

"Because all that Christ did and suffered was for our teaching, He began after His baptism to dwell in the wilderness, and fought against the devil, that every baptized person might patiently sustain greater temptations after His baptism, nor be troubled, as if this which happened to Him was contrary to His expectation, but might bear up against all things, and come off conqueror. "

Saint John Chrysostom

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent



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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:15 am - 2:30 pm

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Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Saturday - Sábado	6:00 PM	Español Clinton
Sunday - Domingo	10:00 AM	English Clinton
Sunday - Domingo	12:30 PM	Español Clinton
Sunday - Domingo	6:00 PM	Español Ingold

Reconciliation - Confesiones

Saturday -Sábado, 4:00 — 5:30 p.m.
Daily Mass — As published inside bulletin.

Faith Formation - Catequesis

Immaculate Conception, Clinton

Primera Comunión -Año II (Español)
Saturday, 4:30 PM- 5:45 PM
First Communion Year II (English)
Sunday, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM
Confirmation - Year II
Wednesday, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Group I
Wednesday, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Group II

San Juan, Ingold

Primera Comunión - Año II
Sunday, 4:40 PM - 5:45 PM

Emergency phone: 910-594-0287

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Week of Sunday, February 21

Sunday, February 21

10:00 AM + John Patterson, Bill LaBadie,
Van Jansen, Mary Jensen, Ray Jensen,
Lennie Patterson, Rose Patterson

12:30 PM + Florentino Romero, Gabriela
Fernandez, Camila Hernandez, Fidel Cruz,
Emilio Cruz, Rosa Hernandez, Rosendo
Vazquez, Maria Juana Cruz, Lilian Andres,
Tomas Camacho, Josefina Cruz

6:00 PM People of the Parish (Ingold)

Monday, February 22

8:00 AM + Mario Novi

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 PM (Spanish) + Gilberto Rincon,
Tomas Flores, Baldomero Espinoza, Tane
Acosta, Javier Espinoza, Jose Espinoza

Thursday, February 25

8:00 AM + Rev. Joseph Fremd, C.Ss.R.

Friday, February 26

8:00 AM Olga Massino

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Week of Sunday, February 28

Sunday, February 28

10:00 AM + Nadzieja Przygocka, Bronisław
Przygocki, Jan Wysocki

12:30 PM + Tereso Gonzalez, Liova Castillo,
Rafaela Gonzalez, Ariseldo Gonzales,
Antonio Najera, Natalia Luna, Hilda Najera

6:00 PM People of the Parish (Ingold)

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND CLASSES

Sunday, February 21

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM First Communion
Class - Year II, Fr. Price Center

4:40 PM - 5:45 PM First Communion
Class - Year II, Ingold

Wednesday, February 24

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confirmation, Year II
Group I, Fr. Price Center

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation, Year II
Group II, Fr. Price Center

Saturday, February 27

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM First Communion
Class - Year II, Fr. Price Center

Sunday, February 28

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM First Communion
Class - Year II, Fr. Price Center

4:40 PM - 5:45 PM First Communion
Class - Year II, Ingold

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekly budget required: \$3,750.00

Offertory received Feb. 14 **\$1,282.00**

Total loan amount owed: \$137,017.54

Total paid to date: \$69,982.20

Amount owed: \$68,566.26

Please pray daily for our church community:

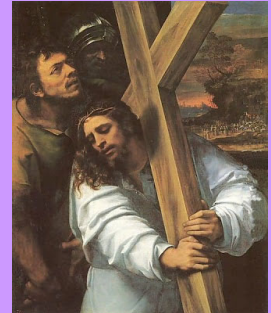
Sandy & Tom Weikert, Elly Tsao, Joan Pomnitz, Marta Melton - Dambeck, Laura Schoenleber, Evelyn Kornegay, Marie Stowers, Joseph Miller, Julia Moore, Carlyle Williams, Theresa Williford, Pearl Bradshaw, Liz Wills, John Stiles, Levere C. Montgomery Jr., Warren Montgomery, Londyn Marie Gwinn, Loretta Walker, Richie & Rosamaria Ochatorena



Stations of the Cross/ *Via Crucis*

Fridays during Lent/ *Cada Viernes de Cuaresma*

7:00 p.m.



MUSIC

Greetings Church Family!



We are very happy to have with us today a trio from Grove Park Baptist Church: Elizabeth Zaccardi, Wendy Cabral, and Lisa Turlington. Please make them welcome this first Sunday of Lent.

So, here we are and the First Sunday of Lent has arrived! Did it seem like five minutes ago that we were here on Christmas Eve welcoming the birth of our Lord? I remember well saying to Mae Troublefield, "Mrs. Mae, why does time seem to fly by?" She would quickly reply, "You think it's flying by now; wait until you are 97 years old." I do miss her sweet presence and will always be grateful for her role in encouraging me to embrace the faith. I have found a good website that may help you with your journey this Lent: simplycatholic.com. I really like the "Ten Things for Making the Lenten Season More Meaningful." They are practical ways to embrace this season of hope and healing in our lives. Take a look!

Of course our music takes a turn toward hymns that are reflective and inspire us to look inward as we move forward. And we will return to our Latin: Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. As you know, there is no Gloria during Lent. Thank you for your prayers for our parish and for Watson Reyes as he experiences the Rite of Election today. And I am grateful to Evander Pope, and Donna and Fran Leerkes for their faithful service to the choir. Michael

One Family in Christ

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2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
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Here we are. Another Lenten season is upon us. This is the year I'm going to make it all 6 weeks. I'm going to give up Coke and candy bars. I'm going to fast on Fridays, and I'm going to pray in the morning before work/school. I'm committed. (By the way, how are your New Year's resolutions going?)

Don't worry! We've all been there. Every year. All you have to do is try. All you have to do is try each day. Then, when you forget and eat something you shouldn't have, or didn't pray in the morning, just start over the next day. The biggest thing is to NOT GIVE UP.

Ask God for help this Lent. Ask him to walk with you, to guide you, to strengthen you. Then do your part - One. Day. At. A. Time. - and be sure to pray, fast and give. (Have you made your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal?)

22% of the money collected through the BAA is distributed by CATHOLIC CHARITIES. They provide help and create hope for our neighbors in need through the Disaster Services, Family Crisis Support, Food Pantries, and Immigration Services programs. Last year over 58,000 individuals were assisted, and over 3-million pounds of food were distributed. For example, the BAA gives a parishioner in Wilmington the ability to help a struggling family in Roxboro receive food assistance. A gift to the BAA means a family in Raleigh helps pay for the books of a young man studying for the priesthood. The BAA enables a life-long Catholic in Hillsborough to share the Gospel with a curious young adult on a college campus in Greenville. A gift to the BAA enables a parishioner on the Outer Banks to provide medicine for a Farmworker in Newton Grove. These are just a few examples of the far-reaching impact of the diocesan Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Thank you for your continued support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The goal, this year, for Immaculate Conception is \$20,300 and our pledges have already reached half our goal. Please continue to complete pledge cards and drop them in the mail or bring them to the church office.

Beginning of Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2021:

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem."

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.



In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8).

During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illuminated by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

Comienzo del Mensaje del Papa Francisco para la Cuaresma 2021:

"Mirad, estamos subiendo a Jerusalén."

Cuando Jesús anuncia a sus discípulos su pasión, muerte y resurrección, para cumplir con la voluntad del Padre, les revela el sentido profundo de su misión y los exhorta a asociarse a ella, para la salvación del mundo.

Recorriendo el camino cuaresmal, que nos conducirá a las celebraciones pascuales, recordemos a Aquel que "se humilló a sí mismo, hecho obediente hasta la muerte, y una muerte de cruz" (Flp 2,8). En este tiempo de conversión renovemos nuestra fe, saciemos nuestra sed con el "agua viva" de la esperanza y recibamos con el corazón abierto el amor de Dios que nos convierte en hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. En la noche de Pascua renovaremos las promesas de nuestro Bautismo, para renacer como hombres y mujeres nuevos, gracias a la obra del Espíritu Santo. Sin embargo, el itinerario de la Cuaresma, al igual que todo el camino cristiano, ya está bajo la luz de la Resurrección, que anima los sentimientos, las actitudes y las decisiones de quien desea seguir a Cristo.

El ayuno, la oración y la limosna, tal como los presenta Jesús en su predicación (cf. Mt 6,1-18), son las condiciones y la expresión de nuestra conversión. La vía de la pobreza y de la privación (el ayuno), la mirada y los gestos de amor hacia el hombre herido (la limosna) y el diálogo filial con el Padre (la oración) nos permiten encarnar una fe sincera, una esperanza viva y una caridad operante.



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