

October 8, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



An Addendum to *Laudato Si'*: On the Feast of St. Francis, Pope Francis released an apostolic exhortation, an official teaching of the Church written by the Pope and ranking only below an apostolic constitution and an encyclical in terms of solemnity. It is an addendum to his 2015 encyclical on the care for our common home (*Laudato Si'*). It is approximately 8000 words and can be read in about 30 minutes. Its Latin title is *Laudate Deum*. It is a call to action on the growing crisis of climate change, noting the insignificant attention that is being paid to a situation that is accelerating rapidly to a catastrophic tipping point.

Pope Francis does not mince his words. He targets skeptics, unresponsive governments, and a Western technological culture that has seduced itself and us into thinking that we can innovate ourselves out of all our problems, including the growing specter of a climate that is fast approaching a point where remediation will be very daunting. His teaching is a written version of the nuclear Doomsday Clock. He calls out nations that are the biggest offenders and the U.S. is included. He says this about the U.S.: "If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China (another major global polluter), and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries, we can state that a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model would have a significant [positive] long-term impact" (16).

He says in the clearest terms that we cannot "ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought, and other crises of protest on the part of the earth" (5). As supreme pastor of the Church, he is exhorting Catholics and all people of good will to accept our responsibility for the "legacy we will leave behind, once we pass from this world" (18).

This is a sobering teaching but not without hope. It is a call to action, especially for governments. I invite you to read, discuss, pray with, and meditate upon this document. Then I ask that you (and us as a parish), to take up this call to action and let our legislators know that we will not rest until we see action on a situation that, left unheeded, will represent a huge failure for the next generation and imperil all life on our planet. As pro-life people who embrace Catholic Social Teaching, this needs to be a priority for all of us. You may read the document here:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

-Fr. Michael



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Contact Dina DaRe at dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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October 7/8 Curbside Care Ministry Care Packages,

Our Curbside Care Ministry provides Care packages you can keep in your car to hand out when needed. Pickup from the Stewardship Center the first full weekend each month. Donate supplies to this ministry at St. Francis serves. Contact Alyson Zwerneman, alysonzwerneman@gmail.com.

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 for more information.

Oct 10 - World Day Against the Death Penalty, 4:30pm Join Catholics for Abolition in NC (CANC) on Tuesday, October 10th for peaceful prayer and protest outside Central Prison (1300 Western Blvd.) from 4:30 PM to 6 PM. The 10th marks the 21st Anniversary of World Day Against the Death Penalty. [Register](#)

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 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 10-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 15 -Why Faith? Q&A on the Mass.

Part 1 and Part 2 Why Faith? Adult Formation on Sunday, October 15, 10:15am in Founders. Join Jim Wahl on a Q&A session on the Mass. Refreshments will be served. Contact Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 15 Family Life Formation Praying as a Family.

Join Jennifer Slusser and Tracy Bowers for a presentation on Praying as a Family in Fellowship Hall Sunday at 10:15am. Refreshments will be served. Contact Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.



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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...

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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](#)

Oct 15 - Young Adult Ministry - Franciscan Brews, 3:00pm
Come join peers at Gizmo Brew Works in Raleigh on Oct 15, 3-5pm, for a discussion on modern community-building with guest speaker Deacon Phil from Holy Cross Church, and a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. All persons in their 20s and 30s (and friends/families) are welcome! Contact Michelle Kaiser, mmk4894@yahoo.com.

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, budwayjj@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. [Register](#). 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/SFA4Mi-grants2023a at 7pm for this one-hour virtual parish event. For more info contact MaryLou at mlholly10@gmail.com.

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October 22 Why Faith? Q&A on the Mass. Part 3 and Part 4
Why Faith? Adult Formation on Sunday, October 22, 10:15am in Founders. Join Jim Wahl on a Q&A session on the Mass. Refreshments will be served. Contact Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

**October 22 Family Life Formation
Woman Franciscan Saints on Campus**
Join Gladys Whitehouse, MaryLou Holloway, Marianne Norris, and Ellen Ferrone for a presentation on the four Woman Franciscan Saints on our Campus in Fellowship Hall at 10:15am. Refreshments will be served. Contact Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

 **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.

Nov 6 - Women's Ministry Craft Night, 6:30pm
Join the Women's Ministry for a craft/potluck event on 11/6 from 6:30-8:30pm. We'll be creating Blessing Bracelets. Make one for yourself and one to share as a gift to give to someone for whom you are grateful. Please bring a small appetizer or sweet treat to share. Cost: \$20. Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com [Parishioner Registration](#) / [Non-Parishioner Registration](#)

 **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.

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

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