



Franciscan Flash March 19, 2020

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# *Franciscan Flash*

*Welcome to the March 20 edition of our new  
Weekly Franciscan Flash!*

*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.**

## *Liturgy*

With the latest request from Bishop Zarama to suspend all daily and weekend Masses,  
we will continue to livestream our:

**Sunday 9:30 am Mass**  
through Facebook Live.

To watch, follow our [Facebook Page](#). [We invite you to join us through facebook each Sunday](#). Also, read from Fr Jim Sabak on how to navigate these days of Eucharistic [absence during the coronavirus](#).

## *Communications*

Please make sure you are receiving this weekly communication by updating our [parish census](#) 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](#).

You can also reach out to us through our [parish website](#) and follow our [parish facebook page](#). We will continue to regularly post all the many ways for us to stay connected.

Watch the [Pastor's blog](#) for daily thoughts and reflections from Fr. Steve Patti during these days.

## *Prayer & Formation*

This week, we have started many new opportunities for prayer.

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

Each noon, we are [live streaming to facebook](#). **"Lunch Break with Mr. Jim"** which is meant for our youngest community members to pray, to sing, and dance and to be together while not in school.

Each evening, we are [livestreaming to facebook](#). **"Virtual Evening Prayer."** The Liturgy of the Hours is an ancient Christian practice and how we live the words of St. Paul to "pray without ceasing" (1Thes 5:17). By praying this portion called Evening Prayer virtually, "in community," we can sustain ourselves and one another in common prayer.

Every day, you can use the same monthly prayer book as our Friars, called ["Give Us This Day"](#) which provides the daily Mass readings, reflections, and also morning and evening prayer. For free access to a digital version of their content click on the "digital" button on the upper right side of their [website](#). You can also pray the [Prayer from the USCCB](#) during the coronavirus.

We will continue to inform you of opportunities of virtual prayer and formation through these days of Lent on our [website](#), our [facebook page](#), and this [weekly email](#).

## *Caring & Serving*

This time of COVID-19 has left us wondering how to care for each other, how to be a people of care, mercy, justice, and peace. In order to build a list of people willing to offer care in our community, we have created a webpage for connecting opportunities to serve with those who need to receive care.

Please visit our [webpage](#) to be included in “offers to serve” or to “receive care.”

## *Parish Operations & Support*

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 see “Get Involved” tab of our parish [website](#) (insert link) for all ministries contacts.

Your financial support will be essential to our ability to carry forward our mission as faith community. As we are currently in the process of completing our [Census and Commit](#) cards to the parish, if you have not completed your [census card](#) or you are not currently using [online giving](#), this is a good chance to consider doing so. Also, if you normally give to the Sunday collection basket, please consider accounting for any missed Masses in your next offertory contribution.

### **You can mail your contribution to us at:**

St Francis Of Assisi  
11401 Leesville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613

### **You can Online Give through:**

[Faith Direct](#) by using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card just as you may do now with your mortgage payment, cable bill, or other expenses.

Online Banking by making arrangements through your online banking to make donations to the parish. This giving method is arranged by parishioners with their bank. The parish receives a check from your bank, usually on a weekly or monthly basis.

Text-to-Give by texting to the following phone number: 919-629-1199

For these and other ways to continue to support your parish, please go to our [“SFA Treasure webpage”](#).

## *Our Ministries & Schools*

As all meetings, gatherings, and schools have been canceled or closed on our parish campus, we are opening virtual and online ways to continue our parish mission.

Watch for emails and posts from our ministry leaders on how we are continuing our good works through video conferencing, distance learning, and online sources.

The [Franciscan School](#) is currently closed through March 27th at this time. The school will continue to update the COVID-19 [page](#) on the school [website](#) with any general information from governmental sources as well as the communications from the Diocese of Raleigh offices. Meanwhile, our teachers are working diligently to provide the distance learning measures with our students.

Our [St Francis Preschool](#) is currently closed through March 29th. Our preschool teachers continue to develop and offer optional online resources to share with parents that include developmentally appropriate ‘learning through play’ activities. We are also including home activities for our preschools through our [preschool Facebook page](#).

Our [K-12 Faith Formation](#) programs are going digital and will be offering many faith formation resources to come our youth in their faith journey. Be sure to watch them on their [facebook](#) (insert link) page as well.

## *Stay Current and Connected*

Stay current and connected by reading our weekly announcements.

[This Week and Beyond](#)



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Parish Facebook Page



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