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Every year, in preparation for the Divine Mercy Feast, we have been having a special Divine Mercy Chaplet. This year we will meet in the church on April 12th at 3:00 pm. This Chaplet was requested by Jesus himself when he appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. This apparition occurred on the day before World War II, calling for those in grief and pain to turn to Jesus for consolation and mercy. In today's world of division, wars, and challenges to peace, let us gather to pray for those affected by it, especially children. We know Pope Leo XIV constantly calls for nuclear disarmament and peaceful solutions.

Cada año, como preparación para la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, hemos venido celebrando una Coronilla especial de la Divina Misericordia. Este año nos reuniremos en la iglesia el 12 de abril a las 3:00 pm. Esta Coronilla fue solicitada por el propio Jesús cuando se apareció a Santa Faustina Kowalska, una religiosa polaca. Esta aparición tuvo lugar en la víspera de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, haciendo un llamado a quienes sufrían aflicción y dolor para que acudieran a Jesús en busca de consuelo y misericordia. En el mundo actual —marcado por la división, las guerras y los desafíos a la paz—, reunámonos para rezar por quienes se ven afectados por esta situación, especialmente por los niños. Sabemos que el Papa León XIV hace un llamado constante al desarme nuclear y a la búsqueda de soluciones pacíficas.

**Volunteers are needed** to help our Church reflect the splendor of The Lord's Resurrection!! Please join us, Saturday April 4th beginning at 8:00 am to decorate the Church for Easter. All are welcome.

**¡¡Se necesitan voluntarios** para ayudar a que nuestra iglesia refleje el esplendor de la Resurrección del Señor!! Por favor, acompáñennos el sábado 4 de abril, a partir de las 8:00 am., para decorar la iglesia para la Pascua. Todos son bienvenidos.

**Spring Has Sprung!** We are seeking volunteers to help keep the grounds of our Church campus looking beautiful. Any assistance is welcome. Please call Rafael [910-718-0217](tel:910-718-0217) or the church office if you are available.

**¡Ya llegó la primavera!** Buscamos voluntarios para ayudar a mantener hermosos los jardines de nuestro recinto parroquial. Toda ayuda es bienvenida. Por favor, llame a Rafael [910-718-0217](tel:910-718-0217) o a la oficina de la iglesia si tiene disponibilidad.

## HOLY WEEK Schedule

- **Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Lenten Penance Service**
- Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - NO CONFESSIONS
- **Palm Sunday Weekend, March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - Regular Mass Times (No Changes)**
- Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - NO NOON MASS - 5:30 pm Mass (eng) and 7:30 pm Mass (span) followed by Adoration until midnight
- **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - NO NOON MASS - 3:00 pm Service (eng) and 7:00 pm Service (span)**
- Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - NO CONFESSIONS - 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
- **Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - NO 7:20 AM MASS - 10:30 am Mass and 12:30 pm Mass**

- **Jueves, 26 de marzo - 6:30 pm Servicio Penitencial**  
(Las Confesiones) de Cuaresma
- Sábado, 28 de marzo - NO HABRÁ CONFESIONES
- **Fin de Semana del Domingo de Ramos, 28 y 29 de marzo - Horarios Normales de Misas (No Cambios)**
- Jueves Santo, 2 de abril - NO HABRÁ MISA DEL MEDIODÍA - 5:30 pm Misa (ing) y 7:30 pm Misa (esp), seguida de Adoración hasta la medianoche
- **Viernes Santo, 3 de abril - NO HABRÁ MISA DEL MEDIODÍA - 3:00 pm Servicio (ing) y 7:00 pm Servicio (esp)**
- Sábado Santo, 4 de abril - NO HABRÁ CONFESIONES - 8:00 pm Misa de la Vigilia Pascual
- **Domingo de Pascua, 5 de abril - NO HABRÁ MISA DE LAS 7:20 AM - 10:30 am Misa y 12:30 pm Misa**

## Esquema DE SEMANA SANTA

THE LUMBERTON CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER feeds the hungry in our community Monday through Friday at various locations throughout Lumberton. Our [Social Ministry](#) collects food every week to help with their effort. **PLEASE** consider bringing one item of non-perishable food when you come to Mass. Small Things with Great Love Make a Big Difference. Thank you so much for your continued support!

El LUMBERTON CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER alimenta a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad de lunes a viernes en diversos lugares de Lumberton. Nuestro [Ministerio Social](#) recolecta alimentos cada semana para apoyar esta labor. **Por favor**, considere traer un artículo de comida no perecedera cuando asista a Misa. Las cosas pequeñas hechas con gran amor marcan una gran diferencia. ¡Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Saturday (March 28th) Mass 5:00 pm (For the People)

**Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord**

Sunday (March 29th) Misa 7:20 am (Por el pueblo)

Mass 10:30 am (+Tom & +Blanche Tingle)

Misa 12:30 pm (+Noelia Castillo Ramos)

Mt 21:1-11 (procession) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday (March 30th)

Monday of Holy Week [6]

Is 42:1-7 Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Tuesday (March 31st)

Tuesday of Holy Week [6]

Is 49:1-6 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday (April 1st) Mass 12:00 pm

(Deceased Members of Robbin Barnhill's Family)

Wednesday of Holy Week [6]

Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday (April 2nd) Mass 5:30 pm (eng)

Misa 7:30 pm (span)

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday (April 3rd) Service 3:00 pm (eng)

Servicio 7:00 pm (span)

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)**

Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday (April 4th)

**HOLY SATURDAY** Mass 8:00 pm

## Parish Financial Record

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Parroquial

### 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Collection \$4,264.00

2nd Collection \$968.47  
(Building & grounds Maintenance)

Total: \$5,232.47

Last Year \$5,707.00

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.

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### **Happy Birthday Blessings Bendiciones de Feliz Cumpleaños 29 March - 04 April 2026**

Madeliene Perez Martinez, Jose Javier Ruiz, Kevin Reyes,  
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Carlos Gonzalez Castillo, Mercedes Rojas, Luis Ramirez-Sechler,  
Julio Rojas, Christian Aleman, Valeria C. Vera, Patricia Norton,  
Randy Perez-Sanchez

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**Sick and Homebound/Enfermos y confinados en casa:** Lydia Yarborough, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, and Ken Cross

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

**Recently Deceased/Recientemente fallecidos:** +Brenda Lininger (Orbituary)

\*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.\*



**It's that time of year again!** If you need your 2025 Contribution Letter, contact the church office (office@sfd-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-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!

**Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat (June 12-14, 2026)**

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 12-14, 2026, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call (919) 852-1021 (English). The website is: [rachelinc.org](http://rachelinc.org). Cost is \$350 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 if you register before May, 12th. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

**Proyecto Rachel Post Aborto Retiro de Sanación (June 12-14, 2026)**

Si desea sanar de un aborto pasado, le invitamos a experimentar el amor de Jesucristo en un retiro de fin de semana de Project Rachel, del 12 al 14 de junio de 2026, en el área de Raleigh. Este retiro de fin de semana es estrictamente confidencial, está dirigido tanto a mujeres como a hombres, e incluye charlas, ejercicios espirituales, el sacramento de la Reconciliación, un servicio conmemorativo y una Misa de la Resurrección. La participación ofrece una hermosa oportunidad para experimentar el amor, el perdón y la compasión de Dios. Para obtener más información o para inscribirse en el retiro, comuníquese con Project Rachel a través del correo electrónico: [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) o llame al (919) 264-5892 (Espanol). El sitio web es: [rachelinc.org](http://rachelinc.org). El costo es de \$350 e incluye alojamiento, comidas y todos los materiales del retiro. Se ofrece un descuento de \$50 si se inscribe antes del 12 de mayo. Si la situación económica representa una dificultad, siempre hay asistencia disponible.

## Reflexión de esta semana

### LA PASIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR (29 de marzo de 2026)

Acabamos de escuchar a Mateo esforzarse con gran esmero para mostrarnos que cada acontecimiento, cada suceso, cada persona involucrada en la pasión y muerte de Jesús cumple un pasaje de las Escrituras hebreas.

La traición y el abandono de Jesús por parte de sus amigos más cercanos, el inocente Jesús convirtiéndose en víctima de intrigas religiosas y políticas, la oscuridad, los cielos y el dramático rasgarse del velo del Templo: todo ello se contempla a la luz de las sagradas escrituras del pueblo judío.

La proclamación del centurión, testigo de todos estos acontecimientos, constituye el reconocimiento asombrado que surge de todas las señales: «Verdaderamente, este era el Hijo de Dios».

Con ese reconocimiento, Mateo dirige nuestra atención nuevamente hacia la fidelidad de las mujeres que han seguido a Jesús desde Galilea. Solo ellas permanecieron para ser testigos del cumplimiento. Todos los demás se habían dispersado por miedo.

Nosotros nos contamos entre los fieles que asisten a Jesús y lo seguirán a través de su pasión y muerte. San Pablo nos indica lo que debemos hacer mientras recorremos este camino. Debemos aprender a vivir con la misma actitud que Jesús tenía ante la vida y sus diversos acontecimientos. El sufrimiento y la gloria estarán tan entrelazados que resultarán inseparables. Aprender a aceptar todo cuanto nos sobrevenga como proveniente de la mano de Dios –haciéndolo en obediencia a la voluntad del Dios que es mi Padre–, y estar dispuestos a dejar de lado cualquier posición para así amar mejor a Dios y al prójimo: todo esto constituye tener la actitud de Cristo.

Que todos estemos abiertos a aprender más sobre la vida de la mano de Jesús durante esta semana.

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## This week's reflection

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (March 29, 2026)

We have just heard Matthew go to great pains to show us that every event, every happening, every person involved in the passion and death of Jesus fulfills a passage from the Hebrew Scriptures.

The betrayal and abandonment of Jesus by his special friends, the innocent Jesus becoming the victim of religious and political conniving, the darkness and the skies and the dramatic ripping of the Temple veil – all are seen in light of the sacred scriptures of the Jewish people.

The proclamation of the centurion who has witnessed all these events is the surprised recognition from all the clues: "Clearly this was the Son of God."

With that recognition, Matthew turns our attention back to the fidelity of the women who have been following Jesus from Galilee. They alone remained to witness the fulfillment. All the others had scattered in fear.

We are among the faithful who attend Jesus and will follow him through His passion and death. St. Paul tells us what we must be doing as we journey. We are to learn to live with the attitude that Jesus had toward life and its varied events. Suffering and glory will be so intertwined as to be inseparable. Learning to accept whatever comes as coming from God's hand and doing it in obedience to the will of the God who is my Father, being willing to put aside any position so as to better love God and my neighbor – all of this is having the attitude of Christ.

May we all be open to learning more about life from Jesus this week.

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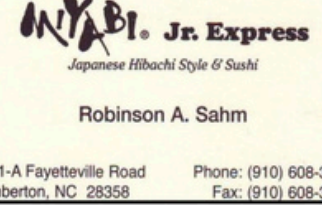



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# Holy Week Reflections

March 29 through April 4, 2026

**Sunday - March 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord** (Matthew 26:14—27:66)

“The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ...”

The Passion of Jesus is certainly an account of the end of His earthly life. But the Passion of Jesus is also something that was demonstrated every day of his earthly life.

- A passion for human justice.
- A passion for divine justice.
- A passion for doing what is right and good.
- A passion for challenging others to promote the same.

In his *Treatise on the Love of God* (Book 10, Chapter 16), St. Francis de Sales identifies three levels of such passion:

First, we can have a passion for correcting, censuring, and reprimanding others. This level of passion is perhaps the easiest because it does not necessarily require those who are passionate about righteousness to actually perform acts of justice themselves. This form of zeal, obviously, can be very attractive because the focus is on what others are not doing. On the other hand, it can become a classic case of "do as I say, not as I do," because it does not require us to live in a just manner ourselves.

Second, we can be passionate "by doing acts of great virtue in order to give good examples by suggesting remedies for evil, encouraging others to apply them, and doing the good opposed to the evil that we wish to eradicate." "This holds for all of us," remarks de Sales, "but few of us are anxious to do so." Surely, this second level of passion requires work and integrity on our part. We can't simply talk the talk; we must also walk the walk.

"Finally, the most excellent exercise of passion consists in suffering and enduring many things in order to prevent or avert evil. Almost no one wants to exercise this passion." This third level of passion is willing to risk everything for what is righteous and just, even life itself. "Our Lord's passion appeared principally in his death on the cross to destroy death and the sins of humanity," wrote St. Francis de Sales. To imitate Jesus' zeal for justice is "a perfection of courage and unbelievable fervor of spirit."

Jesus certainly challenged the injustice of others. Jesus was willing to promote justice through His own good example. Most important, Jesus was willing to go the distance in his passion for justice, even at the cost of His own life.

Passion Sunday - for that matter, every day - begs the question: How far are we willing to go in our passion for justice, that is, for what is right and good?



**March 30, 2026: Monday of Holy Week (John 12:1-11)**

“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my Spirit...”

Obviously, Jesus is the servant whom God upholds. Obviously, Jesus is God’s servant. Obviously, Jesus is one upon whom God has put His Spirit.

Not so obvious? You, too, are the servant that God upholds. You, too, are God’s chosen one. You, too, are one upon whom God has put His Spirit.

How might you be pleasing – not only to God, but also to other people – today?

**March 31, 2026: Tuesday of Holy Week (John 13:21-33, 36-38)**

“The Lord called me from birth; from my mother’s womb he gave me my name...”

In his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, Francis de Sales wrote: “Consider that a certain number of years ago you were not yet in the world and that your present being was truly nothing. My soul, where were you at that time? The world had already existed for a long time, but of us there was yet nothing. God has drawn you out of that nothingness to make you what you now are and he has done so solely out of his own goodness and without need of you. Consider the nature God has given you. It is the highest in this visible world. It is capable of eternal life and of being perfectly united to his Divine Majesty.” (Part I, Chapter 9, p. 53)

From all eternity God chose to create us out of nothing and to make us something...to make us someone. What return can we make other than to stand in awe of God’s generosity towards us?

And to live accordingly!

**April 1, 2026: Wednesday of Holy Week (Matthew 26:14-25)**

“The Lord GOD is my help...”

Today’s reading from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah* paints the picture of a God who lifts up those who are weighed down. He is a God who clears a path for those burdened by the journey. He is a God who gives comfort in times of adversity. In short, our God goes out of His way to help those who are down and out. In a world with its share of challenges, trials, and difficulty, our God is a God who lightens the load.

In his *Treatise on the Love of God*, Francis de Sales wrote:

“We must take the greatest consolation from seeing how God exercises His mercy by the many diverse favors he distributes among angels and men – in heaven, and on earth – and how He exercises His justice by an infinite variety of trials and difficulties. Hence, death, affliction, sweat, and toil with which life abounds are by God’s justice the consequences of sin, but they are also by God’s sweet mercy ladders upon which to ascend to heaven, means by which to increase grace and merits whereby to obtain glory. Indeed, blessed are poverty, hunger, thirst, sorrow sickness death, and persecution: they are consequences of our humanity which nevertheless are so steeped and aromatized in God’s love, goodness, and mercy that theirs is a most sweet bitterness.” (TLG Bk IX)

Trials and difficulties are a part of life. Fortunately for us, God sees these same trials and difficulties as opportunities to console us, support us, nourish us, and sustain us.

How – in the name of this merciful, generous God – do we do the same for one another?

**April 2, 2026: Mass of the Lord's Supper** (John 13:1-15)

"Do you realize what I have done for you?"

In his *Treatise on the Love of God*, Francis de Sales observed: "God has signified to us in so many ways and by so many means that he wills all of us to be saved that no one can be ignorant of this fact. For this purpose he made us 'in his own image and likeness' by creation, and by the Incarnation he has made himself in our image and likeness, after which he suffered death in order to ransom and save humankind. He did this with so great a love..." (IDL, Part III, Chapter 3, p. 128)

While we may not be "ignorant" of what God has done for us (beautifully ritualized in the upper room at the Last Supper and dramatically demonstrated on the hill of Calvary), how much time – on any given day, in any given hour – do we spend reminding ourselves of how "great a love" God has for us?

Even to this very moment!



**April 3, 2026: Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (John 18:1—19:42)

"He learned obedience from what he suffered..."

In his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, Francis de Sales wrote: "Our Savior himself has declared, 'By our patience you will win your souls.' It is man's greatest happiness to possess his own soul, and the more perfect our patience the more completely do we possess our souls. We must often recall that our Lord has saved us by His suffering and endurance and that we must work out our salvation by sufferings and afflictions, enduring with all possible meekness the injuries, denials, and discomforts we meet." (IDL, Part III, Chapter 3, p. 128)

Jesus learned obedience by what He suffered. He learned to listen to the voice of His Father by His practice of endurance, that is, through His willingness to see things through to the end. In so doing, He experienced the happiness and joy that even His suffering and death could not vanquish.

What kind of cross – be it injury, denial, or discomfort – might God ask us to carry today? Are we up to the task?

**April 4, 2026: Holy Saturday** (Matthew 28:1-10)

"God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good..."

In his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, Francis de Sales wrote: "When he created things God commanded plants to bring forth their fruits, each one according to its kind. In like manner he commands Christians – the living plants of the Church – to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each according to one's position and vocation..." (Part I, Chapter 3, p. 43)

Even before God created things – including us – God intended to underscore His love for the created order by becoming one of us in the person of His Son. Francis de Sales believed that it was the Incarnation that became the motivation for Creation. Thus, Creation made possible the ultimate expression of God's love for the universe: the Word Made Flesh, Jesus Christ. Because of "The Fall" the Incarnation took on an additional purpose: to save us from our sins.

Tonight's readings from Scripture testify to the fidelity of God's creative, Incarnational, and redeeming love. Throughout all the ups and downs of human history, one constant has remained: God's love for us. A love to the death...a love all about life.

Today, how can we show our gratitude for so wonderful – and faithful – a love? The answer - by bringing forth the fruits of devotion! In so doing, we continue the creative, incarnational and redemptive action of the God who loved us before the creation – and redemption – of the world.

