

March 9, 2014  
First Sunday of Lent

# Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

## Pastor

Fr. Alex González

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## Deacon

Rev. Robert Price

910-285-7426

## Mass Schedule:

Mondays – no mass  
Tuesdays -- 5:30 pm  
Wednesdays -- no mass  
(mass in Magnolia at St. Clara)  
Thursdays -- 8:30 am  
Fridays -- 9 am  
Saturdays at 5 pm (English)  
and 7 pm (Spanish)  
Sundays at 8:30 am  
See Bulletin for possible changes

## Adoration:

Thursday after Mass until  
6:00 p.m.

## Reconciliation:

Thursday after Mass and  
Saturday before Mass or  
by appointment

## Fr. Alex Office Hours:

Thursday: 9:30-11am or  
feel free also to set an  
appointment by email.

## Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

Geri Cullen  
910-285-7334

## Parish Council Chair:

Huck Booz

## Financial Council Chair:

Mark Hopkins



## Our Mission

To love and know more  
profoundly our Catholic Faith,  
worship the Lord, minister to  
our members and to further  
spread our faith in the  
community.

## Sunday, March 9- Sunday, March 16

Sunday Gen 2.7-9, 3.1-7; Psalm 51, Rom 5.12-19, Mat 4.1-11

Monday Lev 19.1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19; Mat 25.31-46

Tuesday Is 55.10-11; Psalm 34; Mat 6.7-15

Wednesday Jon 3.1-10; Psalm 51, Ma 11.29-32

Thursday Esth C.12, 14-16, 23-25, Psalm 138, Mat 7.7-12

Friday Eze 18.21-28; Psalm 130, Mat 5.20-26

Saturday Deut 26.16-19; Psalm 119, Mat 5.43-48

Sunday Gen 12.1-4a; Psalm 33, Tim 1.8b-10, Mat 17.1-9

The  
Word  
of God

## Important Information

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. New members are asked to call the Parish office to register. Current parishioners who relocate are requested to inform us of your move. To **update your registration information**, please contact Elaine Masinick ([emasininck@gmail.com](mailto:emasininck@gmail.com)).

If you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, or celebrating a significant anniversary, please contact **Pat Swinson at 285-5996** so she can send a card from the parish to the family. Pat will need the name, address and information on the occasion in order to do so.

**Homebound Ministry:** If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please contact Deacon at 285-7426.

In need of a Priest: Father Alex can be contacted at 910-285-1876 should you have an emergency or any life and death situation that requires a priest.

## Sacraments

Baptism: Parents must attend 2 preparation classes prior to having your child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Alex or with Deacon Price to discuss this procedure.

Marriage: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes six months. Call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Father Alex.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursday after Mass, Saturday before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Father Alex if anyone is in need of this sacrament

**Prayer List** – Bill Norris, Shirley Northcott, J.L. Price, Dewayne Price, Janet Johnson, Virgal Raymond, Elizabeth Edwards, The Gerard Callahan family, Alex Powell, Corey Bock, The James Wetzel family, Glen Powell, Karen Deso and all members of the military especially those in harm's way.

At the beginning of each month, The Prayer List will start a new prayer list. If someone, friend or family is sick, please let us know by emailing [eileenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eileenhirshkind@aol.com) and we will list them in the bulletin.

### Mass Intentions

Sat Mar 1- Repose of the soul of Barbara Garro requested by Susan & Bill Vertolli  
Sun Mar 2 - Repose of the soul of Manlio Luconi requested by Diane Luconi  
Sat Mar 8 - Repose of the soul of Thomas Muckle reqstd by Dick & Fran Smith  
Sun Mar 9 - Repose of the soul of Jack Shea reqstd by Dick & Fran Smith  
Mon Mar 10-  
Tue Mar 11-  
Wen Mar 12-  
Thu Mar 13-  
Fri Mar 14-  
Sat Mar 15 - Repose of the soul of Michael Melody reqstd by Donna & Ed Schulz  
Sun Mar 16 - Repose of the soul of Preston Price reqstd by Deacon & Mrs. Jo Price

*John 11:25-26: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"*

**RESPECT LIFE** -"Christians know that suffering cannot be eliminated, yet it can have meaning and become an act of love and entrustment into the hands of God who does not abandon us; in this way it can serve as a moment of growth in faith and love."

----Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*, 56

### **Prayer for Priest:**

Sunday 3/9: Fr. Rafael Leon-Valencia

Monday 3/10: Fr. Michael Proterra

Tuesday 3/11: Fr. Chul Lee

Wednesday 3/12: Fr. Salvatore Busichio

Thursday 3/13: Fr. John Dorsel

Friday 3/14: Fr. Mark Reamer, O.F.M.

Saturday 3/15: Fr. Robert Schriber

### Prayer for Priests by St. Therese de Lisieux

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep you priest, Fr. (name the priest), within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch him. Keep unstained his anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied his lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly his heart sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround him and shield him from the world's contagion. Bless his labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom he ministers be his joy and consolation here and in heaven his beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

**Save the Date:** Please join us for the March 28 Lenten Soup Supper.

### **FATHER ALEX AWAY**

Fr. Alex will be away from Monday February 24 until Friday March 14. During this time, some daily Masses will be cancelled and weekend masses will be covered by a visiting priest. Fr. Alex has also arranged some priests in case there is a true sacramental emergency. Please contact Deacon Price if you are in an urgent need of a priest.

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE DURING FR. ALEX'S ABSENCE**

Daily Mass will be offered on the following dates in regular schedule: Thursday, March 13

Daily Masses are canceled: Tuesday, March 11, and Friday, March 14.

Fr. Alex is sorry for the inconvenience and reminds everyone that a daily Mass is also offered at Saint Joseph in Burgaw (check next week's bulletin for details)



**Flower Donation:**




**Sanctuary candle In memory/honor of:**

Donating Flowers and Sanctuary Candles to decorate our Altar and Church is a great way to honor our beloved ones!

*Envelopes are available in the vestibule to schedule flower and candle donations*

### **FAITH FORMATION- SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade religion classes are changed from March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Spring Day of Reflection for Lay Ministers:** All lay ministers are invited to  a Day of Reflection to be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Newton Grove, Wednesday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Father John Forbes will be speaking about Pope Francis and how he is inviting us to live our faith. For more information or to register, please contact Bea Callery in the Office of Lay Ministry: 919-821-9715 or [bea.callery@raldioc.org](mailto:bea.callery@raldioc.org).

### **12th Annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference Mar 28-29, 2014**

NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh "Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in our hearts a love for our Faith" Speakers: Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn, Jennifer Fulwiler, Dr. Patrick Fagan, and more! Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Vigil Mass Celebrant and Homilist FREE Friday Evening Program "Why Be Catholic?" 7:00-9:30 PM. Full program Saturday includes Lunch 8:30 AM-6:30 PM. Early Registration Discounts through March 8: Adults \$30 (for Groups of 5 or more), Individual Adults \$40, Students (age 10+) \$25. After March 8: Adults \$50, Students (age 10+) \$30. Who will you invite? Questions: (919) 789-1428



[www.IgnitedByTruth.com](http://www.IgnitedByTruth.com) <<http://www.IgnitedByTruth.com/>

### **Read the latest on the Cathedral Campus Campaign: [Cathedral Campus Campaign: 2013 – A Year of Progress](#)**

For continued updates go to: [www.holynamecathedralnc.org](http://www.holynamecathedralnc.org), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) There you will find information on the historic endeavor being undertaken by the faithful of the Diocese of Raleigh, including news, progress of the campaign and a list of frequently asked questions.



**PILGRIMAGE:** Renew your faith and deepen your devotion with a **one day** Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Saturday, April 5, 2014. The cost for the Pilgrimage is \$20 per person (\$40 for 2 persons, \$60 for a family of 3+), which includes lunch at the Basilica. Transportation is not included and will be arranged by our parish. For more information: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/events/pilgrimage/> or Annie Barnhill ([abarnhill27@gmail.com](mailto:abarnhill27@gmail.com)) Deadline for registration is March 15, 2014

## INFORMATION ABOUT LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

### Thursday of Lent:

March 13, 6:30 P: Bible Study

March 20, 27; April 3 & 10 at 9:15P & 6:30P: Catholicism Series II

### Fridays of Lent:

9:00 AM Daily Mass (\*See Schedule for cancelations)

9:45 AM Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM: Soup and Chowder Lenten Program

Monday, March 31 at 6:30 PM: Lenten Penance Service (see Next week's bulletin for information about other dates and places for Lenten Penance Services)

### Holy Week:

Tuesday, 2:00 PM Chism Mass at St Michael's in Cary

Thursday, 6:00 PM Mass of the Lord Supper, Bilingual at Transfiguration

8:00 PM Mass of the Lord Supper, Spanish at Santa Clara.

Good Friday: 3:00 PM Solemn Good Friday Service with Adoration of the Cross, Bilingual at Transfiguration.

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross at Transfiguration

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Live) followed by Good

Friday Service at Santa Clara

Holy Saturday, 11:00 AM: Morning Prayer & Blessing of the Easter baskets.

Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM Great Easter Vigil Mass, Spanish at Santa Clara

NO MASS AT TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

Easter Sunday: 8:30 AM Mass-English at Transf. with Sacraments of Initiation

10:15 AM Mass – Bilingual at Transf.

11:30 AM Mass-Spanish with Sacraments of Initiation at Transf.

4:00 P Mass-Spanish with Sacraments of Initiation at Santa Clara

Week after Easter Sunday: Church and Office closed the whole week.

## NORMS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

"The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and Baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the Catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the Word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their Baptismal Promises." (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249) Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014, and Good Friday, April 18, 2014, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet Celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptism Promises at Easter.



Sunday, March 9th, 2014 Satan tries often to tempt us into doing things that are bad for our marriage. It is only through the strength of God that we can resist the lures of this world and stay strong in our Sacrament of Marriage. Enrich your marriage at an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 16-18, 2014 in Raleigh, NC and Aug 1-3, 2014 in Charlotte, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com) <<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>> or 704-315-2144.

**Catholic Perspective TV:** At a time when immigration issues are on U.S legislators' front burner, this documentary looks at the underbelly of illegal immigration, human trafficking including the black-market trade in human beings. Lives for Sale is a presentation of Mary Knoll. Tune in to Catholic Perspective TV for this 2 part series on Human Trafficking created by the Maryknoll Society. For airing times in your area: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/media/perspective.aspx>



**NEW! Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program** St Peter's Catholic Church in Greenville is pleased to announce an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: The *Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide*. The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week with discussions to follow. The program begins on **March 25th at 6:30 pm** in the Spritual Center; St Gabriel's room. Cost is \$15 per person. This Catholic program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity before or after a divorce. Please contact Ruth Honeycutt at [rhoney532@gmail.com](mailto:rhoney532@gmail.com) or call her at 252-944-1716 for more information and a registration form.

**Pope Francis to Canonize Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II on April 27, 2014, Divine Mercy Sunday** Join us and our fellow Catholics around the world to celebrate the lives of these holy men. Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII may be the most influential popes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, in terms of their impact on our Catholic faith and understanding today. Pope Francis said, "Blessed John was holy, patient, had a good sense of humor and, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council, was a man of courage, who let himself be guided by the Lord." As for Blessed John Paul, Pope Francis said "I think of him as 'the great missionary of the Church,'" because he was "a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere."



**Project Rachel** If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat May 30-June 1. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, and the sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and 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 [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com) or call (919) 852-1021. **Brochures in English and Spanish are located vestibule.** The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available. Registration deadline is May 23, 2014

Information to be added to the bulletin must be emailed to [eileenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eileenhirshkind@aol.com) by Tuesday 10pm to appear in the upcoming bulletin. If you would like to receive an email copy, please visit [www.catholicweb.com](http://www.catholicweb.com) or email [eileenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eileenhirshkind@aol.com)



Being a Knight of Columbus is all about giving back to your community and building bonds of brotherhood. If you would like to be a part of our efforts to support our parish and our local community contact Gary Deininger, Grand Knight 665-1071

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**Worship: Rosanna Hirshkind (285-8647)**

- Adoration: Pat Gasparini (285-4727), Donna Schulz (285-0711)
- Altar Guild: Tish Vandiver (285-4737), Barbara Crecco (665-1231)
- Altar Servers: Peter Huemiller (385-6281)
- Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers: Rosanna Hirshkind (285-8647)
- Magnificat: Kathy Lord (285-8008)
- Music: Lara Capparuccia (910-324-5540)

**Faith Formation (Adult & Children): Fran Braks (665-1092)**

**Pastoral Care: Deacon Price (285-7426)**

- Bereavement & Hospitality: Kathy Lord (285-8008), Julie Couch (665-1068)
- Greetings: Pat Swinson (285-5996)
- Homebound Eucharistic Ministry: Deacon Robert Price (285-7426)
- Prayer Shawl: Delores Huemiller (385-7891)
- Prayer Tree: Geri Cullen (285-7334), Lita Hopkins (285-2830), Cheryl Partyka (285-6661)

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- First Sunday Breakfast: ,Melissa James (271-8221), Lillian Jimenez (665-1022), Judy Matthews (289-1738)
- Feast of the Transfiguration
- Heritage Month Feast
- Christmas Concert & Dinner:

**Works of Mercy: Mike Vandiver (285-4737)**

- Community: Feed Our Hungry Children, Julia Callahan (285-0503)
- Knights of Columbus: Gary Deininger, Grand Knight 665-1071
- Prison Ministry in Pender County: Deacon Robert Price (285-7426)
- Kitchen of Blessings: Peter Huemiller (385-6281)

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**BAA:**

For the BAA we are at 59% of our goal of 17,026 dollars.  
We have had 35% participation so far.  
Thank you for your participation.  
I have ordered more envelopes for those who requested. It is very easy to donate on line.  
Just go to [dioceseofraleigh.org](http://dioceseofraleigh.org)  
Huck Booz

March 9, 2014  
Fiscal Year 7/1 through 3/1/2014

STEWARDSHIP	BUDGET REQUIRED	Actual Weekly	Difference YTD
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,750	\$4,190.00	
YTD Offertory	\$ 9,400	\$ 94,944	\$544