



Franciscan Flash May 8, 2020

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Franciscan Flash

Welcome to the May 8 edition of our
Weekly Franciscan Flash!

Live Streaming Sunday

All are Welcome!

Sunday, May 11, 2020

9:30 am

Join us for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day !!

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.*

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"Stay-at-Home" Caring & Serving

Caring Connections Ministry

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 ...

We're making meals & delivering groceries

We're calling a parishioners to check on each other

We're creating artwork & writing cards for each other

We're teaching and learning FaceTime and Zoom to stay in touch

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

Job Connections Ministry

The mission of St. Francis of Assisi's Job Connections Ministry is to encourage and support men and women while they are in the job search process, whether or not they are in-between jobs, actively seeking a new position while employed, or merely want to learn how to take charge of their career. Please see the [job connections webpage](#) for upcoming workshops and coaching opportunities.

Community Partners

For those of you who are feeling called to serve the most vulnerable in our community, we are staying in communications with our community partner agencies/ministries and they are communicating their need for help from volunteers. Please see our [SFA Help Webpage](#) for more information.

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Zooming Connections

Justice and Peace Foundation Workshops

Are you looking for some meaningful formation opportunities in the coming weeks? The Office of Justice and Peace will offer two more spring formation opportunities. If you are interested in 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](#)

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

Reflecting on the Word

Join in Lectio Divina followed by small group discussion on the upcoming Sunday readings!

We will be using Zoom online conferencing and you will be sent a link to join after you register. Attend all meetings, or drop in for just one!

THURSDAYS, from 7:30 to 8:45pm – [Register here](#)

FRIDAYS, from 10:00 to 11:15am – [Register here](#)

A Conversation about Pope Francis' Laudato Si' in context of COVID-19

"The Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the People"

May 21st, 7-8:30pm

In honor of the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' landmark teaching document Laudato si', we will reflect up Pope Francis' document and his challenge to us to consider this current Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic as a timely opportunity to pause our lives and consider the kind of world we are living in and what we want the world to become in the future. We will be using Zoom online conferencing and you will be sent a link to join

after you

[Register Here.](#)

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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.**

Distance Learning

[The Franciscan School](#) is closed for the remainder of the school year. Guidance for the start of the new school year will come with direction from the NC Governor’s Office and the Diocese of Raleigh. The Franciscan School continues to provide excellent instruction to students to assure they are prepared for their academic futures. The school continues to host our daily Morning Prayer, which can also be found on our COVID 19 resource [page](#). This shared prayer keeps the school community connection strong and rooted in a daily faith experience.

To find out more about TFS, please contact Principal Mike Watson at mike.watson@franciscanschool.org and to take a virtual tour of the school, please click [here](#).

Our [St Francis Preschool](#) is also closed through the end of the school year. However, you can continue to see fun and educational preschool activities on the [preschool Facebook](#) page as well as on our [preschool website](#).

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](#).

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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

Did You Know?

Since the COVID-19 shutdown, we have seen a major shift in how our families provide monetary support to the Church and our ministries. During this period, 125 families have enrolled with Faith Direct for their weekly or monthly donations. Thank you to everyone for your support through these trying times and enabling St. Francis to continue our ministry work serving the community.

Faith Direct is easy to set up. You can select which special collections you would like to support and establish your own schedule for your weekly or monthly regular donations.

If you would like to sign up for Faith Direct, you can call (866) 507-8757 and our church number is NC674 or you can click below.

For Easy Online Giving, Start Here:

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To mail your contribution:

St Francis Of Assisi
11401 Leesville Road
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.

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