



**CHANGING OF THE GUARD:** As announced last weekend at all Masses, Fr. Alex will move to Elizabeth City (the town next to Edenton where Fr. Jairo serves) to become the pastor of Holy Family Church on June 27. While we are saddened by the news of his departure from us, we rejoice that he will become the pastor of a wonderful community. We will host a reception for him on Sunday, June 11, 10:15-11:30am in Fellowship Hall to express our gratitude and wish him well in his new assignment.



On the same date, Fr. James Singarayar, HNG will become our new parochial vicar. Allow me to tell you a little about him. Fr. James is the youngest of three children born into his family in India. He attended Catholic schools there as a child and youth. He holds a B.A. in Arts, an M.A. in Christian Studies, and an M.Phil. in Western Philosophy and was ordained in 2009. He is a member of the Heralds of Good News religious order. He served as a professor of philosophy and dean of philosophy at St. John's College in India for four years and then as parochial vicar and pastor between 2016-2023 in the Archdiocese of Mobile, AL and Baton Rouge, LA.

As we draw closer to the time of this transition, more information will become available, especially in terms of helping Fr. Alex and Fr. James in their physical transitions.

*Fr. Michael*



*Dear St. Francis Parishioners,*


*Thank you so much for coming to my ordination and for your generous gifts! Your presence was an incredible source of encouragement and joy for me. Your prayers and support are truly appreciated and will remain with me for many years to come. Thank you for taking the time to share this special moment with me. Thank you for being a part of such an important day!*

*Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Cong Le*

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** [Click on the link](#) to strengthen the vulnerable, our faith, our youth, our vocations and HIS Presence. Thank you for your generosity.

**BAA totals for our Parish as of Thursday May 4 as reported by the Diocese:**

	2023 Campaign (5/4/23)		2022 Campaign (4/21/22)	
Goal:	\$473,565		\$509,088	
Pledge Total:	\$406,223	85.3%	\$396,712	77.9%
Received Total:	\$367,690	77.6%	\$357,471	70.2%
Participating Families:	1000	18.2%	935	18.3%
Total Families:	5,500		5,100	
To-Go:	\$67,342			

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**May 6/7 - Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR) Food Drive**

We need volunteers (families, adults & youth) to collect and load a truck with the OLR food donations before and after each Mass on May 6 and 7. All volunteers should report to the truck in our parking lot at your allotted time to receive grocery bags from parishioners and place them in the bins located in the truck. [Click here to register.](#)

**May 7, Sunday, after 9am Mass Celebrating our Volunteers:**

We would like to celebrate all of our volunteers on Sunday, May 7th after the 9am Mass in Fellowship Hall. Extra special refreshments will be served by our staff. There will be a blessing at every Mass for our wonderful volunteers on May 6 and 7.

**May 16 - Young Adult Kickball, 4:30 pm**

Join the Young Adult Ministry for a Kickball game on the baseball field on Sunday, May 16, at 4:30pm. Anyone in their 20s and 30s is welcome; feel free to bring a friend! For questions, contact [young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**May 19 - Altar Server Extravaganza for 4th – HS students**

6-8 pm in Clare Fellowship Hall Join us for music, pizza, fun games, prizes, and altar server awards. Supported by the St. Francis Knights of Columbus [Click here to register](#)



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**Option For The Poor & Vulnerable**

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**May 20 - Curbside Care** 4:00pm

Join Curbside Care on Saturday, May 20th, from 4-5pm as we make care packages and learn how to have an authentic encounter with our brothers and sisters who are homeless. We will be joined virtually by Franciscan Friar of the Renewal and cohost of the hit Poco a Poco Podcast, Fr. Innocent Montgomery, as he shares about his experience serving those on the margins. Please consider supporting this event by signing up to bring some supplies for the care packages which you can sign up for separately by going [here](#). To register [click here](#).

Contact: [tim.fasano@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tim.fasano@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**May 21 - 9:00am Mass:** This will be a **child-oriented Mass** with a homily directed towards children and featuring our children's choir.

**June 11 - Baccalaureate Mass Class of 2023**, 5:30 PM

Save the date! Join us at the 5:30 pm Mass on June 11 to celebrate the graduating class of 2023 for high school and college graduates. You are welcome to wear your cap and gown.

**Camp Francis**

**June 12-16, June 19-23, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28**

Camp Francis has opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts and enrichment areas! Half-day or full-day camps based on age for the 2023-2024 school year. (Rising K-Rising 12th grade)

Contact [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) 919-847-8205x444

Registration <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

**June 12-16 - Mercy Camp – Middle School and 9th Graders**

8:30am-3:00pm. Teens get a hands-on opportunity to perform many Corporal Works of Mercy throughout the community. Contact [becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org) / Register through [Realm](#)

**June 26-30 - Mission Mercy**, 9:00am-6:00pm

High School Youth are invited to a week-long mission experience, serving families in need right here in Raleigh. Our Faith Community has partnered with the Hispanic Family Outreach Center, in order to start a summer camp for children who don't have other opportunities for fun or faith during the summer. Youth will serve as camp counselors for this camp, as well as have time for unpacking their experience, fellowship with other youth, and worship opportunities after the camp concludes for the day. Contact Tim Hetzel: [tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org) Register through [Realm](#).

**Francis Fest Event Staff Volunteers**

FrancisFest volunteers needed now. The event planning team is forming now to plan our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi which takes place in October. Our whole parish community joins for an afternoon of Holiness, Hope, and Hospitality!

Contact [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org)

919-847-8205x444

**Saturdays - Serve with Brown Bag Ministry**

Opportunities most Saturdays now through the end of the summer.

To sign up, [click here](#). Contact Pam Peroutky and Kristen Holt, [stfrancisbbm@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisbbm@gmail.com)

**Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page**

Support our local parishioner-owned businesses

To advertise email: [diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

**May 23,24 - Adult Bible Study -**

**The Eucharist In Scripture (Virtual)** by *Little Rock Bible Study*

2 sessions: **Tuesdays PM:** 6:30-8:00pm, May 23-June 27 (or)

**Wednesdays AM:** 10:00-11:30am May 24-June 28

Biblical theme of meals being shared in relationship with God. Register through [Realm](#)-no fee. Purchase books once registered. Barbara Efrid, Cindy Cardello and Diane Rosendahl, Co-Facilitators  
Contact Person: Janie Hebert at 919-847-8205X237

<https://e.onrealm.org/events> Email: [janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**June 3-July 30 - Summer Men's 18+ Adult Basketball League**

This program is open to Men who are age 18 or older. Registration is TEAM BASED only. Players will form their own teams and submit their registration as a team (max 15 players). Games will be held on Saturdays and Sundays in June and July.

Contact [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)

919-847-8205x358 Register <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/>

**June 5-July 28 - Youth Volleyball League Registration**

Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. Contact [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)  
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**Employment Opportunities**

The Franciscan School for the 2023-2024 Academic Year: Social Studies Teacher (Gr. 6), Teacher (Gr. 4), Instructional Teaching Assistants. The Church has immediate openings for: Coordinator of Liturgy and Sacraments, Coordinator Middle School Formation, and Director, Pastoral Care.

Please see our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

Contact Trish Adamkowski, [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org)