

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Daily Mass M-F: 9:00am in the Chapel

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday | 5:30pm

Sunday | 7:15 am, 9:00 am (also live streamed), 11:45 am, and 5:30 pm



It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of an announcement made by the Franciscan Friars, Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, that Fr. Patrick Tuttle, OFM, has been removed from all public ministry and is living under the supervision of an independent monitor due to an allegation of misconduct. The Provincial Minister's announcement can be read in its entirety in the link below.

I have been informed that the misconduct did not occur during Fr. Patrick's seminarian internship at St. Francis of Assisi, nor during his service as a priest at Immaculate Conception in Durham and, therefore, does not fall under the Diocese of Raleigh's Child and Youth Protection protocols.

If you or someone you know has been subjected to abuse or misconduct by a member of the Franciscan Friars, the Province advises that you first contact your local law enforcement authorities, and then call Angelica Jochim, Victims Assistant Coordinator, toll-free at 1-800-770-8013.

Please join me in praying for all those affected.

<https://friars.us/article/2024/04/10/fr.-patrick-tuttle--ofm--removed-from-ministry>

-Fr. Michael

April 21 - Earth Day Celebration: **Cancelled**

The Earth Day Celebration this weekend after the 9am and 11:45am Masses has been cancelled. There will not be a gathering in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pam James, stfccreation@gmail.com.

April 20/21 - Migrant Ministry Clothing and Toiletry Drive

Our Migrant Ministry is collecting toiletries and clean men's clothing including long sleeve shirts, pants, hats, belts, men's boots and shoes sizes 8-11. Toiletries include toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, laundry detergent, bar soap, clean towels & washcloths. Learn more about Migrant Ministry and drop off in Welcome Center. Contact MaryLou Holloway, mlholly10@gmail.com.



Mercy Camp June 17 - 21

Rising 6th - 8th graders! Come join us for Mercy Camp! In fun and meaningful ways, you'll do direct service to folks in need in our community and learn about our Christian call to loving service while making new friends! You won't want to miss it!

For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/service-camps/>

Laudate Deum, Pope Francis' Reminder And Exhortation To Us All



JaVon Hansknecht had been the Director of Justice and Peace at St. Francis for only about three months when Laudate Deum, the apostolic exhortation and follow-up to Laudato Si', was released by Pope Francis in October 2023. JaVon mentions he is "a fan of the horror genre," and he finds Laudate Deum horrifying in [more...](#)

Volunteer Spotlight:
[Rosemary and Joe Czejkowski](#)

2023-2024 Fiscal Year Offertory Status

	Week 42 Collection	April Faith Direct	Year to Date	Year End Total (6/30)
2023-2024	\$42,744.50	\$141,643.79	\$3,380,969.78	\$4,196,509.05 '24 Plan
2022-2023	\$35,180.50	\$129,459.70	\$3,318,109.97	\$4,036,294.79 '23 Actual
Difference	\$7,564.00	\$12,184.09	\$62,859.81	\$160,214.26
% Increase	21.5%	9.4%	1.9%	4.0%
Current Projected Shortfall:			\$83,748.82	\$4,112,760.23 '24 Projected

Interesting Financial Factoid: Did you know that 1647 of our Parish registered families are set up as recurring donors using Faith Direct? If you would like to join them, please contact Faith Direct at (866) 507-8757. Our Church ID is NC674.

Please note we have Text-To-Give and QR Code options for people who would like to make a one-time donation to the Church. Your support is appreciated by the ministries that serve our community. Thank You. [Please Click Here to Give](#)



Scan the QR code to give

Text-to-Give: From your smartphone screen, create a new message. Click the "To:" field and enter 919-629-1199. Enter the dollar amount then tap the link to complete your gift. Register your credit/debit card.

To learn about all our giving options, [click here](#).

A click away If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org

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April 20-21 & 27-28 Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive

On April 20/21 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults & youth) after each Mass to handout bags with the Our Lady of the Rosary food donation list. On April 27-28 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults, youth) to collect and load a truck with the OLR food donations. Please bring your filled bags with you to mass on the weekend of April 27-28. [Click here to sign up to assist with bag distribution](#) at one of the weekends. [Click here to sign up to assist with food collection at the truck and to see the list of food needs for OLR Food Drive.](#) Contact Mark Baumgartner, markbaumga@gmail.com.

April 28 - Recycle "Anything With a Plug" 8:30-11:30am.

Drop-off electronics and home appliances in the Community Center parking lot to be recycled by "Anything With a Plug Recycling"! [Click here to see what is accepted.](#) Drop-off at traffic circle next to the Chapel. Contact JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.

April 24: 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch 11:30am.

Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. If last names starts with, then bring: A thru C = Main Dish, D thru L = Dessert/Bread, M thru Z = Salad/Side Dish. Coffee, soda and water will be provided. Contact Pat Gerney, pgerney@gmail.com.

April 25 - Coffee with Clay, 9:40am.

Join us after mass in the Padua Room of the community center for Coffee with Clay. Contact Donna Hennesen, donna.hennesen@stfrancisraleigh.org.

April 28 - Volunteer Celebration, 10-11:30am.

For all you do throughout the year, it's time to tell you that we are so grateful that you're here. Join us after 9am Mass in Fellowship Hall to celebrate ALL of our Volunteers. All Are Welcome | No Registration Required. Contact: Stacey.Shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Through April 30 - DivorceCare Spring Series, 6:00-7:30pm.

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. <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/178060> Contact Bill Morgan, dejanuts@yahoo.com.

May 6 - June 24: Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response

Explore God's call as we seek to answer:

1. What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer regarding huge questions around poverty and injustice?
2. In light of poverty and other forms of human suffering, what is the Good News of the Gospel?

"Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response" groups will meet for two hours weekly, for eight weeks total, in a group of 8 to 15 people. You are invited to a lively and challenging process of spiritual transformation through prayer, discussion, books, videos, a retreat, and immersion. **All groups will run from the week of May 6 through the week of June 24.**

Click a link below to join its Realm group!

[Mondays, 4pm-6pm \[virtual\]](#)

[Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm \[virtual\]](#)

[Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm \[in-person\]](#)

[Thursdays, 10am-12pm \[in-person\]](#)

[Thursdays, 1pm-3pm \[virtual\]](#)

In-person groups will meet on our parish campus. All participants will be responsible for purchasing their own **program books**.

Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page

Support our local parishioner-owned businesses
To advertise email: diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org
Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

May 11- Women's Ministry Nature Immersion and Hike,

9:00-11:30am. 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 some fellowship. Register in Realm. Contact sfa.womens.ministry@gmail.com for more information. [Register here.](#)

May 17 - Altar Server Celebration, 5:30-8:00pm.

Join us as we celebrate our current Amazing Altar Servers with an evening of fun games, awards, pizza, prizes and ICE CREAM!! We will also invite this amazing group of youth to explore other service opportunities within our Faith Community. [Register here.](#) Contact John Price, johnprice25@hotmail.com.

June 1- July 28: Summer Men's 18+ Adult Basketball League

This is open to Men age 18 or older. Registration is TEAM BASED. Players will form their own teams and submit a team registration. There will also be the ability to register as a free agent. Games will be held on Saturdays and Sundays in June and July. [Info and registration.](#) Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 3-July 25: Youth Volleyball League Registration.

Registration is open for Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through rising 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. For more Information and to Register: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/> Contact: Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 10-14, June 17-21, July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26

Camp Francis is our popular summer camp, and has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half day or full day based on age for the 2024-2025 school year. (Rising K-Rising 8th grade) Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org Contact Phone 919-847-8205 ext. 444 Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

Camp Francis Explorers Counselors in Training

An opportunity for teens (rising 9th-12th grade) interested in developing leadership skills and working with children. They will work with other C.I.T.s and Camp Staff. They are to look at themselves as role models for the campers they will be working with. For information and to apply. Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 17 - 21 Mercy Camp

8:00am-3:00pm . Rising 6th – 9th graders! Come join us for Mercy Camp!

July 8 - 12 Mission Mercy

8:30am-9:00pm. Rising 10th graders through College Freshmen! Join us for Mission Mercy!

For more information and to register for Mercy Camp or Mission Mercy visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/service-camps/> Contact Becky Cawley, becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org.

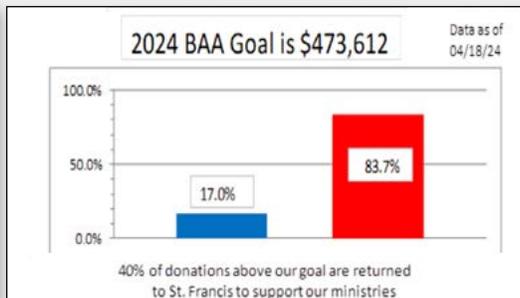
Employment Opportunities:

[Teacher, Lower Elementary](#) and [Instructional Teaching Assistant- Elementary](#)
See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The following are the BAA totals for our Parish as reported by the Diocese

	2024 Campaign (4/4/24)		2023 Campaign (3/29/23)	
Goal:	\$473,612		\$473,565	
Pledge Total:	\$396,337	83.7%	\$392,887	83.0%
Received Total:	\$350,420	74.0%	\$344,144	72.7%
Participating Families:	916	17.0%	965	17.5%
Total Families:	5,400		5,500	
To-Go:	\$77,275	TYT we are ahead on giving but falling behind on participation.		



Go to givetobaa.org and follow the prompts to make a one-time donation, set up a pledge or become a SUSTAINER with a recurring gift. Make sure to select Saint Francis of Assisi as your parish affiliation. [Click here to give](#). Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

FROM FRANCIS TO FRANCIS: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO ASSISI & ROME

Under the Spiritual Leadership of: Msgr. John A. Wall
& Rev. John M. DeGuzman
Group Coordinator: Ms. M.J. Bettman

10-Days: October 22 to 31, 2024

Land Only Itinerary - Airfare Not Included



You're Invited to Cong Le's Ordination,
Saturday, June 1 at 10:00am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. He will also preside at his first Mass at St. Francis, June 1 at 5:30pm.



Society of St. Vincent dePaul

In need of Assistance?
Call: (919) 554-4842

Leave a message and a Caller Intake Specialist will contact you shortly.

St. Vincent dePaul Assistance Cards

Cards are available for hand-out to those in need on our campus at the Church Reception Desk. We ask each parishioner to take one card, offering them only on our campus. Each card offers the SVdP intake-line phone number. Thank you for helping connect our community to needed resources!



[Click Here for Stories from the St. Vincent de Paul Society](#)
Contact Cathy Smith, smithcr@gmail.com



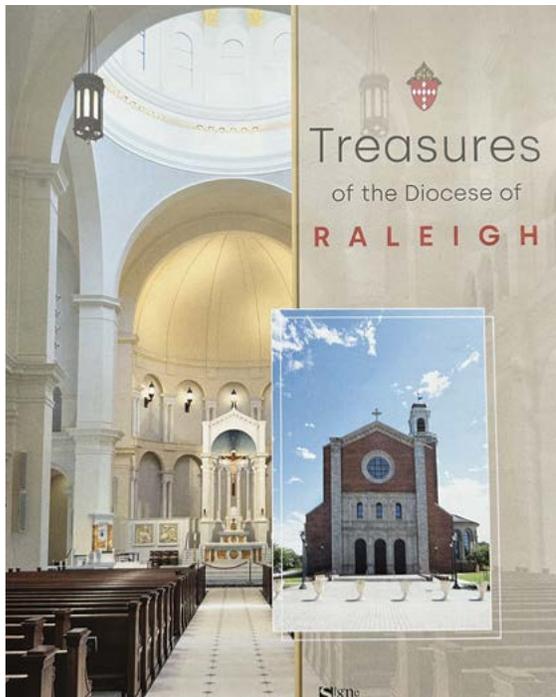
Mission Mercy July 8 - 12

Rising 10th graders - College Freshmen! Join us for Mission Mercy! In fun and meaningful ways, you will assist in offering a summer camp for children in need during the day and gather in the evenings for deepening discussion, prayer and fun social events. You won't want to miss it!

For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/service-camps/>



TREASURES OF THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH



To honor our Diocese's 100th Anniversary, we're thrilled to introduce "Treasuries of the Diocese of Raleigh," a commemorative book detailing the history of Catholicism in North Carolina. It explores the founding of our Diocese, showcases each parish, and delves into key elements of our Catholic heritage, including the roles of founders, missionaries, clergy, and social justice initiatives.

This limited-edition volume spans approximately 325 full-color pages and measures 10x13 inches, making it a prized collector's item. Orders must be placed by May 6, 2024, at a cost of \$45 each. Consider gifting copies to loved ones! For ordering details, visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org, or scan the QR code.

The books will arrive in October.



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Women in Leadership

One of Bishop Gossman's first acts as bishop was to gather with women religious for a day of prayer, sharing, and social time together. Out of this first gathering in 1975 came the idea of a Sisters' Council, which soon became a key component of diocesan life and leadership. Women religious joined the diocesan staff and were appointed to leadership roles on advisory boards and councils. By the time he retired, Bishop Gossman had nearly fifty people working at the Chancery, of whom the majority were women—three of them in key advisory roles. In fact, only one priest was working at the Chancery full-time.

Gossman had a deep trust and believe in the pastoral and leadership gifts of women. Given the size of the diocese and how small the Catholic population was in many communities, many parishes had long had to do without a full-time pastor. Several communities would share one priest, who would come as needed to provide the sacraments. Bishop Gossman approved the appointment of women as the pastoral leaders of communities for which there were no pastors available. The first three pastoral administrators, all of them women religious, began serving in 1984. Sister Dolores Glick, a Mission Helper of the Sacred Heart, was one of these pioneers, assigned to St. Elizabeth Parish in Raeford. In this way, communities had pastoral leadership in their midst not just on Sunday, but all week long.

The experiment worked, and over the years, several more communities were entrusted to women leaders. Bishop Gossman reflected: "We provided an opportunity for women to demonstrate their pastoral skills, and they've done that. Women bring things to the ministry that men never bring. They're more compassionate.

They're empathetic. The female dimension is very much what the church should represent to its people."⁵

Bishop Gossman's long-time administrative assistant, Anne Speicher, recalled: "Someone once asked me what it was like to work for a Bishop. Bishop Gossman overheard the comment and said, 'She doesn't work for me, she works with me. We work together.' He didn't want to be put on a pedestal; he wanted to be one with his people."⁶

Lay Leaders Emerge

As a result of the new, collegial approach to church governance, many lay people began to emerge as leaders in the Diocese of Raleigh. The Chancery hired lay people with special expertise, and parishes began to do the same.

In 1992, the diocese hired its first lay Chancellor, John Riedy, who had served as Diocesan Business Manager since 1985. With a master's degree in business from Harvard University, Riedy was well qualified for the job. As Riedy recalled at the time of his retirement, "the bishop delegates to people, then he stands back and lets them do the job."

Fundraising efforts

For decades, Raleigh had been mission territory. Perhaps there is no clearer indication of how much the diocese had grown than its successful fundraising efforts. The goal for the Bishop's annual appeal went from \$548,000 in 1982 to over \$3 million by 2000. In 2001, under the leadership of John Riedy, a massive capital campaign was announced. The campaign, entitled "God's

YEARS OF GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION

Work/Our Challenge" had a goal of \$30 million and was intended to revitalize the entire Diocese of Raleigh, with funds dedicated to lay and clergy formation, Hispanic ministry, campus ministry, and a special \$2.5 million endowment for the poor. A good portion of the funds raised would be set aside to purchase land for future parishes. In addition, each parish received a substantial rebate on the money their parish was able to raise.



St. Michael the Archangel Church, construction of the new church which was dedicated in 1996



Bishop Gossman at the rededication of OLOG in Newton Grove in 1989

Incredibly, the diocese did not just meet its goal—it nearly doubled it. It was a testament to the generosity of the people of eastern North Carolina, their trust in the future, and their deep affection for Bishop Gossman.

A Heart for the Poor

In 1997, Bishop Gossman joined with Bishop William Curlin of Charlotte to issue a pastoral letter on economic justice. Entitled *Of One Heart and One Mind*, the letter expressed the bishops' special concern for the poor: "We are still haunted by how the least among us are faring. There is too much poverty and too little economic opportunity for all our citizens. Our faith tradition as Catholics calls us to put the needs of the poor and the vulnerable before all else." The letter told stories of the working poor and the special challenges they met in trying to care for the basic needs of their families. "We ask you to consider this: Why, in the midst of economic growth, does the imbalance between those who have and those who do not have continue to escalate?" The bishops of North Carolina invited "Tar Heel Catholics and their neighbors in business, government and the community to ways of ensuring economic justice for everyone."⁷

⁷ <https://catholicnewsherald.com/news/obituaries/149-news/obits/2993-curlin>

⁵ Powers, p. 433
⁶ NC Catholics, October 2013 issue