

September 10, 2023

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**A Series of Homilies on the Mass:** At various times over the past year, parishioners and staff have commented on how they'd like to learn more about the Mass and if I would be willing to offer some presentations on it. In response to these inquiries and requests, I will embark on a four-part series on the Mass at every weekend Mass beginning the weekend of September 23-24. Each week in the series, I will offer a brief presentation on a specific part of the Mass and will present the homily just before we start that part of the Mass so that what I present will be fresh in your minds as we actually celebrate that part of the Mass. As a result, the homilies these four weekends will not occur in their traditional place after the Gospel. (No, there will not be an additional homily after the Gospel nor will there be any other additional rituals/sacraments during these four weekends!).

There will be a handout given to you as you come to Mass on each of these weekends so you have something to help you follow the presentation and perhaps keep as reference for ongoing conversation, especially for those who have children. Here is the schedule and where the homily will occur:

### September 23-24: Introductory Rites of the Mass

-Presentation: Immediately after we make the opening Sign of the Cross

### September 30-October 1: Liturgy of the Word

-Presentation: Immediately before the first Scripture reading

### October 7-8: No presentation as I will be away this weekend

### October 14-15: Preparation of the Altar and Eucharistic Prayer

-Presentation: Immediately after the Prayers of the Faithful

### October 21-22: Communion Rite and Concluding Rites

-Presentation: Immediately before the Lord's Prayer

The Mass is the center of our life as Catholics. Increasingly, Catholics seem to be unaware of this. It is the wellspring of our spiritual lives. Spirituality is defined as the way we experience our relationship with God (i.e., prayer) and live out that relationship in daily life (i.e., life). All spiritualities are meant to cultivate an interior relationship between God and a person/group (prayer) and an external relationship between a person/group and others that is the fruit of the interior relationship (life).

If you are away from the parish on one of these weekends, you will be able to view the archived homily on our website. I look forward to offering these presentations.

-Fr. Michael



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

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.

**Sep 10 - Oct 4 Season of Creation.** Info all month and tree in the stewardship center. Contact Pam James, [Pam72j@gmail.com](mailto:Pam72j@gmail.com)

### Holy Land Pilgrimage - Information - Sep 17

Contact Silvia Gambardella, [gambardella.silvia@gmail.com](mailto:gambardella.silvia@gmail.com)  
[Information and Register Here](#)

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### Sep 9/10 Franciscan Garden Campaign [Click here](#) for

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



**Catholic Parish Outreach Food Drive** The Catholic Parish Outreach Food Drive will occur on the weekends of Sept. 16/17; Sept. 23/24. Pick up a donation bag after Mass the weekend of Sep 9/10. Bring donated items (no glass please!) to the CPO truck on the weekends of Sept. 16/17 and 23/24. Collections occur before and after each Mass and end at 6pm. See the following links for a list of needed items and volunteer opportunities for helping with bag distribution and donation collection: [Bag distribution](#) (Sept. 9/10); [Donation collection](#) (Sept. 16, 17, 23 and 24).

**Sep 10 - Why Faith? St Phoebe and the Synod.** 10:15am in Founders. Join Gladys Whitehouse's talk on St. Phoebe and the Synod, sharing insights on St. Phoebe and how St. Paul identified her as a deacon of the Church. She will also give an update on the Synod. Refreshments will be served. Contact [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Sep 10 - The Always God's Children** gathering will take place today from 3:30-5:00. Contact [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Sep 10 - Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge, 1:00pm** All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this annual local penalty kick competition hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council 9709. On the TFS soccer field. Contact [will.austin@gmail.com](mailto:will.austin@gmail.com).

**Through September 10 - Preschool-Aged Faith Formation (CROSS STEP) Registration Open for 2023-2024** (Preschool-Aged Faith Formation) Register via Realm through Sep 10. Cross Step is a ten-month program that provides weekly liturgical lessons during the 9:00am Mass for children, ages one (and walking) through age five, who are not enrolled in kindergarten. [More information](#) / [Register](#) Contact Andrea Javier, [andrea.javier@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:andrea.javier@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Sep 11 - "Creation at the Crossroads" Weekly Book Webinar** Every Monday, 7:00pm, 9/11/23 until 11/27/23. Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral's Laudato Si' Circle and NCCCCH is offering a Monday night webinar series for the entire diocese covering the book, "[Creation at the Crossroads](#)", by Monsignor Edward Ciuba, responding together to the cries of the earth and the poor. Parishioners must purchase book themselves. Register now by emailing [socialconcern@hnojnc.org](mailto:socialconcern@hnojnc.org).

**Sep 12-Nov 21: Season 2 of "THE CHOSEN" at**

**St. Francis of Assisi** Every Tuesday 9:45am in the Padua Rm. Angel Studios-THE CHOSEN is the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. Contact Tina Morgan, [tandmmorgan@earthlink.net](mailto:tandmmorgan@earthlink.net).

**Sep 12-Dec 12: DivorceCare Fall Series**, 6:00pm. Don't go through the pain of separation or divorce alone. Join the DivorceCare group where you'll find caring people who understand and provide practical counsel. [Register here](#). Meets online weekly for group discussion and topical videos with experts. Contact Bill Morgan, [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com)

**Sep 12 - Grief's Journey-Coping with Loss of a Loved One**, 10:30am-12:00 every Tuesday in Anthony Conference Rm. An eight week series that offers hope following the loss of a loved one through death. [Register](#). A safe place to share your own journey with grief and to learn from others. Intended for those who are three months or more after the death of their loved one. Contact [dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Sep 12, 10:00-11:30am and Sep 21, 7:00-8:00pm Estate Planning Seminar**. In Founders Room. Offered free by the Diocese. Topics include legal steps required in personal planning, understanding wills and trusts, Catholic Advance Medical Directives, and beneficiary designations. To register email [chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Sep 13-Oct 25: Sr. Ilia Delio Book Discussion Groups Registrations Open!** Sr. Ilia Delio will be presenting at the the 3rd Annual Franciscan Spirit & Life Convocation on October 28. Registrations are open in Realm for three groups who will discuss Sr. Ilia's book, "The Hours of the Universe." Contact [shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Tuesday Sep 12 (7:00 pm) to Tuesday Oct 24 (8:30 pm)**  
[Parishioner registration](#) / [Non-Parishioner registration](#)

**Wednesday Sep 13 (1:00 pm) to Wednesday Oct 25 (2:30 pm)**  
[Parishioner registration](#) / [Non-Parishioner registration](#)

**Wednesday Sep 13 (7:00 pm) to Wednesday Oct 25 (8:30 pm)**  
[Parishioner registration](#) / [Non-Parishioner registration](#)

**Sep 14 - Young Adult Gathering**, 6:00pm in the Padua Room. Join other young adults for dinner, fellowship, and discussion about what the future of our community could look like. Contact Tim Hetzel, [tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Sep 13, 2023 - May 1, 2024: Women's Ministry Bible Study - Walking With Purpose: Opening Your Heart** a Women's Catholic Bible Study, will help us transform our lives by bringing us closer to the heart of God and the love of Christ. Come, share your faith journey with other women and experience God's plan for us during this year-long study. Contact [marisa.ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:marisa.ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org)  
[Parishioner registration](#) / [Non-Parishioner registration](#)

**Sep 16 - Women's Ministry Retreat; Be Inspired: Believe in your Giftedness as Women**, 9:00-11:30am  
As women, how can we learn to see ourselves and one another as God sees us? Small group discussions, personal reflection, and our keynote speaker, Casey Stanton. Contact Rosemary Czejkowski, [czejkowskir@gmail.com](mailto:czejkowskir@gmail.com) [Parishioner registration](#) / [Non-Parishioner](#)

**Sep 17 - Why Faith? Does Divorce Change my Relationship with the Church?** Why Faith? Adult Formation on Sunday, Sept 17, 10:15am in Founders. Join Fr. Tom Duggan, JCL's talk on "Does Divorce Change My Relationship with the Church?" Refreshments will be served. Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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**9/17, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29 Youth Bball Skills Clinics**

**Registration is Open** This program is designed for campers to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph. Clinics will be taking place on Sunday afternoons for grades 1st-8th. Times: 1st to 4th graders 1:30 to 2:30. 5th to 8th graders 2:35 to 3:50. [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Sep 18 - ONE Wake Cary Town Council Candidate Assembly**, 7:00pm ONE Wake and Cary neighborhoods are meeting with Cary Town Council candidates. Candidates will hear from ONE Wake leaders about the pressures facing their families and neighborhoods, and community-driven solutions they can support, if elected. [Register](#) to join the goal of 350 people in-person. Contact Nancy Dilger, [ndilger3@gmail.com](mailto:ndilger3@gmail.com)

**Sep 19-Oct 31 & Sep 20-Nov 1: Adult Virtual Bible Study - Isaiah Part 1 - Tue PM or Wed AM Sessions** Registration is open on Realm for adult bible studies on Tues. evening or Wed. morning. The Book of Isaiah gives witness to the story of God's judgment upon Israel and an enduring promise of divine redemption. No cost to register-purchase book from Liturgical Press or Amazon. Facilitators: Barbara Efrid, Cindy Cardello & Diane Rosendahl. [Register-Tuesdays](#) / [Register-Wednesdays](#)

**Sep 19 Registration Ends for Nov-Feb Youth Basketball League** Join us for the 33rd season of the St. Francis Youth Basketball League. This program is open to girls and boys grades 1 thru 8, in 6 different divisions. [Registration](#) is open! Regular registration ends Sep 19 and late registration runs thru Oct 3. Contact Mary Arleth, [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org), 919-847-8205x358

**Sep 24 - Family Life Formation | The Domestic Church: Living God's Plan as a Family** Family Life Formation begins on Sunday, Sept 24, 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall. Join Gladys Whitehouse's talk on The Domestic Church: Living God's Plan as a Family. Refreshments will be served. Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Sep 24 - Why Faith? Facts & Myths about Annulment** Why Faith? Adult formation on Sunday, Sept 24, 10:15am in Founders. Join Vikki Newell's talk on Facts and Myths about Annulment. Refreshments will be served. Contact [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**October 1 - FrancisFest 2023, 12:40pm.** Our annual parish-wide celebration of our patron saint - a day of fun with live music/entertainment, game truck, crafts/games, inflatables, food truck rodeo, and Franciscan tasting room (Local and regional beers and wine). <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest/> Contact [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Oct 7 - Saturday Prayer Service and Mass** Join us for the First Saturday Rosary Prayer Service by Ignited By Truth. We will begin with Mass in the Chapel at 9am. The prayer service will include the Rosary, The Divine Mercy chaplet and other prayers and last 90 minutes. Mass in Chapel at 9am, Rosary at 10am. Contact, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**October 12 and 14 - Called & Gifted Spiritual Gifts Discernment** Oct 12, 6:30-8:30pm and Oct 14, 9am-4pm [Register](#) Discern the presence of charisms in your life. Charisms are abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to be God's goodness for people. Contact [chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org), 919-870-8205X222.

**October 28 - The Heart of Matter: Encountering Christ in all Creation | 2023 Convocation, 8:30am** Save the Date! Registration will open on Monday September 11 in Realm. Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Employment Opportunities**

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