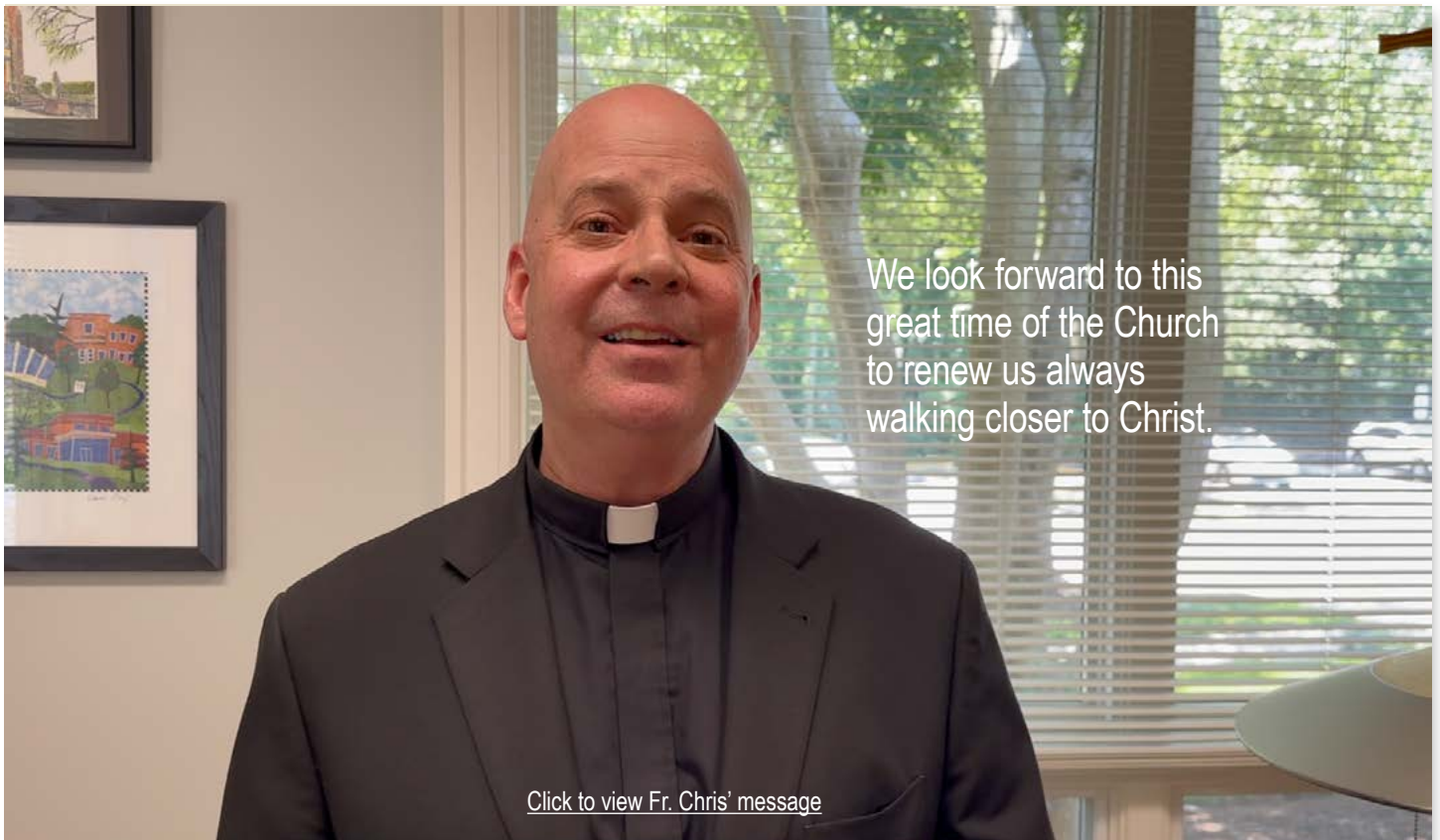




"Rejoice with me, for I have found what I had lost." — Luke 15:6

Like the shepherd who rejoices over the one,
You've loved us fiercely, each daughter and son.
You gather us close, no matter the cost —
Your joy is a light, never shaken or lost.

*Happy Mother's Day to a heart that
celebrates, protects, and loves unconditionally.*



We look forward to this
great time of the Church
to renew us always
walking closer to Christ.


[Click to view Fr. Chris' message](#)

**Deadline
May 30**



Please take a moment to participate in the parish survey. All St. Francis parishioners are invited to provide feedback so we can better plan and prioritize parish resources. Thank you for providing this valuable information.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8283808/SFA-Parishioner-Survey-2025>

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

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May 11 - Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Join us after the 9:00 am mass in the Fellowship Hall. 3 Pancakes, 3 Sausages, Donuts, Coffee, Juice etc. will be priced at \$7.00 per person and \$24.00 for a nuclear family of 4 or more. Net proceeds will support many worthy charities. Contact Nick Renga, nrenga@msn.com.

May 12 - Prison Pen Pal Ministry Virtual meeting at 7:00pm about this important corporal act of mercy. We will have guest speakers and other pen pals sharing their experiences serving the men on Death Row, as well as Q & A. If you would like to learn more about this writing ministry and receive the attendance link, please email sfapenpal@gmail.com.

May 14 - Thanksgiving Mass Together with the Church throughout the world we celebrate the election of our new Pope. Cardinal Robert Prevost becomes the first American pope, choosing the name Leo XIV. Please join us on Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30pm in the church for a Mass of Thanksgiving.

May 15 - Coffee with Chris

9:40-10:30am Join us Thursday, May 15 at 9:45am for Coffee with Fr. Chris in Padua. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and Fr. Chris to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

May 16-18 - Spring High School Youth Retreat

High schoolers! Join us for the Spring High School Youth Retreat at Camp Chestnut Ridge! We will find God in the peaks & valleys together as we build community. Enjoy a weekend of talks, small group discussions, prayer and worship, free time, fun and making connections with God and one another. [Register](#). Contact Tim Hetzel, tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org.

May 17 - Women's Pickleball & Happy Hour

3:30-5:30pm. Ladies, join us for a free, fun social event! Pickleball open play (all skill levels welcome!) at Seven Oaks from 3:30-5:30 followed by Happy Hour at the The Wandering Moose Tavern at 5:45. [Register in Realm](#). Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

May 17 - A Silver Soiree - A Night to Celebrate The Franciscan School

7:30-10:00pm. Join us for a special dessert reception on Saturday, May 17, as we celebrate 25 years of excellence at The Franciscan School. This adults-only reception will bring together fellow parents, alumni, and staff, honoring our rich history, incredible journey, and exciting future. Enjoy delicious desserts, great company, and a memorable night of celebration. Before the Soiree, there will be a Mass at 5:30 pm honoring the 25th Anniversary. All families are welcome to join us as we reflect on the school's history and the many blessings we've shared over the years! Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

May 18 - Always God's Children

3:30-5:00pm. A confidential setting for members of the LGBTQ+ Catholic community. This meeting provides a safe place to pray and share our experiences together in relation to our faith. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

**May 22 - Music Ministry Concert**

Thursday, at 6:30 pm. End of season musical bonanza! - In the church. Join fellow parishioners for an evening of beautiful music by our wonderful music ministry. There is no cost to attend.

June 2-July 24 - Youth Summer 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. [Click here for more Information and to Register](#)

June 6-8 Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 6-8, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: rachelnc.org Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. **Discount of \$50 if you register before May 9**, Spanish and English speakers are welcome. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

June 8 - Baccalaureate Mass

5:30-6:30pm. All recent high school and college graduates are invited to participate in the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 8 at 5:30pm. Please gather in the gathering space prior to the service and come dressed in your cap and gown to join the procession and be honored for your achievement. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June-July Men's 18+ Summer Basketball League Registration

League play during June and July on weekends only. Teams will have no practice time. Registration is TEAM BASED only. Players will form their own teams and submit their registration and fee as a team. Each player must also complete an Individual Player Registration. Teams will provide their own jerseys. [Register here](#). Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org

June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25 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 21 - Habitat for Humanity Beloved Build in Clayton, NC

8:10am-3:30pm. Can you join our team to build homes in the Habitat neighborhood of Stone Creek? No construction experience is necessary. Habitat has site supervisors skilled at teaching people how to build. You must be 16 years old to volunteer with Habitat. [Sign up](#). **Need 25-30 lunches.** Contact Will Connelly, st.francis.h4h@gmail.com.

Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm

June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25
Our popular summer camp, has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, science, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half-day or full-day based on age for the 2025-2026 school year. (Rising K-Rising 6th grade) Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

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Director of Justice and Peace, Full-time, immediate opening. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. FRANCIS



Finding A Way Home

Passage Home is a non-profit organization in Wake County that assists youth, individuals, families, and veterans achieve self-sufficiency to break the multi-generational cycle of poverty. They offer housing and support services to include workforce development, specialized support for veterans, and specialized support for children within families experiencing homelessness through the nearly 100 units of affordable housing they own and manage throughout the county. Many people at St. Francis know and support Passage Home, including the families at Franciscan School, which holds a food drive every November to help families at Passage Home. Did you know that St. Francis of Assisi parish had a role in forming this charitable organization? [More](#)



Prison Pen Pal Ministry

"There are so many amazing, impactful, and important ministries at SFA, which make our catholic community unique. We all have different skills and charisms and are called in different ways to serve the Body of Christ. For me, after attending mass at St. Francis for the first time, I opened the bulletin, and 'boom' it just jumped out at me," says Vince Kavanagh. "God wasn't calling me to do all the ministries, just the one that serves the prisoner." [More](#)



Are you New to St. Francis? We warmly welcome you to our community! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Stacey Shine](#). We look forward to connecting with you and helping you feel right at home."

Fiat Franciscus young adult 20s-30s

Mass + Market

Ladies, join us for the 9am Mass followed by brunch + market!

MAY 18

9am Mass
11401 Leesville Rd,
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10:30am brunch
Georgios Epicurean Market
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FIAT FRANCISCUS 20S-30S

TOP GOLF

YOUNG ADULT MEN

MAY 18

TOP GOLF

4901 TOPGOLF WY,
DURHAM, NC 27703

3-4PM

WE COVER A 90 MIN
RESERVATION!



Eucharist Minister Training

Sunday, June 1st at 1pm in the Church
Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church

If you're interested in attending this training, please sign up on Realm using this QR Code.



For more information contact
Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org



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AUGUST 8-10, 2025

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JUNE 27-28

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**Tech ministers needed
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**Seeking volunteers to stream Mass for
the homebound (9 a.m.) and project song
lyrics at all Masses.**

For info contact Jim Wahl
jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions can be requested for Birthdays, Anniversaries or In Remembrance. If you would like to request a Mass there are plenty available dates for 2025.

Sign up with Shannon Hoffman or online
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