

# Saint Francis de Sales

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Zacharie Lukielo Tati, Parish Administrator

### SACRAMENTS

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Daily Mass Weekend Mass	Wednesday - Friday Saturday Sunday	NOON 5:00pm; 6:30pm 7:30am(Spanish) 11:30pm(Spanish) 9:30am;(English)
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<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Saturday	3:30pm – 4:30pm
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<b>Marriage:</b>	Please call the parish office six (6) months before your wedding date.	Communicarse con la oficina seis (6) meses antes de la fecha de matrimonio.
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<b>Anointing of the sick:</b>	Please call the parish office	Communicarse con la oficina.
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**Palm Sunday**  
**Domingo de Ramos**  
**ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC PARISH**  
**of Lumberton**



**De Sales**  
**SPIRITUALITY SERVICES**  
*"practical paths to holiness"*  
**Discerning the Will of God\***



"What does God want me to do?" This question, simply put, is at the heart of discernment. This question is also at the heart of the Salesian tradition.

Discernment presumes at least four things:

- ◆ God exists
- ◆ God is near to me
- ◆ God has a will or desire for me
- ◆ I can come to know God's will.

The Salesian tradition describes discernment as the experience of living between the "two wills of God."

God's *signified* will is that which God is communicating *in general* through the Commandments and Counsels found in Scripture; the authority and teaching of the Church; the lived experience and tradition of the Christian faithful; the inspiration of the Spirit; the duties of one's state, or vocation, in life.

So, if you are married and raising a family, for example, God's *signified* will for you would include such things as: living life of virtue; honoring your father and mother; keeping holy the Sabbath; believing that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist; nourishing your relationship with your spouse; raising your children in the faith.

God's permissive will is the experience of deciding how best to live *in particular* through the real events, circumstances, relationships and responsibilities of daily life. Is today the day you confront a co-worker about an earlier dispute? Do you accept – or decline – this job offer? What do your children need from you at this moment? Which nursing home is best for your ailing father? Where is your relationship with your spouse most in need of attention? Should you make time to perform volunteer work?

Discernment is the process of being open to how God's signified will (or "good pleasure") is inviting you to embrace God's permissive will in ways that are appropriate – and even required – by the circumstances, relationships and events in which you find yourself. Put another way, discernment is about choosing how best to respond to God's will, desires and longings for you now, today, this moment. What is the *best*, or, what are some better ways, of imitating the example of Christ in this particular moment, circumstance or event, no matter how serious or common-place?

How do you know what is better or best? Develop the ability to listen. Develop the ability to

filter out the external and internal "static" of your life. Recognize that the most pressing things are not always the most important. Realize, too, that the most important things must sometimes wait for the most pressing. Focus on how God may be speaking through your family, friends, or co-workers. Pay attention to the demands and responsibilities of your state and stage in life, both planned and the unexpected. Personal prayer, the reading of Scripture, celebrating the Eucharist, employing the assistance of a spiritual director, and experiencing the sacrament of Reconciliation can help you to sharpen your hearing.

Discernment never occurs in a vacuum. It always takes place within the context of your relationship with God, yourself, others. One of the most powerful forums for fruitful discernment is with trusted friends who can support you in the practice of virtue: doing what is right and just in the eyes of God. Above all, regardless of the ease or difficulty with which you discern God's will, place your confidence and trust in God's presence. Even when you can't see, hear or feel God's voice, the Creator is with you. Always.

**Saturday (April 12) 5:00 PM:** (+CD Kennedy)

**Sunday (April 13)**

Mass 9:30 am (For the People)  
 Misa 11:30 AM (+Christopher & +Sandra Joaquin Diaz)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Is 50:4-7      Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24      2<sup>nd</sup> Phil 2:6-11      \*\*Lk 22:14-23:56

**Monday (April 14) Monday of Holy Week**

1<sup>st</sup> Is 42:1-7      Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14      \*\*In 12:1-11

**Tuesday (April 15) Tuesday of Holy Week**

1<sup>st</sup> Is 49:1-6      Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17      \*\*Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday (April 16) Wednesday of Holy Week**  
**Noon Mass (+Linda Bouchard)**

1<sup>st</sup> Is 50:4-9a      Ps 369:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34      \*\*Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday (April 17) Holy Thursday [Mass of the Lord's Supper]**

6:00 pm [English (+Leonard Tati Lukielo & +Maviola Ngoma)]  
 8:00 pm [Spanish (+Pedro Salazar)]

1<sup>st</sup> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14      Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18      2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Cor 11:23-26      \*\*Jn 13:1-15

**Friday (April 18) Good Friday [The Passion of the Lord]**

3:00 pm [English]  
 7:00 pm [Spanish]

1<sup>st</sup> Is 52:13-53:12      Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25      2<sup>nd</sup> Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9      \*\*Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday (April 19) Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm [Bilingual]**

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Holy Week

### **MASS TIMES (HORARIOS DE MISA)**

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12 Noon**

Saturday 5:00 PM [English]

Sunday 9:30 AM [English]

7:30 AM y 11:30 AM [Español]

Please call the office for Sacraments & Social Hall  
Rentals, as they are by appointment ONLY.

Llame a la oficina de Sacramentos & Social Hall Rentals,  
ya que son SOLO con cita previa.

### **Office Hours (horarios del oficina)**

**Tuesday (Martes) – Friday  
(Viernes)**

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**\*Closed from noon – 1:00 pm\***

Bilingual Help available Thursdays and Fridays  
Ayuda Bilingüe disponible Jueves y Viernes



**Confession**  
from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM,  
or by appointment with the Priest.  
  
La confesión es todos

**los sábados de 3:00 PM a 4:30 PM,**  
o con cita previa con el sacerdote

### **PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**(April 6 /7, 2025)**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$ 4920.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 747.00**

**Total: \$ 5707.00**

**[Last Year:\$ 5/0.00]**

**Easter Flowers:** \$245.00

We thank you all for your contributions. Please, remember to send your offertory envelope weekly or monthly or give online. Les agradecemos a los oportunos contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de ofertorio semanal o mensualmente o dar en linea

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index?e=EBZD10748911>  
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### **Five Year building committee (2024-2029)**

Chris Germaine (Chair) [sircdq@gmail.com](mailto:sircdq@gmail.com)

Bob Borbet (secretary) [bob.boret@yahoo.com](mailto:bob.boret@yahoo.com)

Michael Blair (vice chair) [balancefarm@aol.com](mailto:balancefarm@aol.com)

**\*\*High School Graduates\*\*** As another school year is quickly coming to an end, St. Francis de Sales would like to recognize our High School Graduates. If you know of any high school senior that is graduating this year, please take a few minutes to complete this survey and let us know! Thank you for your support, here is the form: <https://forms.gle/5q3UkAxD2Ys9oBzrZ>

**Jubilee news**, events & calendar, prayer & music, info & resources for celebrating the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope / Noticias, eventos y calendario del Jubileo, oración y música, información y recursos para celebrar el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza 2025:  
<https://dioceseoffaleigh.org/jubilee2025>

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) and Monday,  
April 21 (Easter Monday)\***

**La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el Viernes 18 de abril (Viernes Santo) y 21 de  
abril (Lunes de Pascua).**

### **Sunday's Reflection**

In today's Gospel, we experience Jesus as the 'suffering servant'. His suffering unto death brings eternal life to the human family. St. Francis de Sales reflects on this event: "The most powerful reason for Jesus' death is to fill the human spirit with God's love. Out of death has come life, the wondrous paradox, which the world does not understand. He not only died a cruel death to bring God's love to us, but he also suffered fear, terror, abandonment, and inner depression such as never had and never shall have an equal. He did this so that we too may persevere in pursuing divine love."

Jesus' human feelings left his entire heart exposed to sorrow and anguish. For this reason, he cries out: 'My God, why have you forsaken me?' Mount Calvary is the mount of lovers. On Calvary death, life and love intermingle. Out of love Jesus chose death on a cross so that we might live as a child of God and possess eternal love. Christian wisdom consists in choosing rightly. Let us choose to empty ourselves of our selfish desires and loves, so that we may be filled with God's love, which gives rise to new life in us.

We ought to consecrate every moment of our lives to the divine love of Our Savior's death. If injured by others, look often on Christ Jesus, crucified, forsaken and overwhelmed, by every kind of anguish. Then think of the many people who are incomparably more afflicted than you are and say: Are not my hardships roses in comparison with those, who without help, assistance, or relief live a continual death, burdened by afflictions infinitely greater than mine? When all things fail us, when our distress is at its height, say the final words of Jesus on the cross: "into Your hands I commend my spirit." How happy we will be when we entrust ourselves totally into God's hands! In doing all things for the glory of God, we will do all things well.

<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/abcd51/>

## Reflexión Semanal

En el Evangelio de hoy, experimentamos a Jesús como el «siervo sufriente». Su sufrimiento hasta la muerte trae vida eterna a la familia humana. San Francisco de Sales reflexiona sobre este acontecimiento: «La razón más poderosa de la muerte de Jesús es llenar el espíritu humano con el amor de Dios. De la muerte surgió la vida, la maravillosa paradoja, que el mundo no comprende. No solo murió una muerte cruel para traernos el amor de Dios, sino que también sufrió miedo, terror, abandono y depresión interior como nunca tuvo ni tendrá igual. Lo hizo para que también nosotros perseveremos en la búsqueda del amor divino».

Los sentimientos humanos de Jesús dejaron todo su corazón expuesto al dolor y la angustia. Por eso, clama: «Dios mío, ¡por qué me has abandonado!». El Calvario es el monte de los amantes. En el Calvario, la muerte, la vida y el amor se entremezclan. Por amor, Jesús eligió la muerte en la cruz para que pudieramos vivir como hijos de Dios y poseer el amor eterno. La sabiduría cristiana consiste en elegir correctamente. Elijamos vaciarlos de nuestros deseos y amores egoístas, para llenarnos del amor de Dios, que da vida nueva en nosotros.

Debemos consagrarnos cada momento de nuestra vida al amor divino de la muerte de nuestro Salvador. Si otros nos han herido, miétemos con frecuencia a Cristo Jesús, crucificado, abandonado y abrumado por toda clase de angustias. Pensemos entonces en las muchas personas que están incomparablemente más afligidas que nosotros y digamos: ¡No son mis dificultades rosas en comparación con las de quienes, sin ayuda, asistencia ni alivio, viven en una muerte continua, agobiados por aficiones infinitamente mayores que las mías! Cuando todo nos falle, cuando nuestra angustia llegue a su punto máximo, digamos las últimas palabras de Jesús en la cruz: «En tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu». Cuán felices seremos cuando nos entreguemos totalmente a las manos de Dios. Al hacer todo para la gloria de Dios, todo nos irá bien.

<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/labc051/>



## Food Collection



Our Lenten Challenge is off to a GREAT start! For the month of March, our Parish Social Ministry collected an amazing **200 lbs** of nonperishable items for the Christian Care Center of Lumberton. With this Lenten season starting, don't forget about our **Social Ministry Lenten Challenge!** A **HUGE** thank you to our Youth Faith Formation, whose students have brought something very single week! We are challenging each family to donate at least **ONE** nonperishable item in the month of March...but the challenge does not end in March! Lent goes into April, so while we will still turn in the donations at the end of March, we will tally everything received from March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) until April 20<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday). As a reminder, there are boxes at the main entrance of the Church and by the gift shop for anything you wish to donate. They accept sanitary items, canned/nonperishable foods, and items for daily hygiene. As always, your support and donations are greatly appreciated, especially in these winter months

## \*\*\*Graduados de la escuela secundaria\*\*\*

A medida que otro año escolar llega rápidamente a su fin, San Francisco de Sales desea reconocer a nuestros graduados de la escuela secundaria. Si conoce a algún estudiante de último año de secundaria que se gradúa este año, tómese unos minutos para completar esta encuesta y háganoslo saber. Gracias por su apoyo, aquí está el formulario:  
<https://forms.gle/5g3UxAvDYS9obzrZ>



Durante el mes de febrero, nuestro Ministerio Social Parroquial recolectó la increíble cantidad de **200 libras** de artículos no percederos para el Centro de Cuidado Cristiano de Lumberton. Con el inicio de esta temporada de Cuaresma, ¡no se olvide de nuestro Desafío Cuaresmal del Ministerio Social! ¡Un enorme agradecimiento a nuestro equipo de Formación de Fe Juvenil, cuyos estudiantes aportaron algo especial cada semana! Estamos desafiando a cada familia a donar al menos UN artículo no percedero en el mes de marzo... ¡pero el desafío no termina en marzo! La Cuaresma se extiende hasta abril, por lo que, si bien entregaremos las donaciones a fines de marzo, contaremos todo lo recibido desde el 5 de marzo (Miércoles de Ceniza) hasta el 20 de abril (Domingo de Pascua). Como recordatorio, hay cajas en la entrada principal de la Iglesia y junto a la tienda de regalos para cualquier cosa que deseé donar. Aceptan artículos sanitarios, alimentos enlatados/no percederos y artículos para la higiene diaria. Como siempre, su apoyo y sus donaciones son muy apreciados, específicamente en estos meses de invierno..



to everyone celebrating their birthday this week! (Feliz cumpleaños a todos ustedes que celebran sus cumpleaños esta semana!)

**April 13 -19, 2025**

**Patricia Antone, Roberto Flores Gonzalez, Kevin Rojas, Jonathan Bautista-Aguilar, Allan Baltazar, Alma Bella Perez Martinez, Mary Lee Wadrose, Victor Dorais, Galdina Maldonado-Ortiz, Natalie Perez, Alice Robinson Solis, Melany Aquila, Angeles Rojas**

**PRAYER REQUESTS** David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Janet Hester, Joseph & Shelly Young, Cathy Cartrette, Doris Schneider, Gloria Luente, Doris Warwick, Carolyn Wilkerson, Michelle & James White, Joan Van Huesen, Eileen Sampson, David Rich, Joel Rivera, , Kathy Geibert, Mary Lee Wadrose, Ken Cross, Juanita Mishoe, Ruth Keen, Sr. Marta Castrejon Flores, Annette Dent, Neal Frazier, Victor Dorais, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres, Rios, Alonso, Santa Cruz families, The Dana Family, Rosario Reantaso, baby Elizabeth

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** Lydia Yarbrough, Howard & Nellie Canady, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, Tom Jacoby, Jan Henderson, Glenn Rogers

**NURSING HOMES:** Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines (Lumberton), Elisabeth Oxendine at Carrollton Nursing Home (Fayetteville)

\*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.\*

## **Get Ready to Pig Out for a Cause!**



Join Catholic Outreach Food Pantry for the 13th Annual Pig Pickin' & Open House – a day of delicious BBQ, live music, and community fun while making a difference for families in need!

**Friday, April 25**

3:30 PM – 7:00 PM (or until the BBQ runs out!)  
2013 Raleigh Blvd, Raleigh, NC

\$12 Pre-order | \$ 5 Plate On-Site | Beer Hot Dogs Available  
Live Music | Bake Sale | Raffle | Indoor Seating

Every plate purchased helps Catholic Parish Outreach, a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, provide food to families experiencing hunger in our community.

Let's come together, enjoy great food, and support a great cause! Tag your friends and spread the word!

Learn more & get tickets: [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/CPO-Pig-Pickin\\_](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/CPO-Pig-Pickin_)



Purchase your raffle ticket after each Mass or stop by the Parish Office. GOOD LUCK!

**Compra tu boleto de rifa después de cada misa o pasa por la Oficina Parroquial. ¡Buena suerte!**

**Easter Flower Donations** As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, we invite you to help adorn our church with beautiful flowers in honor of Christ's Resurrection. Your generous donations will go toward the purchase of Easter lilies and other seasonal blooms that will enhance our worship space during this sacred season.

Donations can be made in memory of a loved one or as a special offering of thanksgiving. To contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Flower Offering" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in making our church a beautiful place of prayer and celebration this Easter!



Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la alegría de la Pascua, los invitamos a ayudar a adornar nuestra iglesia con hermosas flores en honor a la Resurrección de Cristo. Sus generosas donaciones se destinarán a la compra de lirios de Pascua y otras flores de temporada que embellecerán nuestro espacio de culto durante esta época sagrada.

Las donaciones pueden hacerse en memoria de un ser querido o como una ofrenda especial de acción de gracias. Para contribuir, por favor, coloque su donación en un sobre con la inscripción "Flores de Pascua" y dépósito en la canasta de colecta o llévelo a la oficina parroquial. Gracias por su amabilidad y generosidad al hacer de nuestra iglesia un hermoso lugar de oración y celebración esta Pascua!



Si deseas sanar los efectos de un aborto, estás invitada/o a experimentar el amor de Jesucristo en un retiro de fin de semana del 6 al 8 de junio, en el área de Raleigh. El retiro es estrictamente confidencial, tanto para mujeres como para hombres, e incluye discusiones, ejercicios espirituales, el sacramento de la reconciliación, un servicio conmemorativo y una misa de resurrección. Este retiro ofrece una hermosa oportunidad para experimentar el amor, el perdón y la compasión de Dios. Para información o inscripción, comunícate a: [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) o al número telefónico (919) 264-5892. El sitio web es: [racheinc.org](http://racheinc.org). El costo del retiro es de \$200 por persona, incluye alojamiento, comidas y todos los materiales del retiro. Ofrecemos un descuento de \$50 si te registras antes del 09 de mayo. Los participantes que hablan español e inglés son bienvenidos. Si tienes problemas económicos, ofrecemos asistencia financiera.

## **NC Catholics Caring for Our Common Home**

You are invited to join the new diocesan NC Catholics Caring for Our Common Home. Pope Francis reminds us that: "The environment is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all... We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world." Raleigh Diocese parishioners have heard the pope's message and responded to his call by forming North Carolina Catholics Caring for our Common Home (NCCCCH). Our mission is to inspire and mobilize the Catholic community to care for our common home and achieve climate and ecological justice with the urgency the times require. Our members work within their parishes, deaneries, and with other groups throughout the Raleigh diocese to promote and engage in an integral ecological approach that recognizes everything is connected. We are looking to expand our coalition with new members and exciting diocese-wide programs. The excitement is building a new way of living. To join, please contact Deacon Joshua Klickman at: [Deacon.Joshua.Klickman@DeaconsDOR.org](mailto:Deacon.Joshua.Klickman@DeaconsDOR.org).

**The St. Therese Catholic Church** Pro-Life Apostolate will be presenting a talk by Sister Deldre Byrne, POSC. Sister Dede is a Roman Catholic religious sister, missionary, surgeon, and retired U.S. Army Colonel. She will be speaking at St. Therese Catholic Church in Wrightsville Beach, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served after her talk. No registration is necessary. The book on her life, "Sister, Soldier, Surgeon," will be available for purchase by the author, Dr. Leisa Carzon. Sister's talk is entitled, Catholic Pro-Life Views on Life and Death. For more information, please contact Judi Paparozzi at [jpaparozzi@yahoo.com](mailto:jpaparozzi@yahoo.com).



## Holy Week

M C M L H L V K V P W E L P I C S I D D I H N P

C A Q L B B P S T I G M A T A Q O P F B U E R Q

K T G W T O M D L D X E S I A E W I Q J A G K

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Disciple Resurrect Magdalene Easter Maundy

Pierced Passion Cross

Alive Arise Bunny

Cast Dead Lamb

Mary Palm

Cup Tomb

Sin Veil

Mob Sin

- Palm Sunday
  - April 12 (Saturday Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm
  - April 13 (Sunday Mass) 9:30 am
  - 11:30 am

- Holy Thursday
  - April 17 ○ 6:00 pm – English
  - 8:00 pm – Spanish

- Good Friday
  - April 18 ○ 3:00 pm – English
  - 7:00 pm – Spanish

- Easter Vigil
  - April 19 (Saturday) ○ 8:00 pm

- Easter Sunday
  - April 20 ○ 9:30 am – English
  - 11:30 am – Spanish

**Xavier Society for the Blind** provides free braille, audio, and large print materials to Catholics who are blind/visually impaired. The society also serves people unable to read standard print and others living with recent vision loss due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts, etc. Applications available at [clientservices@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:clientservices@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org).

**Kateri Circle meetings** are a great opportunity to join in prayer and fellowship with Native Catholics and provide a space to learn about Native American spirituality and the culture of our indigenous tribes. These monthly meetings are open to everyone and held on behalf of Catholic Native Americans and friends. Please share freely! Email your name to our staff at [nacc@aaamendor.org](mailto:nacc@aaamendor.org), OR fill out this form: [www.forms.office.com/r/HZYGYQCZtY](http://www.forms.office.com/r/HZYGYQCZtY) to sign up and receive a Zoom link.



We have numerous activities in our vibrant parish. For the first time in our history, we are organizing a **silent retreat**. Have you experienced a silent retreat? It is a great experience to delve into our spiritual lives as children of God. Religious and priests have retreats like this all the time. This is a great opportunity to have a serious reflection into our spiritual lives.

In an effort to promote the spiritual growth of our parish, the Adult Faith Formation Committee is organizing a silent retreat for **Divine Mercy** Sunday. All parishioners are invited. For those who would like to take a further step into being a true Christian please seriously consider attending.

The retreat will be from Apr 25th – Apr 27th. In order to get a good estimate of how many are attending and to defray the cost, we will be charging \$10 per person. We are inviting the OCIA director from Fresno California to conduct the retreat.

Jesus is talking to us all the time, all day long. Are we listening? In His infinite Mercy, He is trying to reach us and have a relationship with each of us. Come let us learn how to listen to Him. Kings 19: 11-13 tells us of how Elijah heard the voice of God, He was not in the strong wind that broke rocks in pieces, not in the earthquake or in the fire but in a small still voice. It was in silence that he heard the voice of God. Can we hear God in our brokenness, in the hustle and bustle of our daily life or in the powerful forces that forces us to the noises around us. Or do we want to quietly listen to Him.

**St. Eugene Church in Wendell** is having its 1st **Annual Family Festival** in honor of our patron saint's feast day, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We welcome all families to join in on the fun and make our first family festival a memorable one. Don't miss the games, music, food, and community. Also, we will have a raffle with a grand prize pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece. Tickets are only \$10 each, and all funds go toward our efforts of bringing a second priest and our new Parish Family Life Center. Tickets can be purchased by visiting or calling our parish office 919-365-7114. ➔ Celebraremos nuestro 1.er Festival Familiar Anual en honor a nuestra patrona, el 25 de mayo de 10:00 a. m. a 6:00 p. m. Invitamos a todas las familias a unirse a la diversión y hacer de nuestro primer festival familiar una experiencia memorable. No se pierdan los juegos, la música, la comida y la comunidad. Además, tendremos una rifa con un gran premio: una peregrinación a Turquía y Grecia. Las entradas cuestan solo \$10 cada una y todos los fondos se destinan a nuestros esfuerzos para traer un segundo sacerdote y a nuestro nuevo Centro Parroquial de Vida Familiar. Pueden comprar las entradas visitando o llamando a nuestra oficina parroquial

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**Parish Council Meeting** Our next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. If you have any ideas, concerns, or questions, simply notify the office and we will direct your inquiry to the proper ministry to be addressed at the meeting.→ Nuestra próxima reunión del Consejo Parroquial está programada para el miércoles 16 de abril a las 18:30 en el Salón Social. Si tiene alguna idea, inquietud o pregunta, simplemente notifíquela a la oficina y la dirigiremos al ministerio correspondiente para que sea atendida en la reunión.

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