



Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

On the HORIZON

Apr. 18 – May 10 Change for Life Baby Bottles

April 19

4 – 6 PM Teen Ministry (Founder's Hall)

April 24

6:00 PM 20th Anniversary Concert

May 3

First Sunday Breakfast

May 9

9 am – 1 pm First Communion Retreat

May 16

10 AM First Communion Celebration

May 24

Confirmation
(8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM)

Background of the Gospel

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

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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.

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Lara Capparuccia - 910-548-0505

Office Hours

Mon. 9-6 PM (Wallace)

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

Wed. 2-6 PM (Magnolia)

Thur. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

3-6 PM (Wallace)

Fri. 9-12 PM (Wallace)

Call to make an appointment

Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Wallace)

Wed. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Magnolia)

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM (Wallace)

Reconciliation

Mon. during Holy Hour

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

Weekend Mass Schedule

Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Spanish

Santa Clara Mission

Sunday 1:00 PM Spanish

Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.)

Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.)

Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

The Pope's Monthly Intention (April):

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

Catholics invited to join 250 works of mercy for Nation's Jubilee Year



<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/news/catholics-invited-join-250-works-mercy-nations-jubilee-year>

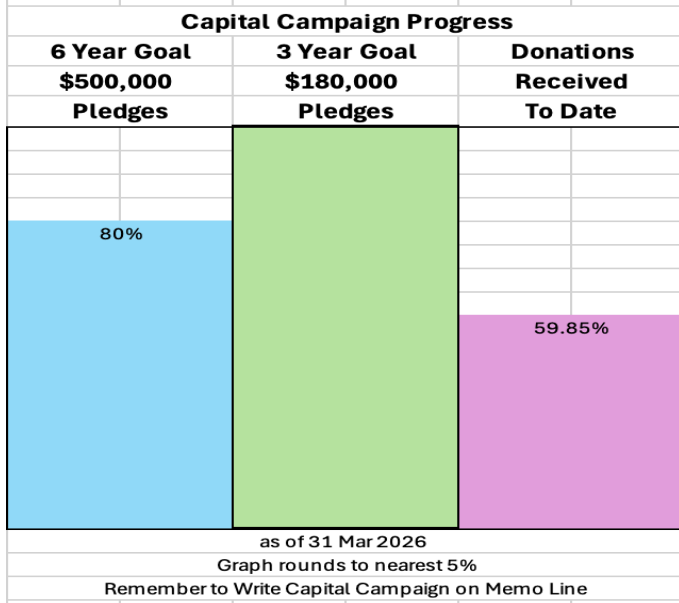
As the United States of America marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is inviting Catholics nationwide to participate in a special year of prayer and service.

As part of this observance, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and are encouraging the faithful to pray for unity and healing.

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/America-250-Catholic-Resource-250-Hours-of-Adoration-and-250-Works-of-Mercy.pdf>

Parish Ministries & Committees

Capital Campaign Progress Report



Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

	Mar Budget	Mar Actuals	Mar Expense
Offertory	\$19,890	\$21,065	
Maintenance Others	\$4,959	\$5,451	
Total	\$24,849	\$26,516	\$18,099
Net Revenue			\$8,417

*Includes the Rectory Loan Payment of \$333.00

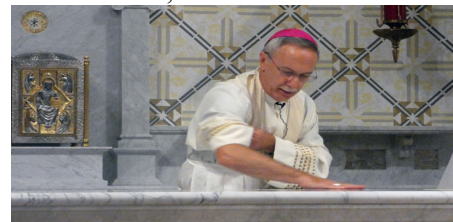
First Sunday Breakfast May 3, 2026

We warmly invite everyone to bring a dish to share as we gather in fellowship as a parish family. Let us enjoy good food, meaningful conversation, and the joy of being together in community. All are welcome—come and share in this time of friendship and blessing!

**May 2 & 3
after all the masses**

MAY
CROWNING

Mark your calendar:
June 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM



Dedication and Blessing of the New Altar

TEEN MINISTRY

Our first Teen Ministry Movie Night was a great success! The teens enjoyed *Evan Almighty*, a fun and meaningful comedy starring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman. If you haven't seen it yet, we recommend checking it out on Netflix!

Please encourage your teen — and a friend — to join us for our next gathering. It will be a fun and meaningful time together.

What: Game Night

Who: Teenagers only (ages 12–18)

When: Sunday, April 19 (3rd Sunday of the month), 4:00–6:00 PM

Where: Transfiguration Church Hall

Donations: As you know, teenagers love snacks! We gladly accept donations of prepackaged snacks and drinks for this active group.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer as an adult helper for Teen Ministry, please contact:
Katrina Allan – 603-609-5135 Patty George – 910-512-0631

Celebrate Our Music Director's 20th Anniversary

Please join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Music Director, Lara, serving Transfiguration of Jesus Parish. We invite everyone to attend a **free concert of choral anthems** on **April 24 at 6:00 PM** in our church sanctuary.

The concert will include music from Vivaldi's *All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice*, American composer Natalie Sleeth's *Sing a New Song to the Lord*, as well as original compositions and arrangements by Lara and her daughter, Marquita Someliana-Lauer.

Come and bring a friend. The concert is free, and all are welcome.

Coffee and cookies will be served in Founders Hall after the concert.

We hope you can join us for this special evening of music and celebration as we thank Lara for 20 years of dedicated service to our parish.

Weekly Schedule April 18- 25

Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Vigil Mass (English) +Dwight Beaman requested by Yvonne Beaman +Lita Hopkins requested by Mark Hopkins	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 D Conard M Francis G Stracuzza, D Conte D Conte, J Couch, Deacon Mike M McCarthy
Sunday 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Mass Dave Smith, special intention requested by Ellen Hardison Faith Formation Sunday Mass (Spanish) Sunday Mass (Santa Clara)	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers: Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 M Orłowski, D Orłowski M Orłowski J Paquette, T Vandiver R Hirshkind, M Orłowski, Deacon Mike Neil. Leah, Isaac Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto Jorge, Tino, Jorge Celeni, Avril Luis, Martha, Lucy Jairo, Dario, Sofia
Monday 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Adoration Online Rosary: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593 Mass		Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday			Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Adoration Mass		Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass Morning Prayer/Adoration		Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday 9:00 AM	Mass		Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confession Vigil Mass		Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20