



Franciscan Flash March 27, 2020

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*Welcome to the March 27 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
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The Catholic Community of St Francis of Assisi.

Liturgy Life & Prayer

Under the new Wake County Emergency Restrictions, section 10. p.,
we continue to comply as a Faith organizations by providing online broadcasting of our
services with only minimal staff.

We invite to you join us for our weekly livestreaming of:
Sunday 9:30 am Mass

To watch, you have 3 options:

- 1) If you are Facebook user, follow our [Facebook Live](#) stream,
 - 2) If you'd like to join in prayer and communications with others attending, try our NEW [St Francis live stream platform](#), or
 - 3) You can watch directly on our [SFA webpage](#)
- Each website offers a slightly different level of functionality, choose the one that's right for you!

For detailed instructions on how to watch Sunday Mass, please go to our instruction page: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/livestream-instructions/>

In addition to Sunday mass, we are also offering these DAILY prayer opportunities:

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

Formation & Education

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

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

Our [K-12 Faith Formation](#) programs are going digital. 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.

[The Franciscan School](#) is closed indefinitely until more direction comes from the Diocese of Raleigh Catholic Schools Office. Meanwhile, our teachers have been working

conscientiously since Distance Learning started on March 13 to work with our students and their families to maintain their academic progress for the year. The school will continue to update their [website](#) with any general information from the school, including our COVID-19 [page](#) with the latest news from a variety of sources, and the continuation of our daily Morning Prayer found [here](#) for all to enjoy.

Our [St Francis Preschool](#) is also closed indefinitely. 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.

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 information [SFA help webpage](#) to be included in "offers to serve" or to "receive care."

We have three feeding ministries at St. Francis that are still going forward: Oak City Cares, Brown Bag Ministry, and Helen Wright Center. We also are pointing people to the Food Bank of NC and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Finally, you can also check out the Activate Good website: <https://activategood.org/covid19/> for other up-to-date COVID-19 volunteer opportunities in the greater Triangle area.

IMMEDIATE NEED: DONATE BLOOD

There is an immediate need in our area for blood and we are able to continue our scheduled blood drives with the Red Cross. Please see our [Blood Drive webpage](#) to signup!

Parish Operations & Support

Thank You & Did You Know?

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Did you know that while attending masses and gatherings on our campus have been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the ministries of the Parish are still active in the community and continue to depend upon your financial support. The only change to the life of the Parish has been the elimination of *in-person* gatherings.

Ministries continue to meet and gather via conference calls, meals continue to be prepared and delivered to those in need, schools and faith formation continue via virtual classrooms and home assignments, Sunday mass is being conducted and being streamed for your participation, and we continue to provide support to many of the service agencies throughout the triangle. Our Friars continue to provide spiritual guidance and daily reflections through virtual avenues.

While we navigate these uncertain and unprecedented times, we request your continued financial support. This support is 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 (**due March 31**) 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](#)

[Online Banking](#)

[Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199](#)

Communications

Please make sure you are receiving this weekly communication by updating our parish census (due March 31) 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 see Also, look in the "Get Involved" tab of our parish website for all ministries contacts.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: StreamTeam

Interested in helping with our new streaming and technology team? Do you have live streaming, video, or production experience? Are you interested in joining our growing volunteer technology team? Are you in this field of work? Can you sponsor equipment or services as we grow? Or, are you a social media scroller and you are willing to put in some of that screen time in volunteering as a chat moderator or social media posting planner? As we are jumping into the virtual environment, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to www.stfrancisraleigh.org/stream with your interests and ideas!

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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