



Return of Communion from the Cup:

Bishop Luis recently sent a letter to all pastors that he was granting them permission to restore the practice of offering the Holy Eucharist under Both Species at their discretion. More and more parishes and dioceses throughout the United States are resuming this practice.

After conversation with Jim Wahl, our director of liturgy and music, and Kathy Sales, our director of pastoral ministries, I have asked Jim to begin a process by which Communion from the Cup can be reintroduced to our parish. There will be several preparatory steps to this process. The main ones are: 1) ascertain if we have enough Eucharistic Ministers to cover the restoration of the cup and, if we don't have enough, to recruit and commission more ministers; 2) retool our Eucharistic Ministers since it has been over three and a half years since we last offered Holy Communion this way; and 3) catechize the community about the importance, value, and safety of partaking of the Blood of Christ from a common cup.

We are looking at September 30-October 1 as our inaugural weekend to offer the cup, the weekend we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Those who go to daily Mass will be able to receive Communion under both kinds beginning Monday, October 2. Further study will be required to determine if and when to restore the Communion cup to the weekly TFS Masses. Until further notice, school Masses will not include the reception of Holy Communion from the cup.

I am happy to see this practice restored to our liturgical celebrations. It will remain optional for everyone and may provide an alternative for those who are unable to receive the Body of Christ because of food allergies associated with an ingredient in the bread.

Fr. Michael



Registration for the Diocese of Raleigh's Eucharistic Congress to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Raleigh Convention Center is now open. [Click here.](#)

We give thanks to the Lord and to all those who helped form the foundation of our Catholic faith in North Carolina. There is no charge to attend the Eucharistic Congress, but pre-registration is required. Please download the 2023 DOR Eucharistic Congress app from the App Store or Google Play Store. By signing up and logging into the mobile app, you are automatically registered for general event admission and can choose individual sessions to attend.



Chris Damico, our director of stewardship and engagement conducts an interview with Tim Hetzel, our director of youth and young adult ministry. Tim shares the vision of this important ministry as outlined by Fr. Clay. Listen to what some of the youth who participate in the program have to say and learn what's ahead as Tim and the Faith Formation team ramp up a very exciting program for our youth here at St. Francis.

(Click the image to view the video)

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July 22/23 Franciscan Garden Campaign

[Click here](#) for a special video message from Fr. Michael about our Franciscan Garden. [\(Click here to donate\)](#)



Camp Francis

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, 919-847-8205x444 [Registration](#)

July 22-July 30: Back-to-School Supplies Drive:

Please drop your supplies in the bins in the Stewardship Center in the church. For more information on how to volunteer, donate financially, or to view the supply list visit [click here](#).

July 23 - Migrant Ministry Fiestas

Our Migrant Ministry needs your help offering hope and extending hospitality to the men who have left their homes and families to work on our NC farms. Every month we throw a fiesta to celebrate and break bread together. Become a part of the party in any way you can! Contact MaryLou Holloway, miholly10@gmail.com. [Register here](#)

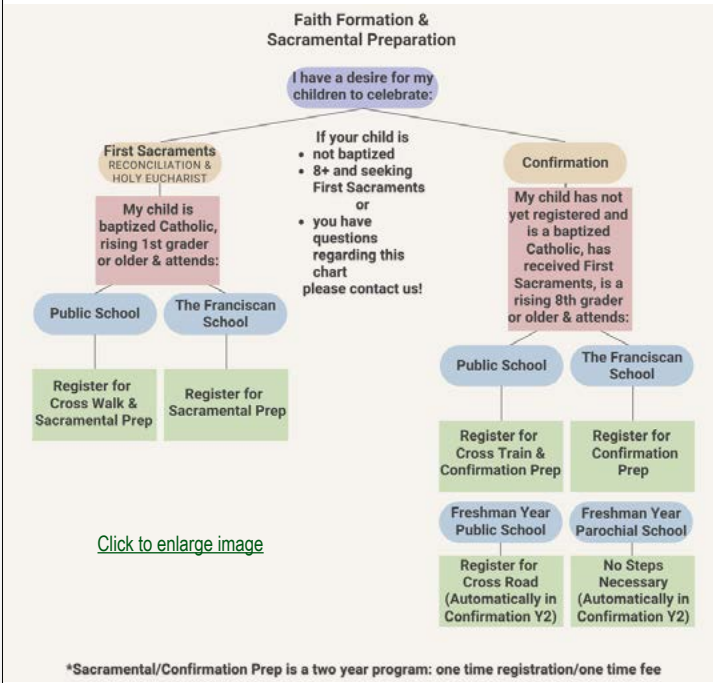


Change is the Only Constant

As we enter summer at St. Francis, it isn't just a change of season but a change in our pastoral presence. We bid Father Alex a fond farewell and much good fortune as he leaves to become pastor at Holy Family Parish in Elizabeth City, his 5th time in that pastoral role. As Father Alex leaves, we welcome Father James Singarayur to St. Francis as parochial vicar. [Read more](#)

Register for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation

Our deadline is quickly approaching: **August 1, 2023**



Are you ready to register? Your next steps are:

- 1) Make sure you are a registered parishioner. If you aren't, you can [register here](#).
- 2) Once you are a registered parishioner, you will be sent an invitation via email to REALM, our parish software.
- 3) Once you have a REALM login setup, you can register via REALM for:

[Cross Step \(Pre-K\)](#)
[Cross Walk \(by grade\)](#)
[Cross Train \(by grade\)](#)
[Cross Road \(by grade\)](#)
[First Sacraments 2023-2025](#)
[Confirmation 2023-2025](#)

Questions contact Jeanne Lewin, Director of Faith Formation
jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org

August 11 - SFA Women's Ministry's Durham Rescue Mission Back to School Service Event, 9:45am

The SFA Women's Ministry invites you to join them at Durham Rescue Mission's Back To School Event. We'll be handing out backpacks and/or serving lunch from 10:30am-1:00pm. Bring a lunch if you'd like to join us on SFA's campus after we return.

[Parishioner Registration.](#)

[Non-Parishioner Registration.](#)

Contact Anne Martin: ajmartin929@gmail.com.

August 16 - Support our Ronald McDonald House Ministry (Third Wednesday of every month)

Each month when St. Francis arrives at the "House," we are told of the excitement around our cooking. This never gets old! Being able to give one guest a moment to rest from their day's weariness is as much a gift to us as it is to them. [Register here.](#)

Contact michelle.harris95@gmail.com

August 23 - RCIA Inquiry Session, Founders Rm., 6:30pm-8:30pm

Interested in exploring a possible call to be a Catholic or seeking adult Confirmation? Consider joining our no-obligation Inquiry Sessions held in Anthony Hall Founders Room, located down the hall from the church restrooms. For more information contact Jeanne M. Lewin,

jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org

Link: www.stfrancisraleigh.org/rcia

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August 27 - Is God Calling You to Join the RCIA Team? 10:20am

We are seeking more parishioners to assist with our [RCIA ministry](#). We are hosting a no-obligations information session on Sunday, August 27 immediately following the 9:00am Mass in Founders, facilitated by Msgr. Clay and the RCIA Team. Questions? Contact Jeanne Lewin at

jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org

October 28 - The Heart of Matter: Encountering Christ in all Creation | 2023 Convocation, 8:30am

Save the Date! Join us on Saturday, October 28, 2023 for the 3rd annual Franciscan Spirit and Life Convocation "The Heart of Matter: Encountering Christ in all Creation". Sister Ilia Delio will be joining us as our keynote speaker for the day. Registration will open on Realm in September. Contact Kathy Sales, kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Sharing graces from our Migrant Ministry

Migrant Ministry celebrated our first fiesta of the summer! Check out our [ministry blog](#) for more pictures, reflections, and to learn about how you can continue to support this amazing ministry!

Contact MaryLou Holloway, mlholly10@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

TFS Administrative Assistant/Front Office (full time), Preschool Lead Teacher (2yo), Coordinator of Liturgy and Sacraments, Coordinator of Middle School Formation, Director of Pastoral Care. Substitute Teachers for the 23-24 school year.

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

If you can't access information through the hyperlink because you do not use the internet, please call the office to get information. (919) 847-8205