

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reintroduction of Communion from the Cup: This weekend we will reintroduce the reception of the Blood of Christ at all Masses. We will start slowly at first as we don't know how many people will return to this practice and we don't want to have a large quantity of the Precious Blood remaining once Communion concludes. We will adjust this quantity slowly over the coming weeks as we determine how much wine we need to consecrate at each Mass.

You will see the cups in a different location than previously. The wine will still be consecrated during the Eucharistic Prayer even though the cups are not directly on the altar. I witnessed this at St. Peter's Basilica once where some 50,000+ people were receiving Holy Communion at an outdoor Mass. Most of the ciboria containing the hosts to be consumed were on a side table several feet away from the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Intinction: We have received a few inquiries about the possibility of communicants receiving the host and then dipping it themselves into the cup with the consecrated wine rather than drinking from the cup. This action is called intinction. It is permitted, although not encouraged, in the Catholic Church provided that the **eucharistic minister** is dipping the host into the cup and then placing it on the tongue of the communicant. There are a couple of reasons why this practice is not encouraged.

First, we take seriously Jesus' words at the Last Supper wherein he offered bread as his Body and the cup containing his Blood as distinct actions. Here are the words from the Gospel the priest says at the institution narrative: "He took bread, and giving thanks, broke it, and **gave** it to his disciples, saying: . . ." and then "In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and once more giving thanks, he **gave** it to his disciples, saying, . . ." These are two distinct actions. Our focus remains to this day on the fullness of the ritual symbol, which is not just fulfilled in the parish offering communion under both kinds, but also through the actions of eating and drinking as two distinct ritual actions.

There are also practical considerations to intinction. In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, intinction is always done by the ones serving Communion, not the communicants. When intinction is used, the communion minister takes the host, dips it into the chalice, and says to the communicant: "The Body and Blood of Christ," at which point the minister places the moistened host into the mouth of the communicant. To avoid the problem of accidental spillage of the Blood of Christ, the Church asks that someone hold a communion plate beneath the chin of the communicant to prevent an accident from occurring. Doing all of this is impractical for a church our size.

Dipping hosts into the cup prevents those who have a gluten intolerance from receiving the Blood of Christ because of wheat contamination from the host.

Receiving from the cup has never been shown to cause the spread of a virus when it is properly handled by the ministers. Receiving from the cup also remains optional. Thanks for your understanding and patience as we resume Communion under Both Kinds.

-Fr. Michael


Catholics for Abolition in NC, cofounded by St. Francis of Assisi parishioner, Nancy J Jones, will be honored for the second year with a Diocesan Human Life & Dignity Grant on October 5th. This organization's anti-death penalty work among Catholics in the Raleigh diocese, spearheaded by our parish, is the only one of its kind.

FRAUD ALERT:

SFA employees, including our priests, only communicate with parishioners using our stfrancisraleigh.org domain. If you see anything other than this, please delete the email.

2022-2023 Annual Financial Report

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There's Lots Going On!



October 1 - FrancisFest 2023, 12:40pm. Our annual parish wide celebration of our patron Saint. A day of fun with Live Music and Entertainment, Game Truck, Crafts/Games, Inflatable Zone, Food Truck

Rodeo, and Franciscan Tasting Room (Local & regional beers and wine). Sign up for one of our many volunteer slots! Purchase Adult and Youth Wristbands!

Visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest/>

Oct 3 - Transitus- the Passing of St. Francis, 7:00pm. The friars at **Immaculate Conception, 810 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham**, will host Transitus at 7:00pm, Tuesday, Oct. 3. Transitus, the Latin word for crossing or passing, observes the passage of St. Francis from life into death. It is celebrated on the eve of his feast day,



October 28 - The Heart of Matter: Encountering Christ in all Creation | 2023 Convocation, 8:30am. 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 is open in Realm. **We have a few seats left.** Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.



November 11/12 Fair Trade Market

Mark your calendar for our annual Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts Market taking place November 10-12 at St. Francis. Check out our event page to learn more about our vendors and to [discover how you can get involved!](#) Contact Javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Educated in Faith

At St. Francis of Assisi, the primary focus of formation is the education of families in the Catholic faith and the development of faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Two keystones of these faith formation programs are the St. Francis of Assisi Preschool and The Franciscan School (TFS), the Kindergarten through 8th grade school on our campus. Both schools just kicked off the new school year, and look forward to another...

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Volunteer Spotlight: [Codi Southerland](#)

Oct 1 - Opening Your Heart: Reopened! "Opening Your Heart" is a Women's Catholic Bible Study designed to 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 as we experience God's plan for us during this year-long study. [Register](#). Contact shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Oct 1/2 Franciscan Garden Campaign [Click here](#) for a special video message from Fr. Michael about our Franciscan Garden. ([Click here to donate](#))

Oct 1 - Mass Requests for the 2024 Calendar is Open
The 2024 Mass Request calendar is open. If you have questions please reach out to stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Oct 3-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.

October 3 - Registration deadline 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. Contact Mary Arleth, Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org. 919-847-8205x358.

October 6 - High School Priesthood Discernment Group: High School Juniors and Seniors who might be thinking about a possible call to the priesthood are invited to a no-commitment discernment meeting in the Raleigh area. Please [Click here](#) for information. .

October 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.

Oct 8 - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, 10:10am
To celebrate Columbus Day, Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast in Clare Hall after 9:00am Mass. 3 Pancakes, 3 sausages, donuts, coffee, etc, will be priced for \$6.00 for a single and \$20.00 for a nuclear family of 4+. Net proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Oct 8 - Always God's Children, 3:00pm, a confidential setting for those who identify as LGBTQ+, along with family and friends. Contact kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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

Oct 10 - World Day Against the Death Penalty, 4:30pm
Catholics for Abolition in North Carolina invites you to stand outside Central Prison in solidarity, with those on Death Row in North Carolina, in 27 other states, and with those around the world, in honor of the 21st Anniversary of World Day Against the Death Penalty! [Register](#)

Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page

Support our local parishioner-owned businesses

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

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. 919-870-8205X222.

October 13 - Volunteer at the State Fair Peace Booth, 9:00am
The Peace Booth at the NC State Fair needs you! Volunteers needed to run three 2-hour shifts from 9am-3pm, sharing faith statements on peace and more! Individuals, families & groups allowed. Volunteers will receive a free entry-ticket to the State Fair! [Register](#). Contact JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Oct 14 - Women's Ministry Nature Immersion and Hike, 9:00am
Join Women's Ministry for a nature immersion experience, also known as an "awe walk," where we will connect with God through nature and one another. Participants are welcome to stay after for a hike and fellowship. Register in Realm. Contact sfawomensministry@gmail.com for more information. Contact Jess Kelly sfawomensministry@gmail.com
[Parishioner registration](#) / [Non-parishioner registration](#)

10/15, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12 : Fall Youth Soccer Co-ed Sunday Skills Clinic Join us for a Sunday Co-ed Soccer Skills Clinic at St. Francis of Assisi offered by Coerver Premier for grades Kindergarten to 5th grade. Group 1: Kindergarten 2nd grade 1pm-2pm
Group 2: 3rd to 5th grade 2:05pm-3:05pm Contact Mary Arleth, Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org / [Registration](#)

October 16-20: St. Francis Inn Join our October 16-20 trip to St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia for a mission of solidarity, hospitality, and compassion to the poor and hungry of Philadelphia. No cost for attending this trip. Contact John Budway, budwayji@bellsouth.net, (305) 205-5104. [Information](#)

Oct 18 - Nov 15: Acts of the Apostles: Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm
The Acts of the Apostles, Part One (Acts 1:1-15:35) invites us to witness the Spirit at work as the apostles of Jesus become evangelists and pastors, as communities of believers expand to include Gentiles, and as local challenges test the staying power of the young church. Contact shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

Oct 19 -Pax Christi - Our Trip to the Border, 7:00pm
Two Pax Christi volunteers with close connections to our parish will discuss their recent mission trip to El Paso. Login to bit.ly/SFA4Migrants2023a at 7pm for this one-hour virtual parish event. For more info contact MaryLou at mlholly10@gmail.com.

Through 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

Planned Giving Seminar Information

If you missed either of the Estate Planning Seminars, please see links for more information. <http://www.foundationdor.org>
<https://www.foundationdor.org/professional-advisors>
<https://www.foundationdor.org/publications>

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Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org