



Franciscan Flash April 24, 2020

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Welcome to the April 24 edition of our
Weekly Franciscan Flash!

Live Streaming Sunday

All are Welcome!

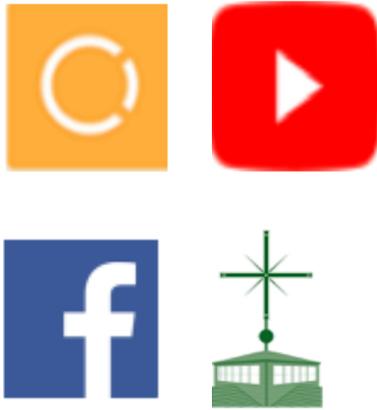
Sunday, April 26, 2020
9:30 am

**Join us this Sunday for the 3rd Sunday of Easter
with Fr. Jim Sabak including prayers for children.**

We have four ways for you watch:

- 1) Select our NEW [St Francis Churchonline platform](#),
- 2) Follow our [Facebook Live](#) stream,
- 3) Watch through our [Youtube](#) channel, or
- 4) Watch directly on our [SFA webpage](#)

*From our homes, let us gather as one community of faith.
We invite you to join us for all our video broadcasting.*



Daily Posts

We encourage you to stay connected as a virtual community in these days at home. Have you found all our online opportunities to stay connected?

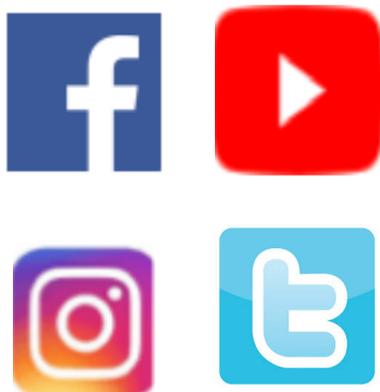
Every morning, [The Franciscan School](#) is continuing to post **“TFS Morning Prayer”** and can be located [here](#) for all to enjoy.

Every day, we are posting a video with a **“Daily Friar Reflection”** to our [SFA website](#) and our [SFA Facebook page](#).

Each noon, we are live streaming to our [SFA Facebook page](#). **“Lunch Break with Mr. Jim”** which is meant the youngest members of community.

Each evening, we are live streaming to our [SFA Facebook page](#): **“Virtual Evening Prayer.”**

And, several times a day, we are posting to all our social media accounts. Are you following us?? You should.



"Stay-at-Home" Caring & Serving



We are coming together as a community to support our community. We are connecting opportunities to serve our community with those who need to receive help from our community. Some ways we're connecting with each other

Make a Meal or Deliver Groceries

If you would like to make a meal or help deliver groceries to those in need, let us know.

Call a Parishioner

The parish staff is calling parishioners to make sure they are safe and aware of several ministry opportunities during the COVID-19 crisis. If you haven't gotten your call, stay tuned. Or, if you can help make some calls, let us know.

Create Artwork or Write Cards

If you'd like to send or receive cards to/from fellow parishioners and establish a connection with other folks who are sheltering in place, or if you have kids who would love to send their artwork to brighten someone's day or if you'd like to receive some artwork, let us know.

Learn FaceTime and Zoom

If you'd like to learn how to use FaceTime or Zoom or be connected to watch our daily and Sunday programs, or if you'd like to teach someone over the phone, let us know.

Looking for more ideas?

Organize a Neighborhood Drive

Have you given thought of organizing a neighborhood food drive, or face mask drive, or other material item need by your favorite charity? Share a list of most needed items with your friends, neighbors, and family members, collect items at a central location in your neighborhood (like a garage or neighborhood porch), and then a designated family/person could sort and deliver all the donations to organization. No person-to-person contact is needed! Be sure to check-in with organizations for most needed items before you begin. To get started, one idea is to help Interfaith Food Shuttle; go to <https://www.foodshuttle.org/donate-food> for more information about needed food items, ideas about hosting a food drive, and drop-off locations.

If you need help or want to offer help, please visit our [SFA help webpage](#) .

Zooming Workshops

Are you looking for some meaningful formation opportunities in the coming weeks? The Office of Justice and Peace will offer three spring formation opportunities, starting in early May. These opportunities are open to all who are interested in the well-formed but not well-known Catholic social teaching tradition. If you are interested in how faith and politics go together in the Catholic tradition, or how to think about complex social problems through the lens of faith rather than partisan politics, or how to work more effectively and prudently for the kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and peace, then these workshops are for you! We are offering these workshops online via the technology of Zoom. To find out more information about the three workshops and to sign-up for any or all of these workshops, go to our [Workshop Signup Page](#)

Distance Learning

[The Franciscan School](#) is closed for the immediate future until a thoughtful decision can be made. Guidance in this decision will come with direction from the NC Governor's Office and the Diocese of Raleigh. The Franciscan School continues to provide instruction to students to assure they are prepared for their academic futures. Read more about the curriculum and instruction [here](#). Please also visit the updated [COVID19 resource page](#) for information about the school's response and to read communications from Principal Mike Watson. The school continues to host our daily Morning Prayer, which can also be found on the [COVID 19 resource page](#). This shared prayer keeps the school community connection strong and rooted in a daily faith experience.

Our [St Francis Preschool](#) is also closed indefinitely until we receive further guidance from government & diocesan officials. The preschool is engaging with their families through a variety of online tools. You can continue to see some of them on the [preschool Facebook](#) page as well as on our [preschool website](#). We've updated our [preschool website](#) to include more specific information about COVID-19, resources on distance learning for preschool age children as well as fun and educational videos from our staff.

Our [Faith Formation](#) program has gone digital and we invite you to visit our new [Formation Resources web page](#)! Visit for links to virtual resources for people of all ages. Take a virtual tour of the Vatican, join us for daily events, learn how to pray the rosary, and connect to virtual resources and programming for our preschool, elementary, middle and high school parishioners. Be sure to watch them on their [facebook](#) page as well.

For when we can gather again, would you consider becoming a Formation Volunteer for 2020-2021? Want to learn more? Visit our [faith formation volunteer page](#).

Sacramental Preparations

2020-2022 Sacramental Preparation Registration
NOW ONLINE

First Communion

The Online First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation meeting is for ALL parents including Cross Walk, Home School and The Franciscan School, who have children in Kindergarten or 1st grade. For more information, [Click here](#)

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation is a two year long journey, can start as early as 8th grade and will culminate with the celebration of Confirmation in the fall of 2022. All Interested youth who are currently in 7th grade through high school and at least one parent MUST attend registration meeting. For more information: [Click here](#)

Online Parish Support

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Did You Know? We now find ourselves in week seven of the COVID-19 shutdown. Over the past weeks, we have continued to evolve how we operate in pursuit of our mission. While not holding masses has been a hit to our collections, we are also seeing a shift in how you, our parishioners, are providing your monetary support. Over the past month, over 90 new families and enrolled to make their donations through Faith Direct. Others are becoming more comfortable with mailing your donations as a replacement for the baskets not being passed. Thank you for your continued support as we work to support our families and community.

For Easy Online Giving, Start Here:

[Faith Direct](#)

For other Online Giving Options:

[Online Banking](#)

To mail your contribution:

St Francis Of Assisi
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Raleigh, NC 27613

Inbox Communications

Please make sure you are receiving this weekly communication with your current email address and by accepting these emails from our parish constant contact. Please follow this link to verify you will receive our emails. <http://bit.ly/SFAsignup>.

Our weekly bulletin will continue to be available on our [bulletin webpage](#) and emailed to you directly on Sunday mornings after mass.

Even though the parish offices are closed to visitors, you can contact [our parish staff](#) through email and you can reference the 'Contact Us' pages of the parish bulletin or look in the "Get Involved" tab of our parish [website](#) for all ministries contacts.

Through virtual communications, our faith community is keeping us connected as Catholics filled with hope and grace.

*At the end of each week, you will receive this email:
[Weekly Franciscan Flash newsletter](#) from the parish.*

*We hope you will stay connected through liturgy, prayer and formation, caring and serving with our community, ministries and schools. This correspondence will enable the growth of our faith together as
The Catholic Community of St Francis of Assisi.*

Stay Current and Connected



St. Francis of Assisi



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