

2024 CONVOCATION | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 8:30AM TO 1:30PM

“ Making All Things New: St Francis and the Word of God! ”



Fr. Regis



Fr. Jim



Jacob



Jennifer



Gladys



Fr. Chris



Eva Marie



Pat and Paul



Fr. Tim

Session 1

1. **Pace e Bene: Cultivating the Calm of Christ in a Climate of Chaos** with Jennifer Fiduccia
2. **Francis' Canticle of the Sun** with Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap.
3. **Exploring the Role of Women in the Church** with Gladys Whitehouse, OFS.
4. **Why Have We Forgotten About Original Goodness?** with Fr. Jim Sabak, OFM.
5. **A Conservative, a Liberal, and a Franciscan Walk Into a Bar...** with Jacob House

Session 2

1. **Franciscan Preaching Throughout History** with Fr. Tim Kulbicki, OFM
2. **Exploring the Role of Women in the Church** with Gladys Whitehouse, OFS.
3. **Artistic Depiction of The Canticle of the Creatures** with Eva Marie Loucks
4. **Centennial Lessons** with Fr. Chris Koehn
5. **Laudato Sí, the What and the Who** with Pat and Paul Kelly



Keynote speaker **Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap.** will present on St. Francis of Assisi's "Rag-and-Bone Shop of the Heart." Francis was a lover of the Word of God and his love of the Divine Word empowered his dormant poetic imagination, which in turn created a pathway to and an expression of his profound spiritual maturity, a maturity that resonates with the entire world to this day.



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We are thankful for your prayers and for the safety of our Friars in Florida during hurricane Milton

October 13- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship:

A Call to Political Responsibility - A presentation on the latest version of the U.S. Catholic bishops' letter addressing political engagement and voting. Nancy Dilger and Doug James will walk us through the bishops' wise, nuanced counsel on how to navigate the messiness we face during this important but polarizing election season. Contact JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.
Sun, Oct 13, 2024, 10:15-11:15am, Fellowship Hall
(hosted by Justice and Peace).

Sun, Oct 13, 2024, 3pm, Founders Hall
(hosted by Young Adults Ministry, but open to all).

October 13 - Always God's Children 3:30-5:00pm.

A confidential setting for those who identify as LGBTQ+, along with family and friends. This gathering provides a safe place to pray together, share our experiences, and talk over our concerns. Contact Eileen McEntegart, jpelmack@yahoo.com.

New Ministry! - October 16 - Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry

7:00-8:30pm. Difficult problems? WE ENCOURAGE you to experience the love of God to be healed and heal others through the power of the Holy Spirit. WE INSPIRE you to use your God-given authority. WE TEAM UP, like the 72, to strengthen each other and act on His commands. Contact Maureen Costello and/or register at sentout72@gmail.com.

October 19 – Franciscan Spirit and Life Convocation see page 1
Join us for our 4th annual Franciscan Spirit and Life Convocation "Making All Things New: Francis and the Word of God!" Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap will be our keynote speaker.

Registration open on Realm.

October 22 - The Chosen Season 3 Viewing

We have had low attendance for our Tuesday showings of The Chosen. As a result, there will be no sessions on 10/15. If you are interested in resuming on Tuesday, 10/22, please email TandMMorgan@earthlink.net. If enough people express interest, we will continue showing Season 3 at 9:45am on 10/22.

October 23 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch 11:30am. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. : If last names starts with, then bring A thru C = Salad/Side Dish, D thru J = Dessert/Bread, K thru Z = Main Dish, Coffee, soda and water will be provided. Contact Pat Spencer, Pat.spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

October 25 - Centennial Concert See page 6
The Choir of the Basilica will perform to celebrate the Centennial of our Diocese. [Click here for more information or to RSVP.](#)
Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.

October 26 - Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition Site Build 8:10am-3:30pm. Come swing a hammer and help us build a new home for those in need at our Flowers Place development. No building experience necessary. Learn new skills or lend a helping hand. In need of 25 lunches for volunteers and crew. [Registration link.](#)
Contact Will Connelly, st.francis.h4h@gmail.com.

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

October 26 - Emmaus Walk 9:00-10:30am

Join Women's Ministry for an encounter with Christ. In this Emmaus Walk you will be paired with a partner and invited to experience your own Emmaus walk around the campus, discovering Christ in your own lives through your connection with one another. The event is free. [Register here via Realm.](#) Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

October 26 - November Book of Remembrance

From October 26 and throughout the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the gathering space. You may add the names of your deceased loved ones directly into the book during this time. Contact kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 26 - Pro-Life Issue Team: Join our Efforts!

Our parish is now establishing its very own Pro-Life Issue Team within the Office of Justice & Peace. Learn more about its vision, gain information about their first interest meeting, or even sign-up to become a member, all in the Welcome Center after each Mass on Oct. 26 and 27. Contact JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 27 - Coffee and Donuts 10:00. Join us for coffee and donuts in Fellowship Hall after the 9am Mass. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 27 - CROP Hunger Walk 2:30-4:00pm. Walk with fellow parishioners to support just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster locally and around the globe. Family Friendly! [Register](#) today to join our parish team. Opportunities exist to walk, donate, or both. Contact Casey Slock, casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 27 - Household Item Drive 12:30-3:30pm

St. Francis will be collecting unused/unwanted home items to support apartment setups through "Welcome House Raleigh" for incoming refugee families and individuals. Items will be collected directly at Ample Storage (4500 Atlantic Avenue), and pick-ups will also be available if necessary. [Click here to see accepted items.](#)

Donation Sign-Ups:

[Click here to inform us what you'd like to bring or be picked up.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities:

[Click here to help us collect, organize, and store donations.](#)

Contact [JaVon Hansknecht](mailto:JaVon.Hansknecht) for more information.

October 29/30 Book of Revelation - Discipleship Study

Join us for a Discipleship Study of one of the most hopeful and creative books of the Bible: The Book of Revelation. Is it about Armageddon & the end of the world? Or, is it God's loving call for us to turn back to God by following Christ? Contact Jay Landry, jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org.
[Tuesday evenings](#), 7pm – 8:30 pm in Founders Rm.
[Wednesday mornings](#), 10:30 am – 12:00 pm in Founders Rm.



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Employment Opportunities:

[Middle School Formation Coordinator, Afterschool Staff](#)

See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

November 1, Friday - All Saints Day

Masses at 9 am (with school children), 11:45am, and 7:00pm.
Contact kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 2, Saturday - Memorial Garden Mass 9:00am. 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.

November 3 - Cardinal Gibbons High School Open House
1-3pm. View details and register at cghsnc.org/openhouse.

November 4, Monday, 7pm - Remembering our Beloved Dead
During this liturgy we remember and pray for 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 or 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 kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 9 - L'Arche Ministry: Brunch & Belonging Event
10:30am-12:30pm. Join our ministry leaders at L'Arche's next event, to celebrate a community of belonging for people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. This event highlights the beauty of inclusion, where everyone is welcome, valued, and embraced just as they are. Tickets are purchasable online. See you there! Event Info and Registration: <https://larchenc.org/event/brunch/>. Contact Gladys Whitehouse, gladys.whitehouse@gmail.com.

November 11 - Salute to Veterans at TFS
8:00-10:00am. TFS is looking for Veterans to speak from 9:00-9:55 a.m. to two different classes. [Click HERE to sign up](#). In the comment section, please put the grade you would be comfortable speaking with or if you have a specific classroom, you'd like to speak in. Contact grace.gates@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 12 - Women's Ministry Craft Night - Ornament Painting 630pm-8:30pm. Join Women's Ministry for a night of fun, fellowship and crafts! We will be painting two ornaments, one to keep and one to give away. Drinks and supplies will be provided, a Sign Up Genius will go out to participants to bring snacks/appetizers. Cost is \$12. Register in Realm. Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

November 16 - Catholic Scouting Mass of Thanksgiving
10:30am-12:30pm. We'll give thanks for the gift of Catholic Scouting in our Diocese via Mass (celebrant: Bishop Luis Zarama) and lunch. All current and former scouts (Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, etc.), and parents and friends are welcome! Location: St. Andrew the Apostle, Apex, NC
Cost: FREE (please RSVP)
[Click here to RSVP](#). Contact Mike Nemecek, mikenemecek1@gmail.com



Lord of the Harvest

Are you looking to experience the love of God to be healed and to heal others through the power of the Holy Spirit? Do you want to be inspired as a Catholic to use your God-given authority daily? Then, parishioner Maureen Costello has started a ministry for you. "The mission of 'Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry' (LOHHM) is to encourage people to deepen their relationship with Jesus so that they can experience the love of God and the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit in their everyday lives," says Maureen. "LOHHM is dedicated to...[more](#)

Ministry Spotlight: LGBTQ+ Ministry



St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need. Hear about how volunteers prevent the loss of Section 8 vouchers that enable the working poor to afford their rent in these challenging times. <https://youtu.be/HylogrEk5o>

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Contact Cathy Smith, smithtcr@gmail.com.



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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](#).

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St. Francis parishioners gathered into small groups to pray together and support one another at the Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry meeting.

Annual Report 2023-2024
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Lugar: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Cary, NC.

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi - 11401 Leesville Rd - NC 27613 - Tel: 919-847-8205

If you can't access information through the hyperlink because you do not use the internet, please call the office to get information. (919) 847-8205

Francis Fest was a huge success - a beautiful parishwide celebration on a beautiful day! Thank you to all who came out to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. And thank you to all our staff and volunteers who worked to organize and make this year's Francis Fest one of the best. A big St. Francis shout out to Ashley Watson for leading this wonderful effort.



Can't wait for next year!





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Our parishioner business advertisement is moving to a page in the bulletin! If you are a registered parishioner and have a business that you would like to advertise in the parish bulletin, contact Diogenes Ruiz at diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org for a schedule of ad rates and to reserve your spot. There are a limited number of ad slots available. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your business in front of our many parishioners who could use your product or service.