

October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



BIG CHANGES FOR THE FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE:

Our beloved Franciscans who staffed St. Francis for 33 years are beginning a new and exciting chapter in their history in the U.S. I've asked Fr. Jim Sabak to fill us in. Below are his comments.

As some parishioners may know, Holy Name Province of the Franciscan Friars is one of seven provinces or regional groups of the Order of Friars Minor (O.F.M.) in the United States. In the early 2000s, our then Minister General (global leader), José Rodríguez Carballo, OFM, asked the ministers provincial (regional leaders) of these seven provinces to unite into one province of the United States. Fr. José presented this request as a way for the American friars to consider in new ways the Franciscan mission in a United States that was undergoing some important transitions politically, socially, and culturally. This was a request, not an order, because Franciscan governance is more localized than centralized. Six of the provinces agreed to accept this request and moved forward to consolidate and adapt to a single large province of the United States.

After almost 18 years of preparation and planning, the "U.S. 6," as they came to be known, the Provinces of Holy Name, Saint Barbara, Assumption, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Saint John the Baptist, will gather in Kansas City the week of October 16-20. On October 17, these provinces will cease to be independent Franciscan provinces in the United States and will become the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe of the Americas. The headquarters of this new province will be in Atlanta, Georgia. As is the procedure when new provinces are established around the world, the initial governance for Guadalupe Province will be appointed by Rome, and after three years of transitioning to the new provincial statutes, we will elect our own governance in 2026.

The last creation of a new province in the U.S. was in 1985, but the oldest of provinces goes back to 1870. Although the Spanish missions in California are much older, they do not count in the same way as they were established under Spanish rule in California. The new province will reimagine and reevaluate "what we have done, and what we have failed to do" as Franciscans in the United States. It is a time of creative assessment and possibility with more voices and people at the table charged with envisioning a more vibrant and energetic presence of the sons of Saint Francis in many aspects of American society and culture. As a parish that has experienced the presence of the Franciscan friars, we request your prayers and hopes that this union will foster and further our work and ministry.


Fr. Jim

We need your feedback! Parish Communication Focus Groups, October 25, 10am (Anthony Hall) or 7pm (virtual)

As we work to provide the most effective and comprehensive communications to the parish, our staff is working on gathering data and feedback for review. With the assistance of a team of marketing students from NC State University, we will be hosting two focus groups sessions for our community. The sessions will provide an opportunity for parishioners to provide feedback on current communications. After the focus group sessions and a parish survey, the students will provide a comprehensive set of recommendations for the parish to consider. Please consider participating by [registering for one of these two sessions here](#). We hope to see you at a session soon!

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November Preview



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November 1 - The Month of November The Book of Remembrance

A Book of Remembrance will be displayed throughout the month of November near the sanctuary. The names of your loved ones can be added directly into the book. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 1 - All Saints Day

All Saints Day Mass Schedule: Wednesday, November 1, Masses at 9 am (with school children), 11:45 am, and 7 pm. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 2 - All Souls Day - Thursday, Masses

at 9am and 7:00pm – During this liturgy we honor all parishioners who have died during the past year with a reading of names. In addition, all parishioners are encouraged to bring photos (framed, maximum of 5X7) to the Welcome center in the church offices from October 15-29, to be displayed near the altar steps throughout this day and then displayed in the parish gathering space throughout the month of November. Please include your name and contact information on the back of the photos so you may pick them up when the month is completed. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 4 - Memorial Garden Mass at 9:00

This liturgy celebrates the lives of those inurned in our Memorial Garden or buried in the St. Francis portion of the cemetery at Raleigh Memorial Park. All are welcome to attend. Mass is held outside in the Memorial Garden so please dress accordingly.

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. No registration required

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.



How Can Creation Not Point To The Idea Of A Creator?

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness ...

[Read more](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: [Bill Laxton](#)

Oct 17-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.

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.

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.

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. No registration required.

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 23 - 3rd Annual ICCT Prayer Chain for the Earth

Join the Third Annual ICCT Prayer Chain for the Earth on Monday, October 23, 2023 any time between 5:00 to 6:30 pm on the sidewalks at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, 3313 Wade Ave. Our ministry "Care for Creation" will be attending and inviting others to join. Contact patkelly@2626@gmail.com. [Register](#)



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.

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October 29 - 2023 CROP Hunger Walk, 3:00-5:00pm

The annual CROP Hunger Walk raises awareness of issues of hunger and food insecurity in our local and international communities. Register today to join our parish team! Opportunities exist to walk, donate, or both! [Registration](#) Learn more about the cause: <https://trianglencrop.org/> Contact javon.hansknecht@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 10 - Calling all Veterans!

We proudly celebrate all those who have served or are currently serving our country - Friday during Morning Prayer, at 8:05am in the school courtyard, reception to follow in Jacoba.

New this year, we are looking for 30-35 veterans to speak from 9:00-9:55 am to two different classes. [Please click here to sign up](#). In the comment section, please put the grade, or specific classroom you would be comfortable speaking. Contact grace.gates@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 11 - Veterans Appreciation Breakfast, 9:00am

St. Francis' Knights of Columbus is hosting a breakfast at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish for all Veterans and their family members to recognize them for their service. The program will include a guest speaker from the US Military. There is no charge for this event. [Click here](#) to respond by November 6. Contact Mike Wrzesien, wrzesien1963@gmail.com.

November 11-12, 18-19 - Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive

We are seeking volunteers after each Mass on Sat. Nov 11 and Sun. Nov 12 to handout bags for the Our Lady of Rosary (OLR) food drive, and on the weekend of Sat. November 18 and Sun. November 19 to collect donation bags with the OLR food donation. [Register](#). Contact tessferrer89@yahoo.com



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 [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

Planned Giving Seminar Information

If you missed either of the Estate Planning Seminars, please see links for more information. <http://www.foundationdor.org>
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Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org