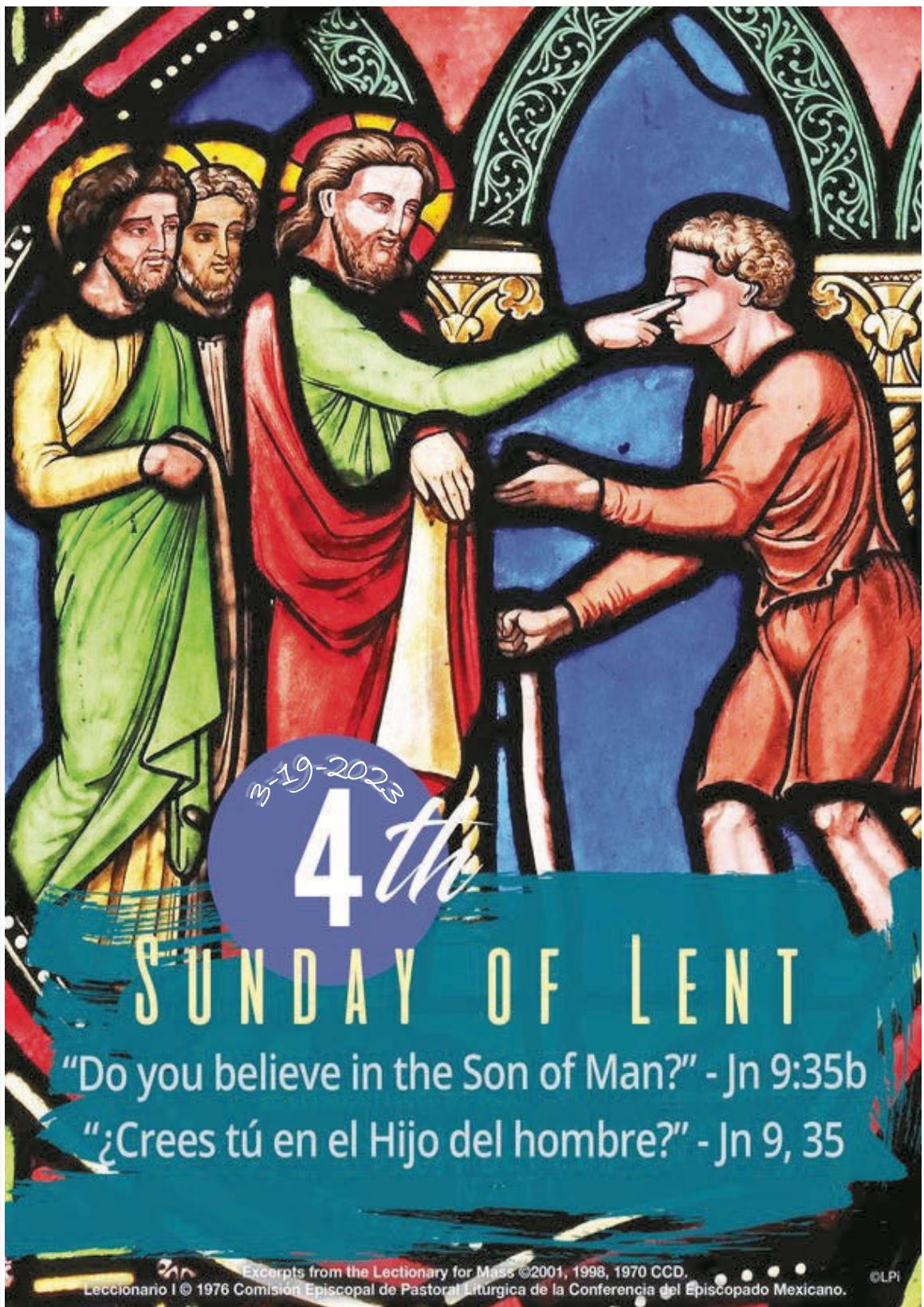


Blessed Sacrament News

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Purgatory as Seeing Fully for the First Time

Imagine being born blind and living into adulthood without ever having seen light and color. Then, through some miraculous operation, doctors are able to give you sight. What would you feel immediately upon opening your eyes? Wonder? Bewilderment? Ecstasy? Pain? Some combination of all of these?

We now know the answer to that question. This kind of sight-restoring operation has been done and is being done and we now have some indication of how a person reacts upon opening his or her eyes and seeing light and color for the first time. What happens might surprise us. Here is how JZ Young, an authority on brain function, describes what happens:

The patient on opening his eyes gets little or no enjoyment; indeed, he finds the experience painful. He reports only a spinning mass of light and colors. He proves to be quite unable to pick up objects by sight, to recognize what they are, or to name them. He has no conception of space with objects in it, although he knows all about objects and their names by touch. ‘Of course,’ you will say, ‘he must take a little time to learn to recognize them by sight.’ Not a little time, but a very long time, in fact, years. His brain has not been trained in the rules of seeing. We are not conscious that there are any such rules; we think we see, as we say, naturally. But we have in fact learned a whole set of rules during childhood. (See: Emilie Griffin, *Souls in Full Flight*, p. 143-144)

Might this be a helpful analogy for what happens to us in what Roman Catholics call purgatory? Could the purification we experience after death be understood in this very way, namely, as an opening of our vision and heart to a light and a love that are so full so as to force upon us the same kind of painful relearning and reconceptualization that have just been described? Might purgatory be understood precisely as being embraced by God in such a way that this warmth and light so dwarf our earthly concepts of love and knowledge that, like a person born blind who is given sight, we have to struggle painfully in the very ecstasy of that light to unlearn and relearn virtually our entire way of thinking and loving? Might purgatory be understood not as God’s absence or some kind of punishment or retribution for sin, but as what happens to us when we are fully embraced, in ecstasy, by God, perfect love and perfect truth?

Indeed isn’t this what faith, hope, and charity, the three theological virtues, are already trying in this life to move us towards? Isn’t faith a knowing beyond what we can conceptualize? Isn’t hope an anchoring of ourselves in something beyond what we can control and guarantee for ourselves? And isn’t charity a reaching out beyond what affectively feeds us?

St. Paul, in describing our condition on earth, tells us that here, in this life, we see only as “through a mirror, reflecting dimly” but that, after death, we will see “face to face.” Clearly in describing our present condition here on earth he is highlighting a certain blindness, an embryonic darkness, an inability to actually see things as they really are. It is significant to note too that he says this in a context within which he is pointing out that, already now in this life, faith, hope, and charity help lift that blindness.

These are of course only questions, perhaps upsetting to Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. Many Protestants and Evangelicals reject the very concept of purgatory on the grounds that, biblically, there are only two eternal places, heaven and hell. Many Roman Catholics, on the other hand, get anxious whenever purgatory seems to get stripped of its popular conception as a place or state apart from heaven. But purgatory conceived of in this way, as the full opening of our eyes and hearts so as to cause a painful reconceptualization of things, might help make the concept more palatable to Protestants and Evangelicals and help strip the concept of some of its false popular connotations within Roman Catholic piety.

True purgation happens only through love because it is only when we experience love’s true embrace that we can see our sin and drink in, for the first time, the power to move beyond it. Only light dispels darkness and only love casts out sin.

Therese of Lisieux would sometimes pray to God: “Punish me with a kiss!” The embrace of full love is the only true purification for sin because only when we are embraced by love do we actually understand what sin is and, only there are we given the desire, the vision, and the strength to live in love and truth. But that inbreaking of love and light is, all at the same time, delightful and bewildering, ecstatic and unsettling, wonderful and excruciating, euphoric and painful. Indeed, it’s nothing less than purgatory. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Purgatorio como el Ver Completamente por Primera Vez

Imagine haber nacido ciego y vivir hasta la edad adulta sin haber visto nunca la luz y el color. Después, a través de una operación milagrosa, los médicos pueden darle la vista. ¿Qué sentiría inmediatamente al abrir los ojos? ¿Asombro? ¿Desconcierto? ¿Extasis? ¿Dolor? ¿Una combinación de todos estos?

Hoy en día sabemos la respuesta a esa pregunta. Este tipo de operación de restauración de la vista se ha realizado y se está realizando y ahora tenemos una idea de cómo reacciona una persona al abrir sus ojos y ver la luz y el color por primera vez. Lo que sucede puede sorprendernos. Así es cómo JZ Young, una autoridad en el funcionamiento cerebral, describe lo que sucede:

El paciente al abrir los ojos tiene poco o no tiene ningún placer; de hecho, encuentra la experiencia dolorosa. Reporta solo una masa giratoria de luz y colores. Demuestra ser incapaz de recoger objetos con la vista, de reconocer lo que son o de nombrarlos. No tiene una concepción del espacio con objetos en él, aunque sepa todo sobre los objetos y sus nombres a través del tacto. “Por supuesto”, usted dirá, “debe tomarse un poco de tiempo para aprender a reconocerlos por la vista”. No simplemente poco tiempo, sino mucho tiempo, de hecho, años. Su cerebro no ha sido entrenado en las reglas de la vista. No somos conscientes de que existen tales reglas; Creemos que vemos, como decimos naturalmente. Pero, de hecho, hemos aprendido un conjunto de reglas durante la infancia”. (Ver: Emilie Griffin, *Souls in Full Sail*, p. 143-144)

Podría ser esta una analogía útil para lo que nos sucede en lo que los Católicos Romanos llaman purgatorio? ¿Podría entenderse de esta manera la purificación que experimentamos después de la muerte, es decir, como una apertura de nuestra visión y nuestro corazón a una luz y un amor que están tan llenos como para forzarnos el mismo tipo de reaprendizaje doloroso y reconceptualización que acabamos de describir? ¿Podría entenderse el purgatorio precisamente como un ser abrazado por Dios de tal manera que esta calidez y luz empequeñezcan nuestros conceptos terrenales del amor y del conocimiento, y que, como un ciego de nacimiento al que se le da la vista, tenemos que luchar dolorosamente en el éxtasis de esa luz, y desaprender y volver a aprender prácticamente todo nuestro modo de pensar y de amar?

¿Podría entenderse el purgatorio no como la ausencia de Dios o algún tipo de castigo o retribución por el pecado, sino como lo que nos sucede cuando somos plenamente aceptados por Dios, el amor perfecto y verdad perfecta? De hecho, ¿no es esto lo que la fe, la esperanza y la caridad, las tres virtudes teológicas, ya están tratando de llevarnos hacia esta vida? ¿No es la fe un conocimiento más allá de lo que podemos conceptualizar? ¿No es la esperanza nuestro anclaje en algo más allá de lo que podemos controlar y garantizar por nosotros mismos? ¿Y no es la caridad el llegar más allá de lo que afectivamente nos alimenta? San Pablo, al describir nuestra condición en la tierra, nos dice que aquí, en esta vida, vemos solo como “a través de un espejo, que refleja oscuramente”, sin embargo, después de la muerte, veremos “cara a cara”. Es evidente que al describir nuestra presente condición aquí en la tierra es que destaca una cierta ceguera, una oscuridad embrionaria, una incapacidad para ver las cosas como realmente son. También es importante señalar que lo dice en un contexto en el que afirma que, ya en esta vida, la fe, la esperanza y la caridad ayudan a levantar esa ceguera.

Estas son, por supuesto, solo preguntas, tal vez igual de molestas para protestantes y católicos. Muchos protestantes y evangélicos rechazan el concepto del purgatorio por la razón de que, bíblicamente, solo hay dos lugares eternos, el cielo y el infierno. Muchos católicos, por su parte, se ponen nerviosos cuando al purgatorio se le despoja de su concepción popular como un lugar o estado separado del cielo. Sin embargo, el purgatorio concebido de esta manera, como la apertura total de nuestros ojos y corazones a fin de hacer una re-conceptualización dolorosa de las cosas, podría ayudar a que el concepto sea más aceptable para los protestantes y evangélicos y ayude a despojar el concepto de algunas de sus falsas connotaciones populares dentro de la piedad Católica Romana.

La verdadera purgación ocurre solamente a través del amor porque es solo cuando experimentamos el abrazo verdadero del amor donde podemos ver nuestro pecado y, así podemos por primera vez ir mas allá de él. Solo la luz disipa la oscuridad y solo el amor echa fuera el pecado.

Teresa de Lisieux a veces oraba a Dios así: ¡Castigame con un beso! El abrazo del amor pleno es la única purificación verdadera del pecado porque solo cuando somos abrazados por el amor entendemos realmente qué es el pecado y, solo ahí, se nos da el deseo, la visión y la fortaleza para vivir en amor y la verdad. Pero ese rompimiento del amor y la luz es, al mismo tiempo, encantador y desconcertante, extático e inquietante, maravilloso y terrible, eufórico y doloroso. De hecho, no es nada mas y nada menos que el purgatorio. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

4th Sunday of Lent



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
†Raul Matias — his son, Jaime Matias

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

Monday/Lunes, March 20

8:30 AM

In honor of St. Joseph
In Thanksgiving for Angela Palsha's Birthday -by Hilda Wooten

Tuesday / Martes, March 21

8:30 AM

†Eugene Deehan — by Eleanor & Vincent Deehan

Wednesday/Miércoles, March 22

8:30 AM

†Arnoldo Ramirez — by Hilda Wooten

Thursday / Jueves, March 23

8:30 AM

For all liturgical ministers serving our parish community

6:00 PM Adoration

Friday/Viernes, March 24

8:30 AM

†Carol Mast — by Ann Faubel
†Anne Hamel — by her son, Bob Hamel

Next Sunday/Próximo Domingo

Saturday / Sábado, March 25

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

†Lillian Cheslak — by Albert Cheslak

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

7:0 PM

†Axel Eduardo Arendondo — de Irene Flores
†Socorro Felipa Ojeda — de familia Reyes

Sunday/Domingo, March 26

8:30 AM

Marian and Henry Vogt — by Marian Decowski
†Guadalupe Parra — by Rafael Parra

10:30 AM

†Prospero Acuesta — by Mr. & Mrs. Perry Acuesta

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

12:30 PM

†Virginia Ibarra — de Lorena Ibarra
†Jesús González Cárdenas — de Margarita González
†José S. Canuto y Pedro C. González — de familia Canuto



4to Domingo de Cuaresma

3-19-2023

Readings for the week of March 19 Lecturas para la semana del 19 de marzo

This Sunday Este 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
Monday Lunes	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps/Sal 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk/Lc 2:41-51a
Tuesday Martes	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps/Sal 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Miércoles	Is 49:8-15; Ps/Sal 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday Jueves	Ex 32:7-14; Ps/Sal 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday Viernes	Wis/Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Ps/Sal 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Sábado	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps/Sal 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday Próximo Domingo	Ez 37:12-14; Ps/Sal 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7); Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



The Appointed Time

Liberal M. Teixeira
 LeRae Dick
 Gerald Wolfe

We offer condolences to **Irina Teixeira** at the loss of **her husband, Liberal**; to **Helen Andreas** at the loss of **her sister, LeRae Dick**; and to the **Wolfe family** at the loss of **Gerald**.

Ofrecemos condolencias a **Irina Teixeira** por la muerte de su **esposo, Liberal**; a **Helen Andreas** por la muerte de su **hermana, LeRae Dick**; y a la **familia Wolfe** por la muerte de **Gerald**.

"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.

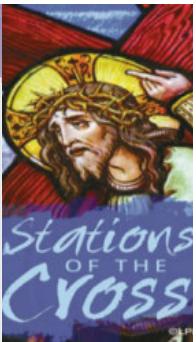
"Tiempo para sanar"...

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	Stewardship sharing the gifts we have been given	
	Contributions / Contribuciones	Actual
Offertory: 3/12/23		\$20,641
Year-to-Date Offertory: 3/12/23		\$711,567
2 nd Collection/Colecta 3/12/23		Envisioning the Future: \$1,668



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 (336) 212-0849.


Online Giving

- It's free
- It's easy
- It's flexible
- It's secure

More Information / Más información
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2nd Collection This Week: Catholic Relief Services

2nd Collection Next Week: Little Portion Food Pantry

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

2^{da} Colecta Próxima Semana:

Despensa de Comida la Pequeña Porción

Offertory Envelopes Sobres 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 sobres 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 sobres 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.

LENTE DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

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



"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".



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

"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 estarán 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"

Ministry of Consolation**Ministerio de Consolación****Ministry of Consolation****Ministerio de Consolación**

We are here to help.

Estamos aquí para ayudar.

Suzanne Keller, Ph.D.
English Minister
(336) 278-8115

Patricia Matterson
Spanish Minister
(336) 226-8796

James Lachance
Music Minister
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**News from the Columbiettes**

Looking for a way to get involved in Parish activities?

Enjoy social activites?

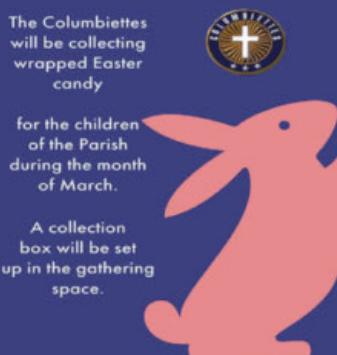
Enjoy helping others?

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



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.



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?

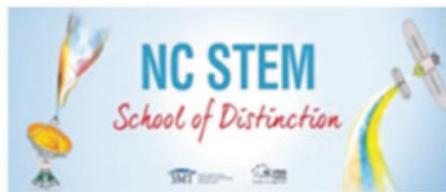
The Columbiettes are sponsoring a card writing campaign reach out to these people.



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

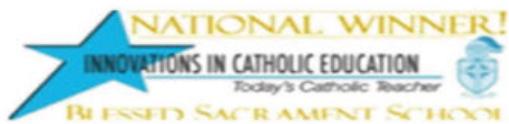


A New Chapter for Mrs. Libera



Even though she did not want us to, we surprised Mrs. Libera with a retirement party! There were a lot of tears, smiles and laughter! Happy Retirement! We love you! 💙💛





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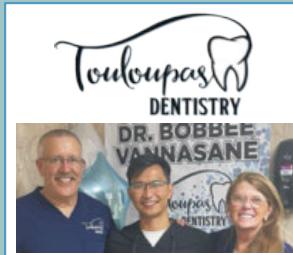
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