

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lent starts THIS WEDNESDAY!

**Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday**

Mass at St. Joseph, Burgaw: English at 9:00 AM

Mass at St. Joseph, Burgaw: Spanish at 4:30 PM

Mass at St. Stanislaus, Castle Hayne at 6:00 PM



**Ash Wednesday** is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory.



### LENT Communal Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, **March 18** at 7:00 PM at **St. Stanislaus**

Wednesday, **March 19** at 7:00 PM at **St. Joseph**

### COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

The **Cape Fear Deanery Parishes and Knights of Columbus** are **excited** to offer the **2025 Collegiate Scholarship** for graduating high school students!

If you're a **registered parishioner** in the Cape Fear Deanery, this is your chance to earn up to **\$4,000** to support your college journey. Submit your application, including a biography, essay, and high school transcript, by **Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 11:59 PM**. Don't miss this opportunity!

Visit [Kofc2017.org/scholarship](http://Kofc2017.org/scholarship) or email [scholarship@Kofc2017.org](mailto:scholarship@Kofc2017.org) to apply today!

### Stewardship

February 23, 2025

#### 11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory \$ 1,411.00  
Flower Donation \$ 35.00

#### 1:00PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory \$ 662.00  
BAA Initial Offering \$ 360.00

**Total \$ 1,446.00**      **Total \$ 1,022.00**

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# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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**Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

### Share in the Apostolic Mission of the Church

We, the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a community of faith, being spirit-filled and empowered by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. United by our worship, our continued commitment to faith formation and our love for one another, we dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the enrichment of our community and the greater glory of God.

## We welcome all visitors!

Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.



### Sunday Mass:

11:00 am in English  
1:00 pm in Spanish

### Daily Mass:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am  
Thursdays at 8:30 am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come spend some time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration begins at **3:00 pm every Wednesday** and ends at **7:00 pm**.



## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having their child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roger to discuss the procedure.

**RECONCILIATION:** Immediately following Mass and by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes 6 months. Please contact Father Roger for an appointment.

**1ST PENANCE, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION:**  
Contact Father Roger for information.

### Today's Readings

Sirach 27: 4-7

Psalms 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16

"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Luke 6: 39-4



For **Daily Mass Readings**  
go online to:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings>  
(Includes Daily Mass video)

## Today's Meditation

### VOCAL FRUIT

**"The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does a man's speech disclose the bent of his mind." — Sirach 27:6**

Today's Mass readings mention fruit and speech. Our speech reveals the condition, good or wicked, of our heart and mind (Lk 6:45; Sir 27:6). Our words bear good or wicked fruit in the lives of our children, spouse, neighbors, and co-workers. That fruit shows how careful we have been in our speech (Sir 27:6).

Is our speech bearing fruit? Will our words bear good fruit or bad fruit? Even in old age our words can bear fruit (Ps 92:15). Our words are creative, much like God's (see Gn 1:1-26). What fruit has been created by our words? Is it the fruit of bitterness, anger, unforgiveness, and division? Or is it the fruit of love, peace, encouragement, unity, and numerous disciples?

When Jesus was on trial before the Sanhedrin, He asked, "Why do you question Me? Question those who heard Me when I spoke. It should be obvious that they will know what I said" (Jn 18:21). Similarly, the fruit produced by our life is evident to those who have heard our speech. Their lives will bear witness to what we have said to them. We are to be held accountable for every word we have spoken (Mt 12:36). If an investigator was to question those who heard what you have spoken over the years, what verdict would that investigator reach? Would the fruit of our words acquit us or condemn us? (Mt 12:37)

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### EASTER FROZEN FOOD SALE

St. Stanislaus Church will be having a frozen Pierogi and Kielbasa sale on **Saturday, March 15, 2025**, in their Parish Hall from **9 AM - 12 PM**. - The pierogis are available in Potato & Cheese, Jalapeno & Cheese, Sauerkraut, Farmer's Cheese, Cabbage, Cheddar & Bacon, Spinach & Feta and Prune flavors. Also, for dessert there will be nut rolls and poppy seed rolls for sale.

### PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse	The Butrim Family	Phyllis Kubelka
Nery Fields	Gina Brooks	Stacey Riemer
Bill Barnett	Liz Becker	Darrin Pierres
Marilyn Malberg	The Daniels Family	Michael Kubelka
Jeanette Rivenbark	Geraldine Egner	The unborn
All those incarcerated	United States Leadership	
All those who suffer from addiction		



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