupo de los catequistas
MAR		
17	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Knights of Columbus Los caballeros de Columbus
MAR		
24	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Rosary Group Grupo Carismático
MAR		
31	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	RCIA & Altar Servers RICA

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 envíele 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 January, a total of **139 lbs** of nonperishable items were donated to our local Christian Care Center. 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. Durante el mes de enero, se donaron un total de **139 libras** de artículos no perecederos a nuestro Christian Care Center local. Como recordatorio, hay cajas en la entrada principal y en la entrada de la tienda de regalos de nuestra iglesia donde puede colocar cualquier artículo que desee donar.



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 Lucente, 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

Let us also remember in prayer the 19k (plus) men, women, and children who were devastated & displaced by the earthquake that affected Syria & Turkey

"CHRIST IS ALIVE!" **ESSAY CONTEST**

Our Parish has been invited to participate in Christ Is Alive! National Essay Contest. The contest is open to children in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in a Catholic school or in a parish religious education program. They will select two winners in each grade from across the United States.

- the winner receives \$100 and a Bible

- the winner's teacher or catechist receives \$100
- the winner's class receives \$100 for a class celebration
- the winner's school or parish receives \$200

For more information, visit: [Christ Is Alive! Essay Contest](#)



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

February 26 – March 4, 2023

Charles Graham Martinez, Anthony Rossi, Kylian Blanco Jimenez, Joselyn Basilio-Ciriaco, Rhonda Martin, Cynthia Maldonado-Ortiz, Nathaniel McKeithan, Leon Doerman



Our next Youth Group meeting is 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!



Join us each Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross and Supper. Stations held in the church. Supper in the Social Hall.





MYSTERIES 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.

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/>.



Save the Date! The 11th Annual Catholic Charities Gala will be on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Join us for a night of music, dancing, and charity! For more information, visit the 2023 Gala webpage: <https://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/events/gala-2023/>



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

Employment Opportunities

Visit the Diocese of Raleigh Employment Opportunities page for current job listings at diocesan offices, parishes and schools, as well as some regional positions: www.dioceseofraleigh.org/employment.