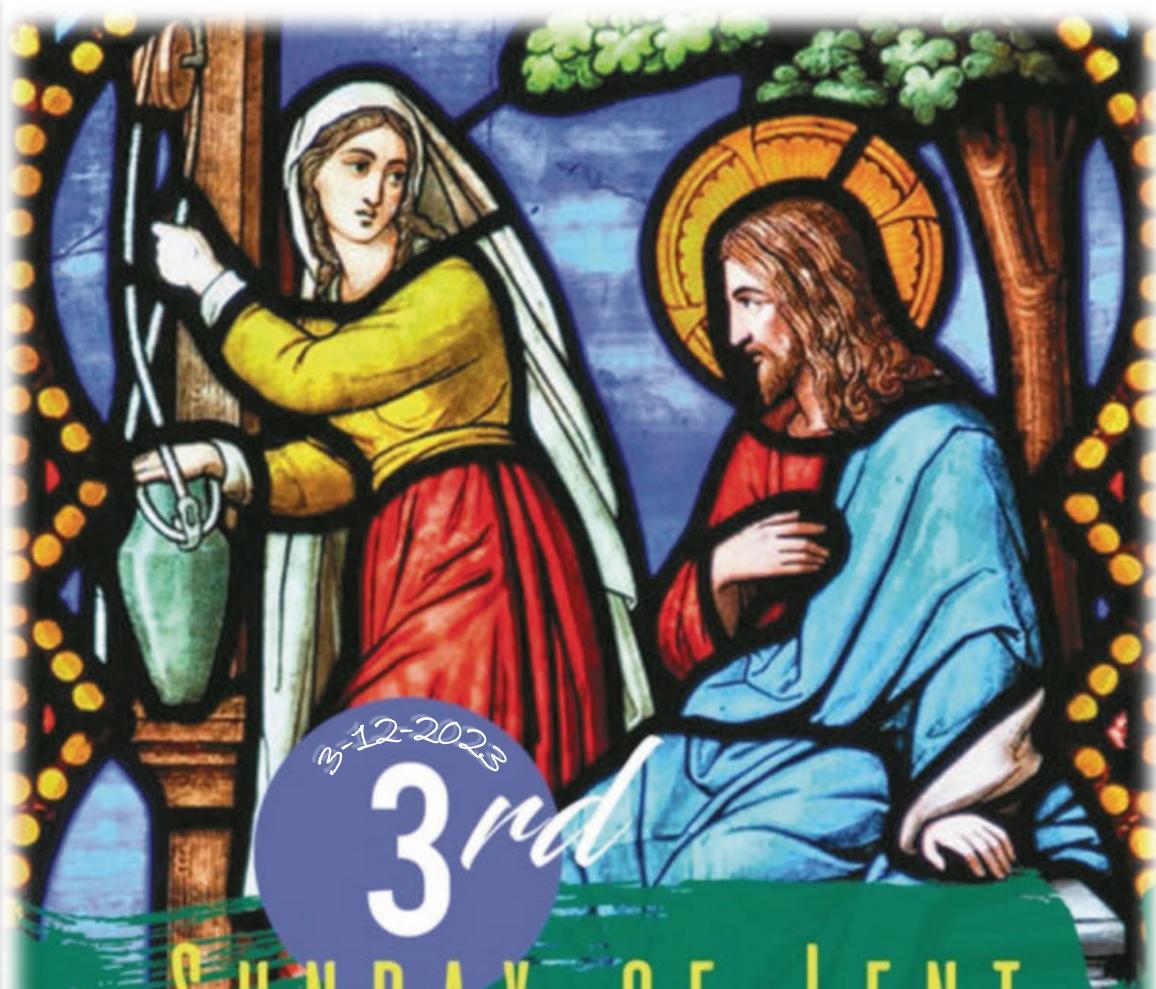


Blessed Sacrament News

Catholic Community / Comunidad Católica



A stained glass window illustration depicting Jesus and a woman at a well. The woman, wearing a yellow top and red skirt, stands by the well, holding a jar. Jesus, seated on the right, wears a blue robe and has a golden halo. The background shows a landscape with trees and a blue sky.

3rd
SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

- Jn 4:10

"Si conocieras el don de Dios y quién es el que te pide de beber, tú le pedirías a él, y él te daría agua viva". - Jn 4, 10

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Risking God's Mercy

Shortly after ordination, doing replacement work in a parish, I found myself in a rectory with a saintly old priest. He was over eighty, nearly blind, but widely sought out and respected, especially as a confessor. One night, alone with him, I asked him this question: "If you had your priesthood to live over again, would you do anything differently?" From a man so full of integrity, I had fully expected that there would be no regrets. So his answer surprised me.

Yes, he did have a regret, a major one, he said:

If I had my priesthood to do over again, I would be easier on people the next time. I wouldn't be so stingy with God's mercy, with the sacraments, with forgiveness. You see what was drilled into me was the phrase: 'The truth will set you free,' and I believed that it was my responsibility to challenge people so as to protect something inside of them. That's good. But I fear that I've been too hard on people. They have pain enough without me and the church laying further burdens on them. I should have risked God's mercy more!

I was struck by this because, less than a year before, as I took my final exams in the seminary, one of the priests who examined me, gave me this warning: "Be careful," he said, "never let your feelings get in the way. Don't be soft, that's wrong. Remember, hard as it is, only the truth sets people free!" Sound advice, it would seem, for a young priest. However, as the years of my ministry have moved towards middle-age, I feel more inclined to the old priest's advice: we need to risk God's mercy more. The place of justice and truth should never be ignored, but we must risk letting the infinite, unbounded, unconditional, undeserved mercy of God flow free. The mercy of God is as accessible as the nearest water tap, and so we, like Isaiah, must proclaim a mercy that has no price tag: "Come, come without money and without virtue, come everyone, drink freely of God's mercy!"

What holds us back? Why are we so hesitant in proclaiming God's inexhaustible, prodigal, indiscriminate mercy?

Partly our motives are good, noble even. Concern for truth, justice, orthodoxy, morality, proper public form, proper sacramental preparation, fear of scandal, and concern for the ecclesial community that needs to absorb and carry the effect of sin, these are not unimportant things. Love needs always to be tempered by truth, even as truth must ever be moderated by love. But sometimes our motives are less noble and the hesitancy arises out of timidity, fear, jealousy, and legalism—the self-righteousness of the Pharisees or the bitter jealousy of the older brother of the prodigal son. No cheap grace is to be dispensed on our watch!

In doing this we are misguided, less than good shepherds, out of tune with the God that Jesus proclaimed. God's mercy, as Jesus revealed it, embraces indiscriminately, the bad with the good, the undeserving with the deserving, the uninitiated with the initiated. One of the truly startling insights that Jesus gave us is that the mercy of God cannot not go out to everyone. It is always free, undeserved, unconditional, universal in embrace, reaching beyond all religion, custom, rubric, political correctness, mandatory program, ideology, and even beyond sin itself.

For our part then, especially those of us who are parents, ministers, teachers, catechists, and elders, we must risk proclaiming the prodigal character of God's mercy. We must not spend God's mercy as if it were ours to spend; dole out God's forgiveness as if it were a limited commodity; put conditions on God's love as if God were a petty tyrant or a political ideology; or cut off access to God as if we were the keeper of the heavenly gates. We aren't. If we tie God's mercy to our own timidity and fear, we limit it to the size of our own minds.

A bad game.

It is interesting to note in the gospels how the apostles, well-meaning of course, often tried to keep certain people away from Jesus as if they weren't worthy, as if they were an affront to his holiness or would somehow stain his purity. So they tried to shoe away children, prostitutes, tax-collectors, known sinners, and the uninitiated of all kinds. Always Jesus over-ruled their attempts with words to this effect: "let them come! I want them to come."

Things haven't changed. Always in the church, we, well-intentioned persons, for the same reasons as the apostles, keep trying to keep certain individuals and groups away from God's mercy as this is expressed in word, sacrament, and community. Jesus handled things then; I suspect that he can handle them now.

God doesn't want our protection. What God does want is for everyone, regardless of morality, orthodoxy, lack of preparation, age, or culture to come to the unlimited waters of divine mercy.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Arriesgando la Misericordia de Dios

Poco después de la ordenación, trabajando de reemplazo en una parroquia, me encontré en una rectoría con un santo y viejo sacerdote. Tenía más de ochenta años, estaba casi ciego, pero era muy solicitado y respetado, especialmente como confesor. Una noche, a solas con él, le hice esta pregunta: "Si tuviera que volver a vivir su sacerdocio, ¿haría algo diferente?" Viéndole de un hombre tan íntegro, Yo esperaba que no se arrepintiera. Su respuesta me sorprendió. Si, dijo, tenía un arrepentimiento, uno muy grande: "Si tuviera que volver a ejercer mi sacerdocio, la próxima vez sería más amable con la gente. No sería tan tacaño con la misericordia de Dios, con los sacramentos y con el perdón. Lo que me inculcaron en mi formación fue la frase "La verdad nos hará libres", y creí que era mi responsabilidad desafiar a la gente a protegerla. Eso es bueno, pero me temo que he sido demasiado duro con la gente. Ya tienen suficiente dolor en sus vidas sin que yo y la iglesia les impongamos más cargas. Debería haber expuesto más la misericordia de Dios".

Me llamó la atención porque menos de un año antes, al hacer mis exámenes finales en el seminario, uno de los sacerdotes que me examinó, me hizo esta advertencia: "Ten cuidado", me dijo, "nunca dejes que tus sentimientos se impongan a la verdad y seas demasiado blando, eso está mal. Recuerda que, por muy dura que sea, sólo la verdad libera a las personas". Un buen consejo, al parecer, para un joven sacerdote que comienza su ministerio.

Sin embargo, a medida que pasan los años en mi propio ministerio, me siento más inclinado hacia el consejo del viejo sacerdote. Tenemos que arriesgar más por la misericordia de Dios. Es cierto que nunca se puede ignorar la importancia de la verdad, pero debemos arriesgarnos a dejar fluir libremente la misericordia infinita, ilimitada, incondicional e inmerecida de Dios. La misericordia de Dios es tan accesible como el grifo de agua más cercano y nosotros, como Isaías, debemos proclamar una misericordia que no tiene precio: "Venir, venir sin dinero y sin méritos, venir todos, beber gratuitamente de la misericordia de Dios".

¿Qué nos frena? ¿Por qué dudamos tanto en proclamar la misericordia inagotable, pródiga e indiscriminada de Dios?

En parte, nuestros motivos son buenos, incluso nobles. Tenemos una preocupación legítima por algunas cosas importantes: la verdad, la justicia, la ortodoxia, la moral, la forma pública adecuada, la preparación sacramental adecuada, el miedo al escándalo y la preocupación por la comunidad eclesial que debe asumir y cargar con los efectos del pecado. El amor necesita siempre ser moderado por la verdad, así como la verdad debe ser moderada por el amor. Sin embargo, a veces nuestros motivos son menos elevados y nuestras vacilaciones surgen de la timidez, el miedo, los celos y el legalismo: la justicia propia de los fariseos o los celos disimulados del hermano mayor del hijo pródigo. ¡No hay que despachar ninguna gracia barata en nuestra casa!

Sin embargo, al hacer esto, estamos equivocados, somos menos que buenos pastores, no estamos en sintonía con el Dios que Jesús proclamó. La misericordia de Dios, tal como la reveló Jesús, abarca indistintamente a los malos y a los buenos, a los que no lo merecen y a los que lo merecen, a los no iniciados y a los iniciados. Una de las intuiciones verdaderamente sorprendentes que nos dio Jesús es que la misericordia de Dios no puede no llegar a todos, porque es siempre gratuita, inmerecida, incondicional, universal en su abrazo, llegando más allá de toda religión, costumbre, rúbrica, corrección política, programa obligatorio, ideología, e incluso más allá del propio pecado.

Por nuestra parte, pues, especialmente los que somos padres, ministros, maestros, catequistas y presbíteros, debemos arriesgarnos a proclamar el carácter pródigo de la misericordia de Dios. No debemos derrochar la misericordia de Dios como si fuera nuestra, ni repartir el perdón de Dios como si fuera una propiedad privada, ni poner condiciones al amor de Dios como si fuera un tirano mezquino o una ideología política, ni impedir el acercamiento a Dios como si fuéramos los guardianes de las puertas del cielo. No lo somos. Si vinculamos la misericordia de Dios a nuestra propia valoración de las cosas, entonces la vinculamos a nuestros propios límites, heridas y prejuicios.

Es interesante observar en los evangelios cómo los apóstoles, bien intencionados por supuesto, a menudo trataban de mantener a ciertas personas alejadas de Jesús, como si no fueran dignas y fueran de alguna manera una ofensa a su santidad y perfección. En repetidas ocasiones, trataron de alejar a los niños, a las prostitutas, a los recaudadores de impuestos, a los pecadores conocidos y a los no iniciados de todo tipo, y siempre Jesús anuló sus intentos con las siguientes palabras: "¡Dejar que vengan a mí! Quiero que vengan a mí".

Poco ha cambiado. Siempre en la iglesia, nosotros, personas bien intencionadas, con los mismos motivos que los apóstoles, seguimos intentando mantener a ciertos individuos y grupos alejados de la misericordia de Dios, tal como está disponible en la palabra, los sacramentos y la comunidad. Dios no quiere nuestra protección. Lo que Dios quiere es que todos independientemente de la moral, la ortodoxia, la falta de preparación, la edad o la cultura, se acerquen a las aguas infinitas de la misericordia divina. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

3rd Sunday of Lent



INTENCIÓNES para la Santa Misa

5 Saturday / Sábado, March 11

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Hannah Vatter — by Mike Vatter

†Thomas Kane — by the Touloupas and Kane families

6:15 PM—6:45 PM Confesiones en español

7:00 PM

Por los 15 años de Yenica Arizaga — de su familia

Por la Virgen del Cisne — de Blanca Suquilanda

†Elena García Moreno — de su familia

Sunday/Domingo, March 12

8:30 AM

†Joseph Alfonzo — by Eileen Alfonzo

†Vicente Marquez Lopez — by his daughters

10:30 AM

For our parish community

For Edith Marin on her birthday

11:15 AM—11:45 AM Confesiones en español

12:30 PM

†Basilio & Regina Mariscal — de Lorena Ibarra

†Mario Arendondo Ibarra — de Irene Flores

Monday/Lunes, March 13

8:30 AM

†Bill Kriener — by the Little Portion Food Pantry

Tuesday / Martes, March 14

8:30 AM

†William & Yolanda Deehan - by Eleanor & Vincent Deehan

Wednesday/Miércoles, March 15

8:30 AM

For our parish volunteers and benefactors

Thursday / Jueves, March 16

8:30 AM

All Souls in Purgatory — by Alma Vega

6:00 PM Adoration

Friday/Viernes, March 17

8:30 AM

In honor of St. Patrick

Next Sunday/Próximo Domingo

Saturday / Sábado, March 18

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

For our parish community

6:15 PM—6:45 PM Confesiones en español

7:00 PM

†Cirilo y Rubí Ramírez — de Antonia Ramírez

†Julio Muñoz y familiares fallecidos — de fam. Olmos

Sunday/Domingo, March 19

8:30 AM

†Carol Simser — by her husband

10:30 AM

For all the youth of our parish

11:15 AM—11:45 AM Confesiones en español

12:30 PM

†Cirilo y Adrián Gómez — de su mamá

†Teresa González, Santiago y Benito — de José Dimas

3^{do} Domingo de Cuaresma

3-12-2023

Readings for the week of March 12

Lecturas para la semana del 12 de marzo

This Sunday Este Domingo	Ex 17:3-7; Ps/Sal 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8); Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday Lunes	2 Kgs/Re 5:1-15ab; Ps/Sal 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk/Lc 4:24-30
Tuesday Martes	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps/Sal 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday Miércoles	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps/Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Jueves	Jer 7:23-28; Ps/Sal 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk/Lc 11:14-23
Friday Viernes	Hos/Os 14:2-10; Ps/Sal 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk/Mc 12:28-34
Saturday Sábado	Hos 6:1-6; Ps/Sal 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk/Lc 18:9-14
Next Sunday Próximo Domingo	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps/Sal 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1); Eph/Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



The Appointed Time

Aureliano Jimenez Sosa
Cora Nucilli

We offer condolences to the **Jiménez Sosa family** at the loss of **Aureliano**; and to **Robin & Joe Nucilli** at the loss of **Cora**.

Ofrecemos condolencias a la **familia Jiménez Sosa** por la muerte de **Aureliano**; y a **Robin & Joe Nucilli** por la muerte de **Cora**.

"A time to heal"...

We pray for all the sick, especially for the people whose names we have written in our **Parish Book of Prayer**. May they know the healing presence of Christ in body and spirit.

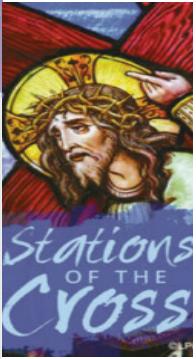
"Tiempo para sanar"...

Oramos por todos los enfermos, especialmente por los enfermos, cuyos nombres están escritos en nuestro **Libro de Oración Parroquial**. Que ellos puedan conocer la presencia sanadora de Cristo en cuerpo y espíritu.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent **at 6:00 PM** in the church. Join us as we follow Jesus along The Way of the Cross.

Las Estaciones de la Cruz se llevarán a cabo los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las **6:00 PM** en la iglesia. Acompáñenos a seguir a Jesús en el Camino de la Cruz.



Parish Finance Finanza Parroquial		sharing the gifts we have been given
	Contributions / Contribuciones	Actual
	Offertory: 3/5/23	will be available next week
	Year-to-Date Offertory: 3/5/23	will be available next week
	2 nd Collection/ <i>Colecta</i> 3/5/23	will be available next week



Receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before going to the Hospital

If you or a loved one are going to the hospital for surgery or treatment, we urge you to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before being hospitalized. The Sacrament can be received after any Mass or by appointment. While the friars respond to hospital emergency call requests, receiving the Sacrament before going to the hospital is preferable in the event that one of the friars is not immediately available in an emergency. Your family and friends are welcome to join you for this special celebration so they can pray for you too.

Please call the office at to make any necessary arrangements.

Recibir el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos antes de ir al hospital

Si usted o un ser querido va ha estar en el hospital debido a una cirugía o por un tratamiento. Le animamos a recibir el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos antes de entrar en el hospital. El sacramento puede recibirse después de cualquier Misa o por cita. Los frailes responden a llamadas de emergencia solicitando el Sacramento, pero recibir el Sacramento antes de ir al hospital es preferible en caso de que los frailes no estén disponibles inmediatamente para una emergencia. Su familia y sus amigos son bienvenidos a unirse para esta celebración especial y orar por usted también. Por favor llame a la oficina para hacer los arreglos correspondientes.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of **Ministers of hospitality** for all the **English Masses**. If you could commit to even **once a month**, that would help alleviate the schedule for those who already serve so faithfully. Men and women are invited to serve our parish community in any of the weekend Masses. If you would like to serve as a minister of Hospitality, please contact Frank Hallman, [\(FrankHallmann@outlook.com\)](mailto:FrankHallmann@outlook.com) (336) 212-0849.



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2nd Collection This Week: Envisioning the Future

2nd Collection Next Week: Catholic Relief Services

2^{da} Colecta Esta Semana: Imaginando el Futuro

2^{da} Colecta Próxima Semana: Catholic Relief Services

Offertory Envelopes Sobre de ofrendas

The 2023 offertory envelopes are available in the San Damiano Room. If you requested offertory envelopes, we invite you to stop by after Mass or at your convenience. If you preferred to switch to online giving instead of using the offertory envelopes, please call the office to update your record.

Los sobres de ofrendas 2023 están disponibles en el salón San Damiano. Si ha solicitado sobre de ofrendas, le invitamos a pasar por ellos después de Misa o cuando sea más conveniente para Usted. Si prefiere hacer su ofrenda en línea, envés de usar los sobre de ofrenda, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para actualizar su record.

Blessed Sacrament Church



**Little Portion
Food Pantry**

Next Distribution:

**Monday, April 3
from 11:30 AM-5:00 PM**

Come early if possible for the fresh produce.

408 W Davis St. Burlington, NC 27215

Próxima Distribución:

**Lunes, 3 de Abril
de 11:30 AM-5:00 PM**

Venga temprano si es posible para los productos frescos.

THANK YOU for your generosity

Our thanks to everyone who supports this important ministry. We appreciate your contributions

Please designate monetary contributions to "Blessed Sacrament Church – The Little Portion Food Pantry."

Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los que apoyan este importante ministerio. Agradecemos todas sus contribuciones — favor de asignar las contribuciones monetarias a "Blessed Sacrament Church – The Little Portion Food Pantry."

The Season of Lent

La Temporada de Cuaresma



Servicio de Reconciliación Comunitario **COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Announcement: Our Lenten communal reconciliation service is coming up!

Anuncio: Nuestro Servicio de Reconciliación
Comunitario de Cuaresma se acerca!

March/Marzo 27 | 7 p.m. |



NORMS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday are days of **fasting** and **abstinence**. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptismal Promises at Easter.

The Sacrament of Penance

While not specifically derived from the gospels as a discipline of the season of Lent, the season itself "is the principal time of penance both for individual Christians and for the whole Church."

(RP Appx. II). The purpose of the celebration of the sacrament in this season is to avail the faithful of ample opportunity to "be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts" (RP, 13).

The Sacrament of Penance, therefore, both individually and communally with individual confession, penance and reception of absolution, ought to be provided in all parishes of the Diocese.

El Sacramento de Reconciliación

Si bien no se deriva específicamente de los evangelios como disciplina del tiempo de Cuaresma, el tiempo en sí mismo "es el tiempo principal de penitencia tanto para los cristianos individuales como para toda la Iglesia". (RP Anexo II). La finalidad de la celebración del sacramento en este tiempo es dar a los fieles amplias oportunidades para "reconciliarse con Dios y con el prójimo y así poder celebrar el misterio pascual en el Triduo Pascual con corazones renovados" (RP, 13).

Por lo tanto, el Sacramento de la Penitencia, tanto, individual y comunitario con la confesión individual, la penitencia y la absolución, debe ser ofrecido en todas las parroquias de la Diócesis.



NORMAS DE ABSTINENCIA Y AYUNO

El miércoles de ceniza y el Viernes Santo, son días de abstinencia y de ayuno. También deben abstenerse los viernes durante la Cuaresma.

Todas las personas a partir de los 18 años de edad y los que no hayan cumplido los 59 años de edad, deben ayunar. Se permite comer una vez durante el día de ayuno, aunque también pueden comer dos veces para mantener la energía, según la necesidad de cada individuo. Sin embargo, estas dos comidas no deben igualar a la cantidad de una comida completa. No se puede comer entre comidas, pero está permitido tomar líquido, incluyendo leche y jugos.

La abstinencia se debe cumplir desde los 14 años de edad en adelante. En los días de abstinencia, no se debe comer carne, aunque si la salud o la habilidad para cumplir su trabajo se ve seriamente afectado, la ley no lo obliga. Si tiene alguna duda sobre la práctica del ayuno o de la abstinencia, consulte al sacerdote de su parroquia.

El ayuno, la limosna y la oración, son las tres disciplinas tradicionales durante la Cuaresma. Los feligreses y los catecúmenos deben realizar estas prácticas con seriedad en espíritu de penitencia y en preparación para la Iniciación a la Iglesia o para la renovación de las promesas Bautismales durante la Semana Santa.

News from the Knights of Columbus

Noticias de parte de los Caballeros de Colón



Fish Fry

Hosted by the
Knights of Columbus
Council #3498

Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
St. Francis Room
1620 Hanford Rd., Graham, NC 27253

Friday
March 24th, 2023
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Menu

Baked or Fried Fish,
Cole Slaw, and all the Fixins,
Dessert

Prices

Adults: \$12, children under 12: \$5

Take Out is Available
Please Come and Dine with Us

Pescado Frito

**Patrocinado
por los Caballeros de Colón
Concilio #3498**

Dónde:

Iglesia Blessed Sacrament
Salón San Francisco
1620 Hanford Rd. Graham, NC

Viernes 24 de marzo, 2023
5:00PM — 7:30 PM

Menú

Pescado al horno o frito,
Cole Slaw, otros más acompañamientos y postres

Precios

Adultos: \$12, niños menores de 12: \$5

También se ofrece para llevar
Ven y Cena con Nosotros, por favor

Dinner Dance/Silent Auction update

From the Sir Knights of Columbus Assembly 2254.

THANK YOU to the Blessed Sacrament Church parishioners and all whom donated items for the Silent Auction and attended the Dinner Dance. THANK YOU to all whom helped out with this important event. It was a Great time for all whom attended.



"Stuff-A-Truck"

Hosted by the
Knights of Columbus
Council #3498

Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
1620 Hanford Rd., Graham, NC 27253

In support of the Little Portion Food Pantry
the Knights of Columbus will have
a *Stuff-A-Truck Weekend*



We will be collecting donation on
Saturday, March 18th from 10AM to Noon
and a drop-off trailer will be available all weekend.

The Knights greatly appreciate your support
with this worthy project.

Please designate monetary contributions to
"Blessed Sacrament Church - The Little Portion Food Pantry".



Stuff-A-Truck

Patrocinada

por los Caballeros de Colón, Concilio 3498

Dónde:

Blessed Sacrament Church
1620 Hanford Rd., Graham, NC 27253

Para apoyar a la Despensa de Comida la Pequeña Porción
los Caballeros de Colón llevaran acabo la Colecta de
Alimentos de Fin de Semana (*Stuff-A-Truck Weekend*) la
próxima semana

Estaremos colectando donaciones **el sábado, 18 de marzo
de 10am– medio día** y una traila estará disponible para
dejar sus donaciones todo el fin de semana.

Los Caballeros de Colón agradecen muchísimo el apoyo a
este valioso proyecto.

Por favor asigne las contribuciones monetarias a "Blessed
Sacrament Church—The Little Portion Food Pantry"

News from the Columbiettes



Looking for a way to get involved in Parish activities?

Enjoy social activites?

Enjoy helping others?

Want to enrich your Catholic Faith?

Join the Columbiettes

Our purpose is to promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members. In addition, we work to help our Church, our community and our Brother Knights.

For more information, please email daubin67@gmail.com or call 336-303-8125



Do you ever get bored or lonely?
Do you ever wish someone would reach out to you with a kind word or warm thought?

Columbiette
Card Writing
Campaign

There are hundreds of people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Alamance County who feel the same way. They don't have visitors, and no one keeps in touch with them. Why not help yourself and help them too by writing a card or note to them?

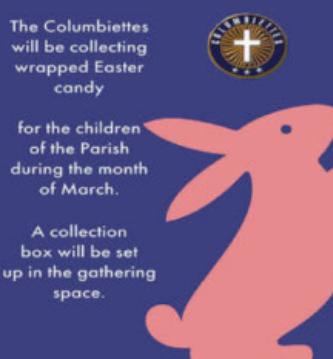
The Columbiettes are sponsoring a card writing campaign reach out to these people.



Any kind of stationary, note card, or blank card will work. Just don't put a name on the envelope or seal it.

You can write something uplifting and encouraging, such as "Thinking of you with love and prayers." You can sign it "A Member of Blessed Sacrament Church", "Blessed Sacrament Parishioner," or you can just not sign it at all.

Bring the completed notes to Mass and drop them in the collection baskets or you can call Dianna Aubin at 336-303-8125 to have them picked up by 3/27/23



Las Columbiettes estarán colectando dulces de Pascua en su envoltura para los niños de nuestra Parroquia durante el mes de marzo.

En el Espacio de Bienvenida estará una caja para ponerlos.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for caring about me, no matter where I live, and no matter what I have done wrong.

Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

Syehar	well	truth
woman	worship	faith
drink	Father	Savior

S y c h a r

Scyhra _____

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Sharing the Gospel

Jews didn't usually like the people from Samaria, let alone visit one of their towns or talk to any of them. Men didn't usually talk to women back then, either. When Jesus talked to the woman at the well, Jesus broke those silly rules. Jesus saw into the woman's heart and knew that she needed God in her life. Jesus came to rescue her from her sin. She was so happy that she invited everyone in her town to meet Jesus, too.

Now color the picture! →



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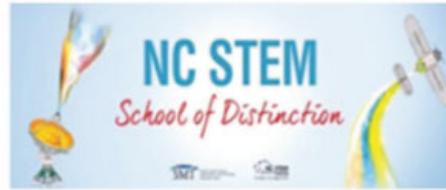
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News from the Scouts



A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

Scouts from Pack 9 and Troop(s) 9 collected Food to support our local Community Food shortages. 600 lbs of non-perishable foods were collected and delivered to the Knights of Columbus, Council 3498, Food Pantry Stuff a Truck food collection point. Scouts are taught to be helpful and to be of service to the community. Collecting food is one way for Scouts to assist the Community. A Scout is Helpful.

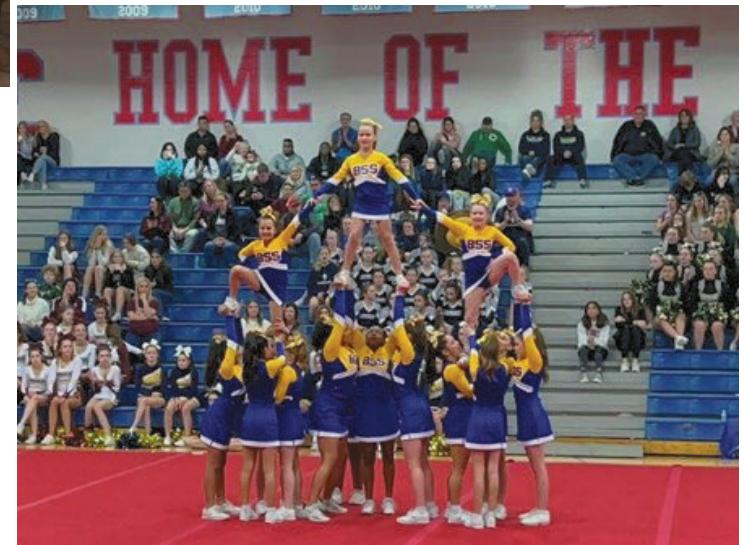
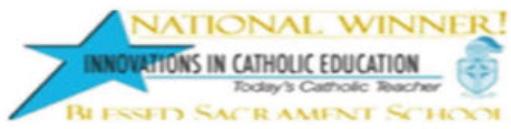


Shamrock Tournament

On February 17, the Varsity Boys basketball team, Varsity Cheerleaders and the Competition Cheer Team traveled to Charlotte for the basketball tournament.

They had a great first day at the Shamrock. Congratulations to our Varsity Boys for winning their first game 46-22! Go Knights!! 🌈🏀🍀❤️





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Bienvenido a nuestra parroquia. Si le gustaría unirse a nuestra comunidad, es bienvenido a visitar la oficina para registrarse o puede visitar la pagina de la parroquia y bajar una forma de registración.

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Sundays / Domingos

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM - Eng.

12:30 PM - Español

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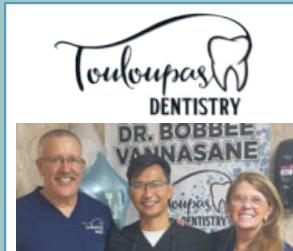
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