

**St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish
of Lumberton, NC
Sunday, March 19, 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 (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]

**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.**

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: (+Yr & Mary Arokiasamy)

19 SUN: Misa 7:30 AM:
(+Elena Hernandez Mesa & +Delfino Flores)

Mass 9:30 AM: (+Manuel Jimenez Montoya)

Misa 11:30 AM: (+Paula Mora Tolentino)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

***1st Reading:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

***Ps** 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6

***2nd Reading:** Eph 5:8-14 ***Gospel** Jn 9:1-41

Gospel Reflection

We just heard another of those wonderful stories found in John's Gospel. Each story is told to teach us something, to get us to look deeper into life. This is a story of light and sight - about not seeing the light, being afraid to see the light, seeing the light, and tragically refusing to see the light.

Jesus, the light of the world, gives sight to the man who has been blind from birth. The waters of the pool of Siloam wash away the muddy earth from his eyes, and he sees - an obvious reference to the waters of Baptism.

It's hard to believe that the Pharisees could be so obstinate in their refusal to believe what the man reported to them. They are blinder than the man ever was. Even the parents are afraid to believe their own son's story, for fear of being put out of the synagogue.

The Gospel points out that Jesus wasn't only interested in the man's bodily sight. He came to give him "saving sight" - the fullness of faith in him as God's Son and Savior of the world. The man's belief in Jesus cost him his place in the synagogue.

The final scene of the story shows us the tragedy that is unfolding. Those who took great pride in their religious sight are not open to the light that Jesus brings. They are the truly blind.

Each of us from time-to-time shares in the various attitudes displayed in the Gospel story. Sometimes we are like the man born blind and Jesus must give us sight. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we're reluctant to see his workings in those around us. Like the man's parents, we can be afraid to acknowledge the light of Christ because others may criticize us, or worse, reject us. The Gospel is encouraging us to live faithfully by the light that Jesus gives us.

The conclusion of the Gospel is a warning: there are no privileged people in the community of faith. Jesus is the source of the light by which we all see. If we choose to be our own light, we risk eternal blindness.

May each of us have the courage to examine our own way of seeing and again choose Jesus as our light.

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CUATRO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA Reflexión del Evangelio

La ceguera es curada por el roce de la mano de Jesús. El expresar nuestra fe- siendo Fuentes de toque de Jesús en las vidas de los demás – permite que ellos puedan ver y experimentar el poder sanador de Jesús también.

Jesús tomo la iniciativa cuando curo la ceguera del muchacho que había nacido así. Este milagro permitió que otras personas pudieran alcanzar un mejor entendimiento de Jesús y de su misión.

El muchacho dialogo con las autoridades con respecto a su curación. Al hacerlo el alcanzo un mejor entendimiento de Jesús por si mismo y así pudo desafiar a las autoridades con respecto a sus creencias.

Francisco de Sales escribió en la Introducción a la Vida Devota (3,26) "Si ustedes aman a Dios, hablaran de El de seguido en sus conversaciones familiares con aquellos que habitan en sus casas, con sus amigos y con sus vecinos...Pero hablen siempre de Dios, como Dios: con reverencia y con devoción, no con ostentación sino con un espíritu sumiso, caritativo y humilde...Oren en secreto a Dios en el fondo de su alma para que así puedan complacerlo, para que este rocío sagrado llegue hasta lo profundo de los corazones de aquellos que los escuchen."

A medida que el joven continuaba hablando de Jesús, el descubrió el misterio de lo que le había sucedido y de cuanto Jesús significaba para el. El paso de ver a Jesús como un obrador de milagros, a reconocerlo, a creer que el era el Hijo de Dios ("el lo veneraba"). Gradualmente el llego a conocer a Jesús en su totalidad, encontrando y haciendo esa verdad su verdad e indudablemente cambiando su vida para siempre.

Durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación nos provee con ese toque de Jesús que cura nuestra propia ceguera, nuestra debilidad, y nuestra pecaminosidad. La oración y la meditación nos proveen los medios para que el ministerio nos sea revelado para nuestra propia redención. Leer y escuchar la Palabra de Dios en las Escrituras y compartirla con los demás en los grupos de estudios bíblicos y en otras reuniones menos formales nos permite alcanzar un mayor entendimiento sobre como podemos ser partícipes de la misión de Jesús y de su Iglesia.

Abrirnos al regalo de la fe nos permite ver a los demás de la misma en forma que Dios los ve: Samuel vio en David al hombre que Dios había ungido.

San Pablo en su carta a los Efesos dice, "Vivan como hijos de la luz, por que la luz produce toda clase de bondad, de rectitud y de verdad."

Si nuestro estilo de vida como cristianos se convierte en un desafío para los demás, nosotros podemos expresar nuestras creencias con humildad. Tenemos que aceptar el regalo de la gracia que hemos recibido no solo como un regalo sino también como una responsabilidad: para ayudar a los demás a que se abran también a la gracia

y para que sean curados de su propia ceguera, para que lleguen a ver y a experimentar la luz que encontramos solamente en la vida, la muerte, la resurrección y el amor de Jesucristo.

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PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD:

*Third Sunday of Lent
(March 11/12, 2023)*

1st Collection: \$ 4789.00

2nd Collection: \$ 698.76

Total: \$ 5487.76

[Last Year: \$ 4978.63]

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

20 MON: St Joseph (Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Patron Saint of the Universal Church)

1st 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
2nd Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 *Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

21 TUE: LENTEN WEEKDAY

Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 *Jn 5:1-16

22 WED: LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 *Jn 5:17-30
(+Bill Moon)

23 THU: St Turibius of Mogrovejo (bishop – Patron Saint of Peru)

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 *Jn 5:31-47
(for the intentions of Gloria Lucente)

24 FRI: LENTEN WEEKDAY

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23
***Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**
(+Christopher Chavis)

25 SAT: Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8-10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
2nd Heb 10:4-10 *Lk 1:26-38



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. *Durante el mes de febrero, se donaron un total de 169 libras de artículos no perecederos a nuestro Christian Care Center local para ayudar a los menos afortunados en nuestra área 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, Doris Schneider, Antonio Lorenzo, Gloria Lucente, the Gawlik family (Anna, Lusía, 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, Jan Henderson

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

Recently Departed (Recientemente Fallecido): Gustavo Regino Abarca, Christopher Chavis

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. 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



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

March 19 - 25, 2023

Kelvin Acosta, Ana Paolaa Diaz, Regina Mesino Joaquin, Evan Spivey, Juan Casarrubias-Joya, Hady Roblero Montiel, Daniela Trenado Ortiz, Rhonda Lange, Cedric Valdez

Mandatory Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

There is no longer a prohibition against receiving Communion under both species. At Saint Francis de Sales we will begin to once again receive both the Body of Christ and the Precious Blood of Christ at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. In order to prepare for this we will need Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EXO) to be trained. Since it has been 3 years since the last time we had this privilege, all EXOs must go through the training. The initial training sessions will take place after the Mass on March 25 and 26. In order to be eligible to serve as an EXO the person must be in full communion with the Catholic Church and approved for this ministry by Father Zacharie. Everyone must also be aware that reception under both species is strictly voluntary.

Formación Obligatoria para Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía

Ya no existe la prohibición de recibir la Comunión bajo dos especies. En San Francisco de Sales comenzaremos a recibir nuevamente tanto el Cuerpo de Cristo como la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo en la Misa de la Última Cena el Jueves Santo. Con el fin de prepararse para esto, necesitaremos que los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía (EXO) sean capacitados. Dado que han pasado 3 años desde la última vez que tuvimos este privilegio, todos los EXO deben pasar por el entrenamiento. Las sesiones de formación inicial tendrán lugar después de la Misa del 25 y 26 de marzo. Para ser elegible para servir como EXO, la persona debe estar en plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica y ser aprobada para este ministerio por el Padre Zacharie. Todos también deben ser conscientes de que la recepción bajo ambas especies es estrictamente voluntaria.

This Week's Special Collection Colcción especial de esta semana

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brother and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. *Esta semana retomamos la Colecta de Catholic Relief Services para revelar el amor de Cristo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados. Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a brindar alivio y apoyo a las comunidades en dificultades y a trabajar por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestros hermanos y hermanas marginados aquí y en todo el mundo. Considere en oración cómo puede apoyar esta colecta. Más información sobre la colección en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief*

Rosary Committee needs volunteers

We are in desperate need of volunteers to lead the Rosary before the 5:00 pm & 9:30 am weekend Masses. Please contact the Church Office or Mary Lee Wadrose if you are able and willing to help.



Corpus Christi Retreat: Source and Summit. "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit' of the Christian life. All ministries are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it." (CCC 1324) Come to this retreat and learn how to make the Eucharist the "source and summit" of your life. It's June 9-11 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Renew your spirit with mix of Adoration, contemplation, and prayer, plus be guided by several thoughtful reflections on the Mass. Make this year's Feast of Corpus Christi the beginning of your new life in Christ. For more information, visit www.catholicconference.org/eucharist, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828.327.7441.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love and mercy of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 2-4, 2023. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a

Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, go to website Project Rachel (www.rachelinc.org) and/or email project.rachel@raldioc.org or call 919-852-1021 (English) or 919-264-5892 (Spanish). The cost for the weekend is \$200 (\$150 for early registration) for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

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.

Eremos Spiritual Direction Retreat

A powerful retreat opportunity being offered by [Eremos Spiritual Direction](#) (of NC) in partnership with the Catholic Conference Center! Using faith and reason, this retreat will help participants explore how their personality affects their discipleship by employing a Catholic understanding of the human person, Church teaching, Sacred Scripture, the wisdom of the Saints, behavioral analysis and proven values-based growth models. The Retreat Masters will be Professional Spiritual Director, Natalie Jackson, DM and Dr. Cameron Jackson, KM of [Eremos Spiritual Direction](#) and [The Eremos Group](#). The Retreat Content Advisor for this experience is Father Andrew MBINKAR Berinyuy of the Piarist Fathers.

For more information about the retreat, please visit our [Retreat Information Page](#).

Individuals wishing to register for the retreat can do so via the link below or by scanning the QR code in the flyer, using their mobile device. SPACE IS LIMITED and is being facilitated on a first come, first serve basis.

[REGISTER HERE](#)