

About the BAA

The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is more than a yearly campaign, it is a shared mission of faith, hope, and service across the Diocese of Raleigh. Through the BAA, every Catholic is invited to join in building up the Church by supporting the essential ministries that bring Christ's love to life in Eastern North Carolina.



Where does the money raised from the BAA go?

- 28% Christian Formation and Education
- 25% Catholic Charities
- 21% Parish Support and Community Service
- 16% Seminarians and Vocations
- 10% Catholic Communication

How can I give my donation?

- You may give:
- by filling out the BAA pledge card and putting the envelope in the Sunday Collection
 - online through Parish Giving <https://www.parishgiving.org/link/StFrancisLumbertonNC/sl-WaNYgqAD>
 - or at the parish office (cash or card)
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Acerca de la Campaña Anual del Obispo

La Campaña Anual del Obispo (BAA) es más que una campaña anual; es una misión compartida de fe, esperanza y servicio en toda la Diócesis de Raleigh. A través de la BAA, se invita a todos los católicos a unirse a la edificación de la Iglesia apoyando los ministerios esenciales que dan vida al amor de Cristo en el este de Carolina del Norte.

¿A qué se destina el dinero recaudado por la BAA?

- 28% Formación y Educación Cristiana
- 25% Caridades Católicas
- 21% Apoyo Parroquial y Servicio Comunitario
- 16% Seminaristas y Vocaciones
- 10% Comunicación Católica

¿Cómo puedo hacer mi donación?

- Puede donar:
- llenando la tarjeta de compromiso de la BAA y depositando el sobre en la Colecta Dominical
 - en línea a través de Donaciones Parroquiales <https://www.parishgiving.org/link/StFrancisLumbertonNC/sl-WaNYgqAD>
 - o en la oficina parroquial (en efectivo o con tarjeta)

ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC PARISH OF LUMBERTON



Address (Dirección)
2000 East Elizabethtown Rd
(PO Box 2249)
Lumberton, NC 28358

Office Hours
Tuesday through Friday

Horarios de Oficina
martes a viernes

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

closed
(cerrado)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

THE OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED:
LA OFICINA ESTARA
CERRADA:
03-11-2026

Sunday Masses
(in english)
Saturdays 5:00 pm
and Sundays 10:30 am

Misas los domingos
(en español)
7:20 am
y 12:30 pm

Website (sitio web): <https://www.sfds-nc.org/>
Office (oficina): **910-739-4723**
Email (correo electrónico): office@sfd-nc.org
Fax: **910-739-5443**



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables, aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y revelen el amor de Cristo a los más necesitados. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Habrà un entrenamiento para cualquier persona interesada en ser un Lector/Proclamador de la Palabra, el sàbado 14 de marzo a las 9:00 am en la iglesia.



Adult Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, March 11th. We begin with dinner at 6:30 pm and class from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Topic of Discussion: The Nature of the Catholic Church. All are welcome!

Easter Flower Doantions

As we prepare to rejoice in the miracle of the Resurrection, it is through the support of the community that we are able to purchase flowers and plants to adorn our Church. Your donation makes it possible to experience the joy of the Resurrection in a beautiful space for weeks to come. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Spring flora can be enjoyed in our Sanctuary for the fifty days of Easter! Envelopes are near the door entrances of the church. We thank you for your generosity.

Donaciones de Flores de Pascua

Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el milagro de la Resurrección, gracias al apoyo de la comunidad, podemos comprar flores y plantas para adornar nuestra Iglesia. Su donación nos permite experimentar la alegría de la Resurrección en un hermoso espacio durante las próximas semanas. Agradecemos cualquier cantidad. ¡Podrà disfrutar de la flora primaveral en nuestro Santuario durante los cincuenta días de Pascua! Los sobres están cerca de las entradas de la iglesia. Agradecemos su generosidad.

Our Gift Shop, Dorcas Shoppe, has statues, rosaries, scapulars and much more! We are open after the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass, after the Sunday 7:20 am Mass and 10:30 am Mass. Please come and check out our Religious Articles Shop!

¡Nuestra Tiendita de Regalos, Dorcas Shoppe, tiene imagenes, rosarios, escapularios y mucho más! Abrimos después de la Misa el sàbado de las 5:00 pm y despues de las Misas del domingo de las 7:20 am y de las 10:30 am. ¡Ven y conoce nuestra Tiendita de Artículos Religiosos!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!
DONATIONS NEEDED!

The St. Francis de Sales Youth Group is asking for help with donations of baked goods for their Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

BAKE GOOD DROP OFF SATURDAY, MARCH 28 FROM 3PM - 4:30PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Please label baked goods and include any allergens such as nuts.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

St. Ann Catholic School
 Fayetteville, NC

Now accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year

Why Choose St. Ann Catholic School?

- Faith-integrated curriculum
- Small class sizes (Pre-K - 8)
- Before & after school care
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More Information
 principal@stanncs.org
 www.stanncatholic.school.net
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AFRICAN AMERICAN and NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTRY TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS of AFRICAN AMERICAN and NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTRY (Preschool-12th grade) in the Diocese of Raleigh are eligible to apply for tuition assistance. The assistance awards are funded by parish second collection donations and a grant from the Black and Indian Mission Office founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- All applicants MUST complete a Catholic school enrollment application.
- Parents will apply to the AAMEN Tuition Assistance Program at the link provided below. Application opens on Sunday, February 1, 2026 and closes on Sunday, March 15, 2026. <https://www.stanncatholic.school.net/2026-27AAMEN.html>
- Decision letters will be emailed to parents no later than May 24, 2026.
- Tuition awards are sent from the diocese to the applicant's school.

Dales a tus hijos el regalo de una educación Católica.

La inscripción para Pre-K hasta 8º grado para el año escolar 2026-27 está abierta ahora!

Llama a la oficina al (910) 483-3902 para programar tu visita.

www.stanncatholic.school.net



¡LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS PASTELEROS! ¡SE NECESITAN DONACIONES!

El Grupo Juvenil de San Francisco de Sales solicita ayuda con donaciones de productos horneados para su Venta Anual de Pasteles del Domingo de Ramos.

ENTREGA DE PRODUCTOS BUENOS SÁBADO, 28 DE MARZO DE 3:00PM - 4:30PM EN EL SALÓN SOCIAL

Por favor, etiqueta los productos horneados e incluye cualquier alérgeno como los frutos secos.

¡Gracias por vuestro apoyo y generosidad!

LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS DE LA DIÓCESIS DE RALEIGH Y LA BECA DE OPORTUNIDAD DE CAROLINA DEL NORTE HACEN QUE LA MATRÍCULA SEA ASEQUIBLE PARA TODAS LAS FAMILIAS

En las Escuelas Católicas de la Diócesis de Raleigh creemos que cada niño merece acceso a una educación excepcional basada en la fe, sin importar las circunstancias financieras. Gracias a nuestro compromiso con la asequibilidad y al Programa de Beca de Oportunidad de Carolina del Norte, las familias pueden recibir asistencia significativa para la matrícula haciendo que la educación católica sea más accesible que nunca.

PROGRAMA DE BECA DE OPORTUNIDAD

El Programa de Beca de Oportunidad ofrece becas anuales para cubrir matrícula y tarifas en una escuela privada elegible. Este programa permite a las familias acceder a la educación que mejor se adapte a las necesidades de su hijo.

¿AHORA ABIERTO PARA TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES DE 4-12 EN CAROLINA DEL NORTE SIN IMPORTAR LOS INGRESOS!

MONTO DE LA BECA \$3000 - \$7000 según ingresos del hogar.

¿QUÉ ESTUDIANTES CALIFICAN?

Los estudiantes deben cumplir con estos requisitos:

- Tener al menos 5 años antes del 31 de agosto o 4 antes del 1 de abril y estar registrados para kinder.
- Vivir en Carolina del Norte.

APLICAR

Las familias deben aplicar antes del 6 de marzo a <https://myportal.nceaa.edu/>

¡Ve a <https://myportal.nceaa.edu/> del 5 de febrero de 2026 al 5 de marzo de 2026 para aplicar!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Readings and Masses for the Week ~ Year A
 Lecturas y Misas de la Semana ~ Año A

Saturday (March 7th) Mass 5:00 pm
 (Deceased Members of Robbin Barnhill's Family)

Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday (March 8th) Misa 7:20 am (Sanacion para Andrea Basques)
 Mass 10:30 am
 (Deceased Members of Robbin Barnhill's Family)
 Misa 12:30 pm (Por El Pueblo)

Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

Monday (March 9th)
 Lenten Weekday [3] Saint Francis of Rome, Religious
2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3, 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday (March 10th)
 Lenten Weekday [3]
Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday (March 11th) Mass 12:00 pm (+Mel Koven)
 Lenten Weekday [3]
Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday (March 12th) Mass 12:00 pm (+Patty Perkins-Nixon)
 Lenten Weekday [3]
Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday (March 13th) Mass 12:00 pm (Healing for Father Mike)
 Lenten Weekday [3]
Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday (March 14th)
 Lenten Weekday [3]
Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

Parish Financial Record

Registro Financiero Parroquial

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Collection \$5,369.00
 2nd Collection \$681.15
 (Maintenance of Church building & grounds)

Total: \$6,050.15

Last Year \$5,203.00

We thank you all for your contributions! Please remember to send your offertory envelope weekly or monthly, or you may give online.

¡Les agradecemos a todos por sus contribuciones! Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de ofertorio semanal o mensualmente, o puede dar en línea.

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index?e=EB7D1D74B9E1D3AFD5A6E0FD209BC0BECD23ED5C1C016A00>

Happy Birthday Blessings Bendiciones de Feliz Cumpleaños 8th - 14th March 2026

Martin Rojas Jacinto, Gloria Chavez Baltzar, Gabriela Guadarrama, Juan Reyes Hernandez, Thomas Pallo, James White, Jose Ruiz III, Angie Chavez, Fernando Villanueva



In Need of Prayer/En necesidad de oración: David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodríguez, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Joseph & Shelby Young, Cathy Cartrette, Doris Schneider, Doris Warwick, Carolyn Wilkerson, Michelle & James White, Joan Van Huesen, Noelia Powell, Joel Rivera, Kathy Geibert, Mary Lee Wadrose, Juanita Mishoe, Ruth Keen, Sr Marta Castrejon Flores, Annette Dent, Neal Frazier, Victor Dorais, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, The Dana Family, Rosario Reantaso, baby Elizabeth, Allie Rogers, Lou Rastelli, the Bowen & Fisher Family, Michael Charkey, Marion Sherman, Patricia Norton, Jimmy & Marie Davis, Joanne Hayes, Ruth Keen, Myrle Gudauskas.

Sick and Homebound/Enfermos y confinados en casa: Lydia Yarborough, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, Tom Jacoby, Jan Henderson, Mikey Gaugh and Ken Cross

Nursing Homes/Residencias de Ancianos: Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines (Lumberton), Elisabeth Oxendine at Carrolton Nursing Home (Fayetteville)

Recently Deceased/Recientemente fallecidos:

*Please notify the office if there is someone you would like us to add to our prayer list. *
 Por favor notifique a la oficina si hay alguien que le gustaría que agreguemos a nuestra lista de oración.



SFDS Calendar Jan 2026 - June 2026

Updated (Actualizado) 06 March 2026

March 2026						
Sunday (domingo)	Monday (lunes)	Tuesday (martes)	Wednesday (miércoles)	Thursday (jueves)	Friday (viernes)	Saturday (sábado)
01st 7:00 am - 7:20 am Rosario 7:20 am - 8:30 am Misa 8:45 am - 10:00 am Faith Formation 10:00 am - 10:30 am Rosary 10:30 am - 11:30 am Mass 12:00 pm - 12:20 pm Rosario 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Misa 5:00 pm Ensayo de Coro 5:00 pm OCIA	02nd 7:00 pm Coros	03rd 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grupo de Parejas	04th 12:00 pm Mass, Rosary 7:00 pm Ensayo de Coro V. N. 6:30 - 9:00 pm Confirmation Class Movie Night	05th 12:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Grupo de Oración	06th 12:00 pm Mass, Adoration (Exposición Santísimo) 5:30 pm Benediction 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:30 pm Via Crucis 8:30 pm Reunión G. C. 8:30 pm Retreat Set-Up 13th	07th 10:00 am EXO Meeting (Eng & Spa) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm Confirmation Year 02 Retreat 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ensayo de Coro 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Crecimiento G.C.
08th Time Change FIRST SCRUTINY 7:00 am - 7:20 am Rosario 7:20 am - 8:30 am Misa 8:45 am - 10:00 am Catechists Meeting 10:00 am - 10:30 am Rosary 10:30 am - 11:30 am Mass 12:00 pm - 12:20 pm Rosario 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Misa 5:00 pm OCIA 6:00 pm Ensayo de Coro	09th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm English Catechist Certification Class ONLINE	10th 6:30 pm Term Planning Committee 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grupo de Parejas	11th 12:00 pm Mass, Rosary 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00 pm Ensayo de Coro V. N.	12th 12:00 pm Mass (6:00 pm) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grupo de Oración 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:30 pm Via Crucis	13th 12:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm G's Choir Practice 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:30 pm Via Crucis	14th 9:00 am - 11 am Entrenamiento para Nuevos Lectores 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ensayo de Coro 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Crecimiento G.C. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Jóvenes Adultos

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish of Lumberton <office@sfd-snc.org>

ALERT - Increasing Numbers of Parish Fraud Schemes | ALERTA - Aumento de Esquemas de Fraude Parroquial

Office of Communications <OfficeofCommunications@raldioc.org> West, Feb 25, 2026 at 11:00 AM



TO: Pastors and Parish Business Managers

FROM: Bill Logallo, Director of Safety and Security

RE: ALERT - Increasing Numbers of Parish Fraud Schemes | ALERTA - Aumento de Esquemas de Fraude Parroquial

The Office of Safety and Security has noted a rise in sophisticated fraud targeting our parishes and parishioners. Scammers are increasingly using public information from parish websites to craft convincing, urgent requests for funds or gift cards.

- Common Fraud Tactics**
- The "Urgent Ask": Requests via text or email for gift cards or money transfers to help "someone in need" or cover an emergency expense.
 - The Slow Play: Some scammers now initiate a normal-looking conversation before making a financial request in a later message.
 - Impersonation: Scammers often pose as local priests or visiting clergy.
 - Impersonation: A recent out-of-state scam featured an individual calling himself "Padre Arturo Summerbell Lopez." This person has no affiliation with the Diocese of Raleigh or Charlotte. A photo is attached for your awareness.

Safety Protocols: Please Share with Staff and Parishioners

To protect your parish community and its resources, please reinforce the following guidelines:

- Verify the Source: Always check the actual email address, not just the display name. Fraudsters often spoof names while using unrelated email domains.
- No Urgent Solicitations: Parishes and priests will never pressure you for immediate money or gift cards via text, email, or phone.
- When in Doubt, Hang Up: If a request feels suspicious, do not click links or reply. Call the parish office directly using the number on the official website.
- Identify Global Spoofing: Phone numbers starting with a "+" followed by a country code often indicate an international scam, even if the caller ID appears local.

Reporting Fraud

If you or a parishioner are targeted, please file a report with:

- The FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center: www.IC3.gov or your local law enforcement office

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Logallo, Director of Safety and Security at bill.logallo@raldioc.org.

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PARA: Pastores y Administradores de Parroquias
DE: Bill Logallo, Director de Seguridad

ASUNTO: ALERTA - Aumento de Esquemas de Fraude Parroquial

La Oficina de Seguridad ha notado un aumento en fraudes sofisticados dirigidos a nuestras parroquias y feligreses. Los estafadores utilizan cada vez más información pública de los sitios web parroquiales para crear solicitudes convincentes y urgentes de fondos o tarjetas de regalo.

Tácticas comunes de fraude recientes

- La "Solicitud Urgente": Solicitudes por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico de tarjetas de regalo o transferencias de dinero para ayudar a "alguien necesitado" o cubrir un "gasto de emergencia".
 - Juego lento: Algunos estafadores ahora inician una conversación aparentemente normal antes de hacer una solicitud financiera en un mensaje posterior.
 - Impersonación de identidad: Los estafadores a menudo se hacen pasar por sacerdotes locales o clérigos visitantes.
- Ejemplo: Recientemente, una estafa de otro estado involucró a un individuo que se hacía llamar "Padre Arturo Summerbell Lopez." Esta persona no tiene ninguna afiliación con la Diócesis de Raleigh o Charlotte. Se adjunta una foto para su conocimiento.

Protocolos de seguridad: Por favor comparta con el personal y los feligreses

Para proteger su comunidad parroquial y sus recursos, por favor refuerce las siguientes pautas:

- Verifique la fuente: Siempre revise la dirección de correo electrónico real, no solo el nombre mostrado. Los estafadores suelen falsificar nombres usando dominios de correo no relacionados.
- No acepte solicitudes urgentes: Las parroquias y los sacerdotes nunca lo presionarán para obtener dinero inmediato o tarjetas de regalo por mensaje, correo electrónico o llamada telefónica.
- Cuando en duda, cuelgue: Si una solicitud parece sospechosa, no haga clic en enlaces ni responda. Llame directamente a la oficina de seguridad usando el número de teléfono que aparece en el sitio web oficial.
- Identifique la suplantación internacional: Los números de teléfono que comienzan con "+" seguido de un código de país suelen indicar una estafa internacional, incluso si el identificador de llamada parece local.

Reportar Fraude

Si usted o un feligreses son víctimas, por favor presente un informe ante:

- El Centro de Quejas de Delitos en Internet del FBI: www.IC3.gov o la policía local

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Bill Logallo, Director de Seguridad, en bill.logallo@raldioc.org.



Our Social Ministry collected **87 pounds** of non-perishable foods for the month of **February!** Thank you so much for your continued support!

Reminder that the collection baskets are near the door entrances inside the church.

Nuestro Ministerio Social recogió **87 libras** de alimentos no perecederos durante el mes de **febrero**. Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo.

Les recordamos que las canastas de recolección están cerca de las puertas de la iglesia.



It's that time of year again! If you need your 2025 Contribution Letter, contact the church office (office@sfd-s-nc.org) via email, phone or stop by the office during office hours. We will need your name, 2025 envelope number, address, phone number, and how you would like to receive your letter. You can choose to have it emailed, physically mailed, or you may pick it up in the office, We will contact you once your Contribution Letter is completed. Please keep in mind that it can take up to a week for the letter to be ready. If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Lange or the church office. PLEASE...make ANY changes that might need to be made, thank you!

¡Ya llegó esa época del año! Si necesita su carta de contribución de 2025, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial (office@sfd-s-nc.org) por correo electrónico, teléfono o visite la oficina durante el horario de atención. Necesitaremos su nombre, número de sobre de 2025, dirección, número de teléfono y cómo desea recibir su carta. Puede elegir recibirla por correo electrónico, por correo postal o recogerla en la oficina. Nos comunicaremos con usted una vez que su carta de contribución esté lista. Tenga en cuenta que la preparación de la carta puede tardar hasta una semana. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Rhonda Lange o con la oficina parroquial. Por favor, realice cualquier cambio que sea necesario. ¡Gracias!



SFDS Faith Formation wants to provide more opportunities for our youth to grow in fellowship as well as knowledge. Movie Nights are planned in our Social Hall utilizing a new projector we received with a grant from the Diocese of Raleigh!

- May 6 - 6:30 - 8:30 PM - for students age 9 - 13
- June 3 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM - for students age 5 - 8

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

La Formación en la Fe de SFDS desea brindar más oportunidades para que nuestros jóvenes crezcan tanto en convivencia fraterna como en conocimiento. ¡Se han programado Noches de Cine en nuestro Salón Social, utilizando un nuevo proyector que recibimos gracias a una subvención de la Diócesis de Raleigh!

- 6 de mayo – 6:30 a 8:30 PM – para estudiantes de 9 a 13 años
- 3 de Junio – 6:30 a 7:30 PM – para estudiantes de 5 a 8 años

¡Permanezca atento para más información próximamente!



Each Friday during Lent, from February 20th to March 27th, we will have Stations of the Cross in the church and Lenten Soup Suppers in the Social Hall. This is a wonderful time of meditation and fellowship.

Stations of the Cross will be in English at 6:00PM and in Spanish at 7:30PM. Soup, bread, and water will be served in the Social Hall between the two services at approximately 6:30PM. The soup is always delicious! All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to volunteer to bring a pot of soup, please contact April Pittman or the Parish Office. You can find the document listing volunteers here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dRAnSPO4Drd3eG5SQ4d3AzAdVJGmYQGmkjDuh3OXqBE/edit?usp=sharing>



Cada viernes durante la Cuaresma, del 20 de febrero al 27 de marzo, tendremos el Vía Crucis en la iglesia y cenas de sopa cuaresmales en el salón social. Este es un momento maravilloso de meditación y convivencia.

El Vía Crucis será en inglés a las 6:00 p. m. y en español a las 7:30 p. m. Se servirá sopa, pan y agua en el salón social entre las dos celebraciones, aproximadamente a las 6:30 p. m. ¡La sopa siempre está deliciosa! Todos son bienvenidos.

Si desea ser voluntario para traer una olla de sopa, comuníquese con April Pittman o con la oficina parroquial. Puede encontrar el documento con la lista de voluntarios aquí: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dRAnSPO4Drd3eG5SQ4d3AzAdVJGmYQGmkjDuh3OXqBE/edit?usp=sharing>





Reflexión de esta semana

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma (8 de marzo de 2026)

La Cuaresma es un tiempo para encontrarnos con Jesús de una manera muy personal y profundizar nuestra consagración y compromiso bautismal. Juan nos cuenta que escribió sobre el encuentro de Jesús con la samaritana para que «creamos que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y que por esta fe tengamos vida en su nombre».

Observemos que, durante este encuentro, Jesús lleva a la mujer más allá de las realidades y preocupaciones terrenales, a las realidades más profundas de lo eterno. Jesús le ofrece «agua viva». Se refiere al agua que da vida, pero su atención se centra en el agua terrenal. Ella le pregunta, con cierto sarcasmo, si se cree mejor que Jacob, quien les dio este pozo. Jesús se niega a desviarse de su objetivo: darle agua que saciará su sed para siempre. Ella solo ve la comodidad de no tener que ir al pozo todos los días.

Jesús la lleva a un nuevo nivel al hacerla afrontar la realidad de su situación actual. Pero no le dice: "Vuelve cuando hayas enderezado tu vida". La gracia que le ofrece tiene como objetivo ayudarla a cambiar, aquí y ahora.

En lugar de comprometerse ahora, ella dice que espera la llegada del Mesías. Ahora, Jesús puede ofrecerle la oportunidad de un compromiso personal: "Yo soy".

El propósito de la historia es recordarnos que incluso los discípulos comprometidos necesitan una comprensión y una conversión más profundas.

¿Cuánta sed tenemos durante esta Cuaresma? ¿Cuál es el "alimento" que buscamos? ¿Qué quiere Jesús que entendamos a través de nuestros encuentros cuaresmales con él? San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios nos ha demostrado su amor. Siendo aún pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros.

Nuestro camino cuaresmal será más fructífero si nos abrimos sinceramente al encontrarnos con Jesús y estamos dispuestos a dejarnos guiar por la gracia hacia una conversión más profunda de mente y corazón a los caminos del Señor. Entonces nuestra esperanza se basará en el amor de Dios derramado en nuestros corazones.

www.oblates.org



This week's reflection

Third Sunday in Lent (March 8, 2026)

Lent is a time for us to encounter Jesus in a very personal way so that we deepen our baptismal consecration and commitment. John tells us that he wrote about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman so that we "may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in his name."

Notice that, during this encounter, Jesus is drawing the woman beyond earthly realities and concerns to the deeper realities of the eternal. Jesus offers her "living water." He means water that gives life, but her attention is on earthly water. She asks him, rather sarcastically, if he thinks he's better than Jacob who gave them this well. Jesus refuses to be side-tracked from his goal – to give her water that will permanently end her thirst. All she can see is the convenience of not having to come to the well every day.

Jesus moves her to a new level by getting her to face the truth of her present situation. But he doesn't tell her to "come back when you've straightened out your life." The grace he offers is meant to help her to change – here and now.

Rather than make a commitment now, she says that she's waiting for the Messiah to come. Now, Jesus can offer her the opportunity for a personal commitment: "I am he."

The purpose of the story is to remind us that even committed disciples need to be brought to deeper understanding and conversion.

How great is our thirst during this Lenten season? What is the "food" we are seeking? What is it that Jesus wants us to understand through our Lenten encounters with him? St. Paul reminds us that God has proven his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Lenten journey will be more fruitful if we are sincerely open when we encounter Jesus and are willing to be led by grace into a deeper conversion of mind and heart to the ways of the Lord. Then our hope will be based on the love of God poured out into our hearts.

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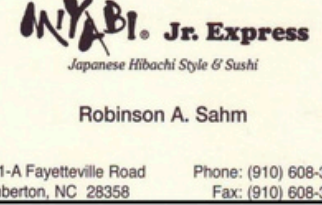



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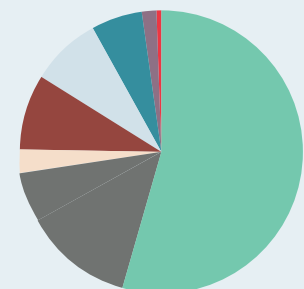
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REVELA EL AMOR DE Cristo

Alrededor del mediodía del 25 de abril del 2015, Nepal fue remecido por un gran terremoto de 7.8 grados, seguido de unas fuertes réplicas en días posteriores. No solo perdieron la vida cerca de 9,000 personas, sino que otras 23,000 sufrieron daños personales y más de 750,000 viviendas fueron destruidas o dañadas. Este desastre desplazó a familias que sufrieron la pérdida de sus seres queridos y de sus hogares. También tuvieron que enfrentar pobreza ya que perdieron sus medios de subsistencia.

Una abuela llamada KunMaya no solo perdió su vivienda, sino que también sufrió la pérdida de su hijo. Luego del terremoto, y por más de ocho años, ella y su esposo vivieron en un albergue temporal de madera que ofrecía muy poca protección contra el clima. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), trabajando con sus asociados locales, ayudó a KunMaya y a más de 6,200 familias afectadas por el terremoto a través del proyecto Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER). Mediante este programa, albañiles capacitados por CRS, construyeron para ella y su esposo una casa resistente a terremotos. Asimismo, ReCoVER le ofreció a KunMaya una capacitación en la crianza de aves de corral y en la gestión de ahorros financieros—una capacitación que le ayudó a establecer un próspero negocio de aves de corral y que le permite mantener a su familia, a la vez que ahorra y construye para el futuro.

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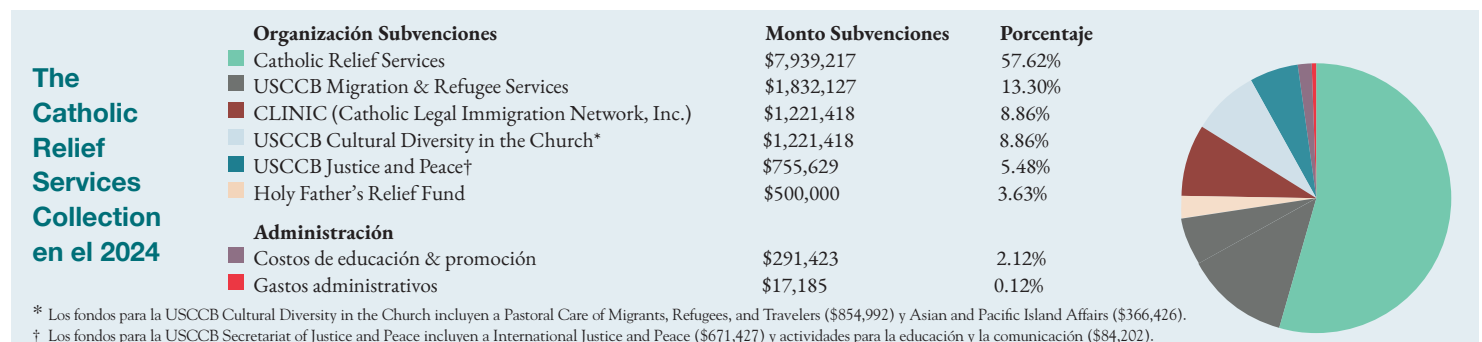
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Pope Leo's Lenten Suggestions



Imagine, we have an American born Pope. Who among us ever thought it would happen? Certainly not me. To say I have been a bit disappointed in his actions so far would be a severe understatement. However, his recent Lenten suggestions for Lent have struck me as not only being rational as well as practical but also can be done quietly and without fanfare or ostentation. The harsh criticisms hurled at him have been very unjustified, to say the least. At a minimum, they justify our honest consideration. I have pictured him wearing the Chicago White Sox cap to reassure our Protestant friends that this Pope, at least, relies more on faith than (team)works.

Pope Leo XIV suggests something he wants us to give up for Lent. Lent, as we know, is a time in which the Church invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Our Lenten practices begin by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile- as in a disposition of learning- spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is an opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

This year, Pope Leo would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through **listening**. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone. In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (*Ex 3:7*). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as He does.

If Lent is a time for listening, **fasting** is a concrete way for us to prepare to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves

the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we “hunger” for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our “appetites,” keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

Saint Augustine (and remember that the Pope in his previous life was a member of the Augustinian order of priests) helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfillment that characterizes our journey. He observes that: “it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this situation since they exist in another plane from humans. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for that fulfillment, and we are all drawn to it. Fasting can help us focus on what is important, and allows us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. Pope Leo invites all of us to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of **refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor**. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander, and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, **let us measure our words and cultivate kindness** and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will hopefully give way to words of hope and peace.

Leo further emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (cf. 9:1-3).

Our parishes, families, ecclesial groups, and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity’s thirst for justice and reconciliation which are in woefully short supply in these times.

Pope Leo advises us to ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. We should rather ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. We should strive to make ourselves, our parish, and our communities places where the cries of those who suffer find welcome, and listening opens paths towards reconciliation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love of Christ and each other.

Speaking for myself, I hear Pope Leo echoing the words of Jesus, whose Vicar he is, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, who was a good neighbor who bound up the wounds of the man who fell among thieves, and of the second commandment love thy neighbor as thyself. Perhaps it’s time for me and for most of us to use this time of Lent to rethink where we stand and where we are going.’

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Devine

Chair Emeritus Liturgy

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