

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Cupcake, Pumpkins, and Jesus

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH  
October 2020

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## Our Mission Statement

Inspired by our patron Francis of Assisi, we seek to proclaim the reign of God by growing in Holiness through our experience of Christ in word, sacrament and one another, offering Hope to those who hunger for human dignity, and extending Hospitality to all.

## Daily Mass 10am

Daily Mass will continue in the Memorial Garden the week of October 26-30. It will move to the church if it rains.

Wednesdays are reserved for TFS and Preschool Mass.

All pandemic protocols are followed. No signups are required.



**The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi**

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We are moving to the last phase of catch-up for the many things that were postponed or delayed with the onset of COVID-19 in March. On Saturday, October 24, and Saturday, October 31, we will conclude the last major catch-up event by celebrating First Communion Masses with the remaining children who were scheduled to celebrate this important moment in their lives back in the spring. It took five liturgies to accomplish this given social distancing, etc., but I'm very happy to see these children reach this milestone in their lives. Please join me in congratulating them!

November 1 (All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day) are upon us soon, both feasts having an ancient history in the Catholic Church. The first remembers the innumerable uncanonized saints who do not have a day on the liturgical calendar dedicated to them like Sts. Francis and Clare do, some of whom may be your relatives or friends. The second is set aside to pray for all the faithful departed, to remember them by name, and to commend them to the Lord, especially those who may have gone into eternity with sin still on their souls. "As Catholics, we have a tradition of praying for our deceased relatives and friends. It is a way of continuing our relationship with them and assisting them on their journey to heaven." (Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, 124). Because we retain a relationship with our beloved dead, praying with and for them is one way we stay connected to them until we see them face to face in eternity.

At St. Francis, we will remember our beloved dead throughout the month of November. You are invited to submit the names of family members and friends whom you would like to have remembered in prayer and at Masses. You may also place those names on your All Souls Day envelope. These names will be transcribed into a Book of Remembrance and the envelopes will be placed on the altar in the church. Both will remain in the church until the First Sunday of Advent, November 29. Remembering our beloved dead anytime is a venerable tradition in Catholicism, but November is especially appropriate as our lectionary readings focus on the end of life and the end of time.

Because of COVID-19 some of our traditional All Souls Day practices need to be temporarily suspended. We will restore them once we are able to be back in closer proximity to one another.

*Msgr. Clay*



Please visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/remembrance-form/> and complete the form to include your loved ones name in these remembrances. Please complete a new form for each name.

THROUGH MARRIAGE  
MAY THEIR LIVES  
ALWAYS BEAR WITNESS  
TO CHRIST'S LOVE:

**Carol Rutledge Allen**, daughter of Frederick and Dorothy Rutledge and **Thomas Jay Crotty**, son of Maurice and Mabel Crotty

MAY HE REST IN  
PEACE AND PERPETUAL  
LIGHT SHINE UPON  
HIM:

**+ Luke Morgan**  
Son of Tina & Mike Morgan  
and brother of John & Elena

You can mail your contribution to us at:

**St Francis Of Assisi**  
11401 Leesville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613

You give can Online through:



**Faith Direct:**

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-direct/>



**Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199**

**Additional Online Giving Methods:**  
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/>

### Envelope Schedule

October 25 Weekly  
November 1 All Saints Day  
Weekly  
Monthly Mortgage  
November 2 All Souls Day

### Employment Opportunities

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## Saturday Evening Mass

Up to 200 people (including liturgical ministers) are welcome to attend in-person Saturday evening 5:30pm Mass. To sign up, please visit our parish website the Wednesday prior. All health and safety protocols will continue to be followed.



Update

## Sunday Liturgy

Up to 200 people are now welcome to attend the 9:30am and 5:30pm Sunday Masses. To sign up, visit our website at 12 noon the Wednesday prior.



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4:00 to 4:45pm on Saturdays in the church.

All health and safety protocols will be followed but we will NOT be recording names of those who join.

## Our Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market is going virtual!



*Kickoff Event*  
Thursday November 12  
7:00 pm via Zoom

RSVP  
[www.bit.ly/FTM-kickoff2020](http://www.bit.ly/FTM-kickoff2020)

Receive a COUPON CODE and be the first to shop!  
Win a chance for FREE Fair Trade items.  
RSVP, a Zoom link will be sent.

## RCIA

Continuing your faith journey in our community  
Contact [Jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org)



## Facility Maintenance Technician Full Time

A 2-Year degree in facility management or a construction trade, or a minimum of 3 years experience in a general maintenance environment.

Send a cover letter with resume or DOR application to  
[trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org).

You don't have to go through difficult times alone.  
Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.  
To find out more talk with Kathleen Owen at  
[kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org)



## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



GRIEF SHARE

November 15, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Virtual Event

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/5538>

Celebrating

## CHRISTMAS in Your Cancer Journey

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/5539>

## VIRTUAL EVENING PRAYER

Monday through Thursday  
7:00pm

FACEBOOK LIVE - STFRANCISRALEIGH

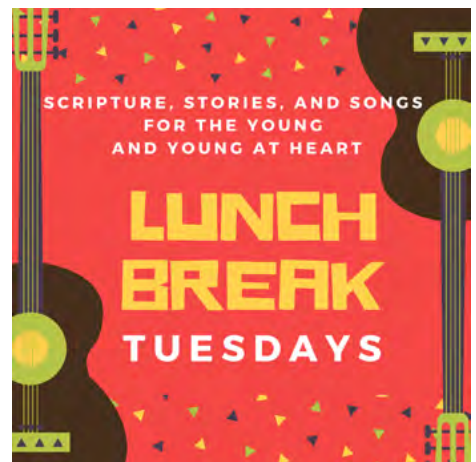
Join us in praying a rosary for our country on the eve of Election Day, Nov. 2 at 7:30pm.  
RSVP

[www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eafa6283-rosary](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eafa6283-rosary)



SCRIPTURE, STORIES, AND SONGS  
FOR THE YOUNG  
AND YOUNG AT HEART

## LUNCH BREAK TUESDAYS





# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

*Congratulations to our First Eucharist Candidates who received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time this weekend! May this day be an initial step for you into a life-long love of the Holy Eucharist. Your Saint Francis family rejoices and celebrates with you on one of the most sacred days of your life.*




Derek Paul Clayton  
Madeline Jayne DeMeo  
Ryan Hadrian Gorton  
James Finnegan Hahn  
Jillian Clare Hines  
Daphne Jane LaManna  
Lucas Michael Larson  
Harper Marie Mikuta  
Landon James Newbill  
William Tate Speerschneider  
Holden Imbroscio Torrey  
Andrew Wayne Lee  
Leonidas Enrique Lorduy  
Lizabeth Elana Lorduy

LECTIONARY-BASED  
VIRTUAL  
SMALL GROUP  
OPPORTUNITY

## reflecting on the WORD

THURSDAYS AT 2:00PM

To register visit  
[bit.ly/formation-resources](https://bit.ly/formation-resources)



### Reflecting on the Word Lectio Divina followed by small group discussion

Thursday afternoons, 2:00-3:15pm

Join our Director of Formation, Jenn Fiduccia, for Lectio Divina followed by small group discussion on the upcoming Sunday readings! We will be using Zoom online conferencing and you will be sent a link to join after you register. To register, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-formation/>. For more information, email [jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org).

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

## JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - RALEIGH  
YOUNG ADULTS

TUESDAYS 8:00 PM  
NOVEMBER 3 & 17  
DECEMBER 1 & 15

watch the session's movie anytime  
join the zoom for discussion & fellowship



Contact Marisa Ferrara at  
[marisa.ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:marisa.ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org)

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Kathleen Owen, Director of Parish Life

## Remembering in November

Not a day goes by that I don't think of my mom, dad and my brother. They've been gone for several years now, and though I miss their company, their presence is never far from my heart. I've heard it said that grief is like having a broken rib. You look fine, but every breath brings pain. For me, this is an accurate description of being in grief.

Once each year, our faith offers us an opportunity to remember, in a special way, all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Even in this year of great change, we will honor our deceased parishioners in a safe and special way.

- November 2, 2020 at 10am and a 7pm, we will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance. We will livestream the 7pm Mass. This Mass will have a special remembrance of those who passed away from November of 2019 through October of 2020.
- To get your loved one's name added to the Book of Remembrance [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdehTNDZ9AivKHcnwT392KH8n-tbfNtfZ9ONZgV-5V6yU7fE0A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdehTNDZ9AivKHcnwT392KH8n-tbfNtfZ9ONZgV-5V6yU7fE0A/viewform?usp=sf_link) This book will be present at all masses.
- Memorial Garden Mass is for the families of those who are inurned in the Columbarium or in the St. Francis section at Raleigh Memorial Park. This year the Mass will be on November 7 at 10am.
- If you're still processing your grief, please consider joining us for GriefShare – Surviving The Holidays on Sunday, November 15, from 2-4pm. To register, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/griefshare-surviving-the-holidays/>
- Sometimes it's too hard to share your story in a group. If you'd prefer a one on one setting, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister.

To find out more about this ministry, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/stephen-ministry/> To request a minister, contact me at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org) or 919-847-8205x241

For all of you who have grieved or who are grieving, I will close with a prayer that has sustained me through many losses. I hope it brings you comfort.

*We give them back to You, dear Lord, who gave them to us;*

*Yet as You did not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their return.*

*Not as the world gives, do You give, O Lover of Souls.*

*What You give, You do not take away,*

*For what is Yours is ours also if we are Yours.*

*And Life is eternal and Love is immortal, and death is only a horizon,*

*and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.*

*Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further;*

*Cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly;*

*Draw us closer to Yourself so that we may know ourselves*

*to be nearer to our loved ones who are with You.*

*And while You prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place,*

*that where You are we may be also for evermore.*

Prayer used by Fr Bede Jarrett, O.P.

prayer written by William Penn



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RALEIGH  
Out of concern for the health and well-being of the community, this year the Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place.

**Anniversary Year**  
Commemorative Certificate

Couples willing to receive a wedding anniversary certificate please register at:  
<https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2020>

Please do not drop off any unsolicited items on the church property or in our buildings. All of our donation drives are closely coordinated with our ministry partners in the community and are well publicized in advance. If you have donations at times outside of our announced drives, please take your donation directly to a charity of your choice. Thank you for your cooperation.



COMMUNI-TEA  
2ND & 4TH  
MONDAYS  
10:00 AM  
10/26 at 10am

**VIRTUAL CAFE**  
REGISTER TO GET THE ZOOM LINK  
[WWW.STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG/VIRTUAL-CAFE/](http://WWW.STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG/VIRTUAL-CAFE/)

QUARAN-TEA-NI  
2ND AND 4TH  
WEDNESDAYS  
7:00 PM  
10/28 at 7pm



# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

*Faithful Citizenship: Catholics Advocating for Life and Dignity of the Human Person*

## **Respect Life: St. Francis Advocating for the Life and Dignity of People in Wake County**

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

A couple weeks ago, 3,168 people representing 42 dues paying religious and non-profit member institutions in Wake County turned out virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live to support the public launch of ONE Wake. We had 151 St. Francis parishioners on the call, including several staff members and our pastor. This was an exciting event where our Catholic values and our call to respect and protect the life and dignity of those most in need were put into action. I want to share more about this effort, what happened at this event, and what are the next steps.

What is ONE Wake? ONE Wake is an interreligious coalition of churches, synagogues, and mosques organizing together to improve conditions in our county for those whose voices are often not heard in places where decisions are made. Over the last four years, this coalition of congregations has been meeting together, learning from each other, doing trainings together, and discerning priorities and strategies.

Why are we involved as a dues-paying member congregation? ONE Wake is an exciting and important way we are protecting the dignity of life of our vulnerable brothers and sisters. As Pope Francis wrote in his new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, we are brothers and sisters, all of us, linked together as the human family. With the story of the Good Samaritan as central to his teaching in this document, Pope Francis challenges us to overcome whatever is blocking us from being the "Good Samaritan" with others. Reminding us that we do not serve ideas but people, people who are vulnerable

and suffering in our midst, Pope Francis names all the ways that our brothers and sisters are threatened in our "throwaway culture," as he calls it. He speaks of many vulnerable populations, from the unborn to the elderly, from the migrant to the imprisoned, from those crippled by lack of jobs and poor wages to those experiencing the effects of the virus of racism and xenophobia. In response to the needs of our brothers and sisters, Pope Francis calls us to renew our Christian call to love, writing, "Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community...It means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labor rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money" (116).

What actually happened on October 13th at ONE Wake's Founding Assembly? At this founding public assembly, ONE Wake wielded its power to win recognition and to generate important initial public commitments from top decision makers in Wake County on issues related to three issues affecting our vulnerable brothers and sisters: affordable housing, living wage jobs, and education. Both John Kane, CEO of Kane Realty, and Raleigh Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin were on the call and publically committed to work with ONE Wake to discuss specific ways in which Downtown South (a large, proposed development) can benefit, and not harm, all communities. Also, 7 of 11 candidates for the Board of County Commissioners agreed to work with ONE Wake in championing the

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2020

As we move through this next month before our election, and what the Church calls "Respect Life Month," our Office of Justice and Peace is continuing to offer a series of reflections that speak our Catholic values as they relate to issues of political and social concern.

Our hope is that these reflections might serve as a helpful way to prayerfully discern what matters to you and make prudent decision reflective of your deepest values as you fill out the ballot. Check out the bulletins from the last few weeks to see reflection on the protection of the unborn, the environment, and immigrants and refugees.

**October 25 – Reflection on  
Local Issues of Concern  
– Housing, Education, and Jobs**

**November 1  
Reflection on Health Care**

**November 3  
Election Day**

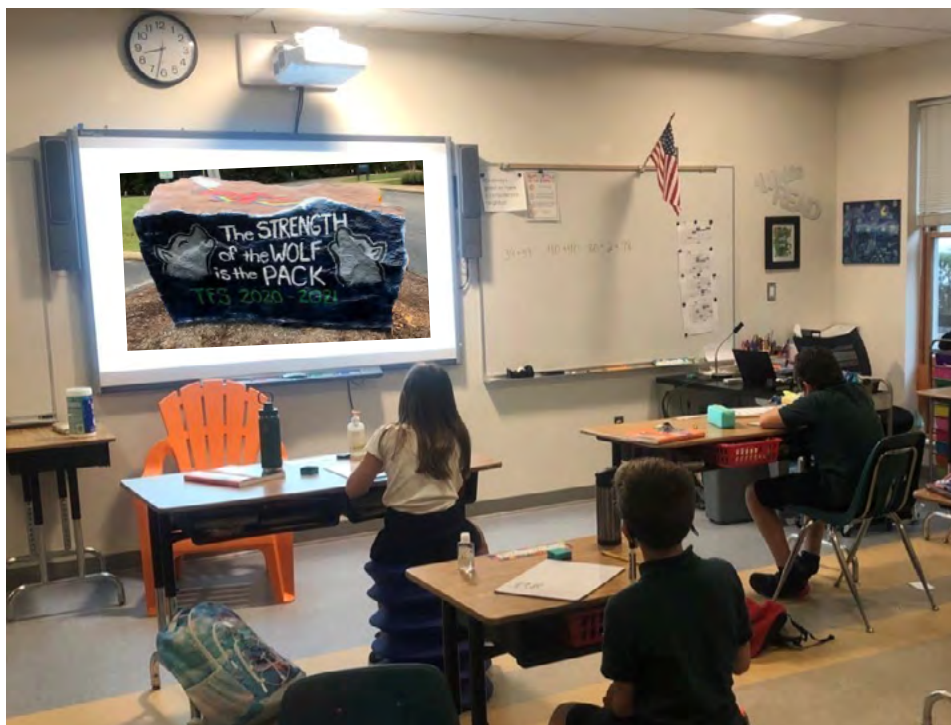
Check out the bulletins from the last few weeks to see reflections on the protection of the unborn, the environment, those on death row, those experiencing racism, and immigrants and refugees.

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# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, Principal

## Finding the Normal



This year our day-to-day lives are different; and we all want to return to some sense of normality. I pray every day for the school's eventual ability to be "back to normal" and being able to experience the everyday joy of having a crowded courtyard at Morning Prayer, a full church on Community Mass days, the excitement and thrill of our sports teams excelling on the field or court, and the happy noise of a full recess field and crowded cafeteria. Sometimes it takes the loss of some of our everyday experiences to really appreciate how special they are.

We need to take the time to appreciate what still remains and what new joys there are around us each day. On The Franciscan School's campus, it's easy to see the smiles on the faces of our students, both coming in the mornings and going in the afternoons, and to see the appreciation of our parents; it really provides a small remembrance of why we are here, as to what is the soul of our school - our students and families. We still see, and appreciate even more, the happy faces, the excitement, and the

stories that come out of each school day. We hear from the kindergarteners what they "learned about bats" during their school day, or spend time during lunch with 7th or 8th graders and listening to their stories and their experiences they share with each other. That's where the "normal" is found. People are adaptable and can "roll with the punches" to find the place where they are comfortable and can find their niche. We have all done that since last March and continue to do so; it seems the process doesn't end... but it will end.

We are here at TFS because of our Faith, and it becomes evident every day as we embrace the enthusiasm and joy that our students bring to our campus. The students are the essential part of what we do at The Franciscan School and St. Francis of Assisi, and they bring a life and spirit to all we do each day! That hasn't changed, nor will it ever. As eloquently stated by Father Jim, "The pursuit of wisdom, which comes from knowing God, encountered through discovery and exploration, inquiry and examination,

embodies what it means to be The Franciscan School", yet our mission involves more. Our academics are important, but the more crucial focus is the community of joy we have all built here and which is embodied here each day by our students and our faculty and staff. Thanks to all of you at St. Francis of Assisi parish, and to our supportive families, for your role in creating this special place for all of us to experience each day!

As you explore school options for your children's education next year, please consider The Franciscan School. If we can provide more information to your family, please contact Principal Mike Watson by email at [michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) or reach out to our admissions team at [Admissions@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Admissions@stfrancisraleigh.org). The faculty, parents, and students of TFS look forward to welcoming you to The Franciscan School community!

**Employment Opportunities**

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# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

## Cupcake, Pumpkins, and Jesus



There are countless things that I love about preschool. I got to experience one of those things early this past Monday morning when I came in and saw that one of the small pumpkins that's sitting in the natural area between the preschool buildings had been nibbled on by a critter over the weekend. Since one of the 3-year old classes regularly feeds the squirrels, I immediately thought that one of their "pet" squirrels (affectionately named 'Cupcake' by the children) had decided to sample pumpkin in lieu of his normal seeds and corn.

When the whole class arrived for the day, I made a point to tell them that they needed to do something about their squirrel because he was going to wreck all of our pumpkins before Halloween! On their way into their classroom from carpool, they stopped by the area where the pumpkins are to see if they could find the one that their dear Cupcake chewed. It was a bit of problem solving practice in trying to determine what clues there would be if an animal had bit a pumpkin. After a few minutes, when no one could find the pumpkin with bite marks, they



*"Children need the freedom to appreciate the infinite resources of their hands, their eyes, and their ears, the resources of forms, materials, sounds and colors."* Loris Malaguzzi

realized that they had to go back around and look more carefully. Some worked with a friend and others crouched really low to investigate more closely.

After the evidence was found on one of the pumpkins, the class decided with their teachers that they should make signs to let Cupcake know that the pumpkins were not for eating. Sure enough, a short time later, out came the class to stick their signs in the ground around the pumpkins. They were steadfast in their belief that they had helped save the pumpkins from their naughty friend!

The following day, the class had a note on their classroom window from Cupcake apologizing for trying to eat a pumpkin. He explained that he had forgotten where he had buried his acorns and there were no seeds in the dish for him. From this note, the teachers jumped into a spontaneous lesson about what it means to

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# This Week and Next

## The Faith and Science Forum

This group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30pm via Zoom to share information by discussing books, to ask questions, and to support one another in our mutual discovery and appreciation of our common home where Spirit illumines all things. Please contact Ron Monti at (919) 841-0807, [montiron@aol.com](mailto:montiron@aol.com) or Tracy Hurley at 828-773-3152, [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com).

## Contemplative Spirituality Solace of Fierce Landscapes

We continue to meet virtually every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 1 to 2:30pm to dialogue on *Solace of Fierce Landscapes* by Belden C. Lane, where the author explores why so many in history were drawn to the hazardous terrain of deserts and mountains in search of Christian spirituality. Those reading the book have found it to be truly captivating due to its many unique insights into our Spirituality. If you have questions or are interested in joining the sessions contact Tracy Hurley at [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com), 828-773-3152 or Deacon Steve at [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com), 732-213-0104.

## Cardinal Gibbons Parish Affiliation Forms

The parish offices are closed due to the pandemic. Those needing Parish Affiliation Forms completed for Cardinal Gibbons 2021-2022 Academic year, the form may be emailed directly to [toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org) or mailed:

St. Francis of Assisi,  
11401 Leesville Road,  
Raleigh, NC 27613  
Attention: Toni Hammes

The information will be sent from St. Francis directly to CGHS. Please email [Toni.Hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Toni.Hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you have any questions.

## Contemplative Spirituality Thomas Merton's Bridges Series

Did you know that when John Robert Lewis crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965, he knew that he was going to be arrested and he had two books with him that he was going to read while he was in jail. One was his bible and the other was a book by Thomas Merton. Why would a 23 year old Baptist have a book to read written by the Catholic Monk? Experience Why. – Join us virtually, on Fridays from 1 to 2:30pm. We will dialogue on book from Merton's *Bridges to Contemplative Living Series*. Contact Tracy Hurley at [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com), 828-773-3152 or Deacon Steve at [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com), 732-213-0104.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – The ministry meets virtually every 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7 to 8 am. The meetings provide a way for men to come together in prayer and fellowship. For discussions, we select a book that deals with faith and life issues. The Men's Ministry provides a safe haven for men to meet other Christian men for friendship and the sharing of our journey through life. If interested contact Norm Tuomi at [norman3722@att.net](mailto:norman3722@att.net) or Ralph Guenther at [rguenther2@nc.rr.com](mailto:rguenther2@nc.rr.com)

## Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive

Twice a year we help to fill the pantry at OLR, which serves the poor and rural communities, where approximately 24% live below the poverty line. This year, due to the Covid crisis, the need is even greater. Please consider filling a bag! Bags will be distributed after masses on November 7 & 8; again, after masses on November 14 & 15. You may also pick up a bag in the Community Center Cupertino Room Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 pm on November 9-13, and November 16-20. A complete list of foods needed will be attached to your bag. Bag drop off will be the weekend of November 21 & 22, times to follow. Check the bulletin for more information.

## Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles have moved to the Community Center



Bring all meals to the center door  
9am-4pm, Monday-Friday

## Caring Casseroles & Feed the Need:

Caring Casseroles & Feed the Need have moved! Our refrigerator is now located in Cupertino in the Community Center. Please note the following when dropping off your meal.

- Both Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles should be dropped off at the Community Center – specifically the middle door which opens into Cupertino Room. The middle door will be unlocked between 9am and 4pm Monday-Friday.
- The doors to the rest of the Community Center will remain locked.
- There will be one refrigerator for Feed the Need and one refrigerator for Caring Casseroles. They will be labelled accordingly.
- Please do not put anything in the freezer. We will be using both freezers for short term storage of meals for families.
- Please remember to put a label on each meal including the ingredients. We have some families with food allergies and you can help us keep them safe by just including the ingredients for each meal for both Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles.
- If you have any questions or would like to join this wonderful ministry, contact me at 919-847-8205x241 or email me at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Thank you so much for continuing to cook delicious, nutritious meals that benefit members of our St. Francis community who are in need.

## Group Opportunities

Due to the changing nature of reopening our doors, please check the group opportunity to confirm whether it is held in a virtual format or in-person.

**AA Meeting:** For our Alcoholics Anonymous friends whose meetings have been cancelled. The Internet is full of online recovery resources. Online meetings like this one - you can belong to more than one, or two, or three. AA.ORG main website has a list. There are private Facebook groups, endless websites, and speaker tapes. It's all there. Al-Anon Meetings: Sun. 7:00pm, LaVerna, lower level.

**Always God's Children:** Always God's Children: The monthly support group meeting for LGBTQ+ people and family and friends. To receive an invite to the online meeting, email Chuck Small at [chuck.smallsfa@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.smallsfa@gmail.com). Next meeting, November 1.

**Adult Open Play Nights:** Assisi Community Center Gym. Visit <http://stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-open-play> to contact the ministry leaders for each of our adult open play nights.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group:** The first Wednesday of the month, 1:00-3:00pm and the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-9:00pm, in the Padua Room of Assisi Community Center. Linda Tucker, [ltucker40@nc.rr.com](mailto:ltucker40@nc.rr.com), 937-478-9537.

**Centering Prayer:** Thursdays, 9:35am or 7:30pm in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.

**Community Center Classes:** Regular exercise classes and parent/child classes run weekly, September-May. [www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes).

**Community Garden:** Saturday mornings, 10:00am. Call Pat or Paul Kelly at 919-413-8833, email [mpmkelly@hotmail.com](mailto:mpmkelly@hotmail.com), or just drop by.

**Divorce Care:** Divorce Care: sessions resumed virtually Tuesday September 1, 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. For more information contact Bill Morgan at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com) or visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>.

### Grief Support Group

Contact Marsha Riely at [marshariely@mac.com](mailto:marshariely@mac.com) or Marlys Varga at [marlysvarga@hotmail.com](mailto:marlysvarga@hotmail.com).

### GriefShare

Contact Kathleen Owen at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Job Connections:** We provide tools and advice on how to stay motivated and on target. To enroll, contact Mary Horner at [sfa.jcm@gmail.com](mailto:sfa.jcm@gmail.com).

**Men's Ministry:** Breakfast, Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mensministry/> for details.

**Padre Pio Secular Franciscans:** Learn more about living Franciscan spirituality in the secular world. Monthly Gatherings the 4th Sunday of the month, 1-3 Founders Room.

Contact: Ellen Ferrone - [ellen.ferrone@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.ferrone@gmail.com).

**Peace Pole Prayer:** Join us after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays to pray for peace in the world and our country. Meet in front of Clare Hall for a few minutes of prayer.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Contact Cindy Cardello, 919-846-8825 or Diane Rotunno, 919-844-7153 for details.

**Rosary Ministry:** Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm, St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, Marian Monti, [ianmar94@aol.com](mailto:ianmar94@aol.com).

**50+ Adults Group:** Monthly potluck luncheons throughout the year and monthly game days, September through May in Clare Fellowship Hall. Contact Angela Azzopardi, 919-848-1347.

### Women's Ministry:

- Tue Evenings with Anna Fowler – [annafowler@nc.rr.com](mailto:annafowler@nc.rr.com)
- Friday Morning with Celesta Carlson – [ccarlson210@gmail.com](mailto:ccarlson210@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### To all our volunteers:

Here are a few ways you could help members of our parish:

### Caring Connections Ministry

If you'd like to get to know more members of our community, consider joining our Caring Connections Ministry. Sign up to make check in calls to parishioners, send birthday cards or deliver meals. Also, if you would like to receive care, just let us know how to help. To sign up, please visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### FaceTime and Zoom

If you'd like to learn how to use FaceTime or Zoom or be connected to watch our daily and Sunday programs, or if you'd like to teach someone over the phone, please visit our <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Cards and Artwork

If you'd like to send or receive cards to/from fellow parishioners and establish a connection with other folks who are sheltering in place, or if you have kids who would love to send their artwork to brighten someone's day or if you'd like to receive some artwork, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Make a Meal and Deliver Groceries

If you would like to make a meal or help deliver groceries to those in need, please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Making a Call

The Parish Life staff is calling parishioners to make sure they are safe and aware of several ministry opportunities during the COVID-19 crisis. If you haven't gotten your call, stay tuned. If you need help or want to offer help, check out our link at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

We will match up needs with offers of help. Currently, it seems most folks are handling the daily changes well, but that may change over the coming weeks. Please reach out if you need to talk, need some help or just want to hear a cheerful voice! St. Francis of Assisi is here for our parishioners.

### Thank you!

All of our Parish Life Ministries and the Community Center would like to thank you for serving the St. Francis Community. At this time all other volunteer opportunities are suspended until it is safe for us to come together again. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates. Stay well.

### Offer Care / Receive Care

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>





# Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
October 25, 2020

## Jesus Gave and Asks for All

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**J**esus was a radical. This is expressed by the word all in today's Gospel. All your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. What does that command leave out? That's right, nothing! Jesus gave it all, and he asks for it all. That is radical.

Jesus is the first one to give us the example of this total and self-giving surrender to God the Father. When prayer was more important than sleep, he prayed. When he had to go without food, like in the desert, he did. When he knew that God wanted him to stay in town, he did. And when it was time to move on, he did as well. When he knew God wanted him to preach a word of compassion or condemnation, he did, regardless of whether the person was a

beggar, Peter, Pilate, or Herod. He gave all his heart, mind, and soul to God.

And what about loving his neighbor as himself? He loved not only his perfect, immaculate Mother, but he also loved his imperfect fellow human beings: his apostles, disciples, and fellow Jews whose faith and understanding were slow. He loved Judas and chased down discouraged apostles heading to Emmaus. He loved his enemies just as much. Tax collectors, publicans, Roman soldiers, Samaritans all received words and acts of love. The poor also had a special place in his heart, as was evident by his many miracles of soul and body for them.

His love even went beyond those people he encountered in his life and reached everyone for all times. He established the sacraments and his Church to accompany on their earthly pilgrimage all those who would follow him throughout history. He descended into hell to save those who had gone before him and opened heaven.

In short, he gave it all! And so, he can ask the same from us as well. +

*Jesus is the first one to give us the example of total and self-giving surrender to God the Father.*

### Sunday Readings

#### Exodus 22:20-26

You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord.

#### Matthew 22:34-40

[Jesus said,] "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

### A Word from Pope Francis

All of us, living and dead, are in communion, that is, as a union; united in the community of those who have received baptism, and of those who are nourished by the Body of Christ...

We are all the same family, united. For this reason, we pray for each other.

—General audience, November 30, 2016



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is Jesus asking as you strive to give him your all?
- Joy comes from giving our all. Do you experience that joy?



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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Don't distance from your spouse! Learn how to bring your marriage to a new level. Renew, rekindle and strengthen your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Nov. 6-8, 2020, in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144. Follow our Facebook page North Carolina WWME!

# Translating the Gospel Message for All

By Johan van Parys

**M**y nieces and nephews are great kids—intelligent and kind—and I'm proud to be their uncle. Still, I regret their lack of participation in the life of the Church. From what other parishioners tell me, this is happening all around, not just in my family. Why are we losing so many young people? Why doesn't the gospel message get through to them?

This issue of the best way to communicate the gospel can be traced back to the apostles. Think about our Church's beginning—the time of Pentecost. Outside the Upper Room, I imagine great festivity as people from many regions and nations gathered in Jerusalem. Inside the Upper Room, the apostles were hiding, burdened with fear and uncertainty. Then suddenly everything changed. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostles overcame their fear and burst into the street. The sight of the apostles, on fire with the Spirit as they spoke about God's marvelous deeds, must have quieted the crowd. Miraculously, everyone was able to understand them despite ethnic differences and linguistic barriers.

From Jerusalem, the apostles spread throughout the world proclaiming the Good News to every nation known to humankind. They succeeded because they presented the Gospel truth in different languages through various channels.

Successful missionary activity has always relied on the translation of the



one and true message into the vernacular and familiar idioms of the people receiving the message. The failures of the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century mission attempts in China were attributed to the Church's refusal to allow a Chinese Catholic rite that would have included "baptismal" pre-Christian theological language and accommodated ancestor worship, which was very dear to them. On the flip side, the success of the Church's mission in Central Africa has been ascribed to the introduction of a Congolese rite that considers the ethos of Central Africa and allows typical African modes of celebration.

As we preach the gospel in our current, ever-changing reality, we can do one of two things: turn inward and hide in a romanticized understanding of our perceived glorious past or find new ways

to preach the gospel. The first option might prove disastrous as the Church continues to crumble. The second, though not easy, offers hope—and the promise of a Church ever new and true.

During the next twelve months let us listen carefully to the spiritual needs of our people, learn to understand and speak their languages, and use their idioms wisely to spread the Good News. Let us pray for the knowledge and courage to do what needs to be done.

Finally, let us pray for the safe return of loved ones whose journeys have led them away from our Church. +

***Successful missionary activity relies on the translation of the one and true message into the vernacular and familiar idioms of the people receiving the message.***



***Lord, I am grateful your commandments to love are simple and to the point. Keep my focus on loving you. Stretch my heart to love my neighbor, too.***

*From Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 26–31

**Monday, Weekday:**

Eph 4:32–5:8 / Lk 13:10–17

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Eph 5:21–33 / Lk 13:18–21

**Wednesday, Sts. Simon and Jude:**

Eph 2:19–22 / Lk 6:12–16

**Thursday, Weekday:**

Eph 6:10–20 / Lk 13:31–35

**Friday, Weekday:**

Phil 1:1–11 / Lk 14:1–6

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Phil 1:18b–26 / Lk 14:1, 7–11

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**Respect Life:  
St. Francis Advocating for  
the Life and Dignity  
of People in Wake County**

construction of affordable housing on county owned land. ONE Wake also got a public commitment from NC Attorney General Josh Stein to address predatory lending practices impacting over 200 families who live at a Cary mobile home park and to penalize landlords who illegally evict tenants during the CDC eviction moratorium.

What are the next steps? ONE Wake will continue to hold these decision makers accountable to their public commitments. In addition, ONE Wake members announced a listening campaign to engage 1,000 stakeholders on the state of education in Wake County and work with County Schools Superintendent and School Board in public conversations about the best way to address the needs that will be identified. Finally, ONE Wake members were called to action to launch the final phase of our relational voter turnout campaign to contact 20,000 potential voters. Each of the 3,000+ participants were urged to call five family members and friends to ensure that they have a plan to vote.

Again, this is an exciting and important way that St. Francis is working with others to protect, care, and work for justice for our vulnerable brothers and sisters whose dignity is being threatened in many ways. For more information about ONE Wake, contact Trevor Thompson in the Office of Justice and Peace, [trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Cupcake, Pumpkins, and Jesus

forgive others in the same way that Jesus forgives us when we make mistakes.

Not only did this whole episode bring a huge smile to my face, but it helped me reflect on all that the children were able to discover in the process.

All teachers, but especially those who work with very young children, are adept at seizing an opportunity and running with it, particularly if it is a naturally occurring consequence in the day. We know that preschoolers learn best through play and hands-on experiences. They need to be allowed to investigate and interact in their everyday environment. In doing so, they are provided with relatable opportunities from which they will draw as they continue to learn and grow. It's also important to recognize the value in learning that is initiated by children themselves.

While there is, of course, value in teacher-directed activities, offering a balance of activities that children generate is just as critical to development. Our teachers know how to seize those moments when children's interest is peaked and encourage further exploration. At preschool, we do have planned lessons and structured

activities based on a curriculum, but we also try very hard not to become too bogged down in our plans so that we miss chances in which the child is able to take the lead in learning.

By capitalizing on these unplanned moments of our children's day, we also allow the opportunity for God's presence to be further discovered in everything around us. In this instance, not only were the children reminded of care for creation, particularly since we just celebrated the feast of St. Francis, but the teachers were able to expand the lesson to include a message about forgiveness.

While it is important to accept forgiveness, it is also critical to know how to offer an apology. It's amazing to see how one opportunity could be turned into teaching so many different lessons!

I thank God every day for moments like these and for the amazing teachers who bring them to life in a multitude of beautiful ways!

To learn more about the wonderful opportunities that we provide, please visit our website at: [preschoolatstfrancis.com](http://preschoolatstfrancis.com) or contact Shelley Freeman at [shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**GriefShare** – Surviving the Holidays Sunday, November 15, from 2-4 via Zoom For information, please contact Kathleen Owen at (919) 847-8205 x 241 or Kathleen.Owen@stfrancisraleigh.org

**DivorceCare** – Surviving the Holidays Sunday November 15, from 2-4 via Zoom For information, please contact Kathleen Owen at (919) 847-8205 x 241 or Kathleen.Owen@stfrancisraleigh.org

**Cancer Companions** – Celebrating Christmas in Your Cancer Journey, 12/6, from 2-4. For additional information, please contact Kathleen Owen at (919) 847-8205 x 241 or Kathleen.Owen@stfrancisraleigh.org

# Employment Opportunities



## **Teacher, Spanish Grades 5 & 6, Full-time**

The primary role of the teacher will be to instruct fifth and sixth grade students in all grade-appropriate aspects of the Spanish language, to design a creative learning environment, and to incorporate technology to engage and challenge the students. The candidate will demonstrate the ability to use innovation and vision to implement the goals and requirements of the Diocesan Language curriculum in lesson plans to prepare the students for their continuing education.

Candidates must have Bachelor's degree. Preferred candidates will have a NC teaching licensure or be able to obtain licensure, and have prior experience teaching Spanish with a record of excellence.

If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter, that includes your educational philosophy, and resume with three references to: [tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## **Facility Maintenance Technician – Full Time**

We have an immediate opening on our campus for a facility maintenance technician. This position is responsible for ensuring all areas of the campus are in good repair, maintaining a safe environment, and professional appearance of all campus buildings. This position supports the ministries of the parish to better serve our community by:

- Performing needed maintenance and repairs on all parish buildings, facilities and grounds, including painting, assisting in snow and ice removal, and minor janitorial projects, as needed
- Performing emergency maintenance to include pest control, plumbing repair, minor electrical repairs, and troubleshooting mechanical equipment
- Assisting in setting up and breakdown for events and parish activities
- Responding to fire, security and panic alarms
- Conducting periodic inspections on emergency equipment including fire alarms, emergency lights, AED's, First Aid Kits, generators, etc.

The maintenance technician may work varying shifts, as needed. As scheduled or needed, the technician must be able to respond to campus emergencies including alarms and urgent maintenance matters while off-duty within an reasonable timeframe.

A 2-Year degree in facility management or a construction trade, or a minimum of 3 years experience in the aforementioned fields or in a general maintenance environment.

Interest and qualified candidates should send a cover letter with resume or DOR application to [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## **Librarian/Media Specialist – Full Time**

The Franciscan School is part of the Education Ministry of the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, North Carolina. The school, established in 2000, is rooted in the Franciscan tradition and provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Roman Catholic faith.

The Franciscan School is seeking an innovative and qualified Librarian/Media Specialist to join our faculty. This position is responsible for working collaboratively with school administration and staff to develop a library program that supports the curriculum; provides instructional leadership for the teaching of literacy skills; develops and maintains an array of media center resources, both print and non-print; and manages the media center as a flexible, multitask learning environment. The library media specialist will process materials for circulation, as well as assist students and staff with library materials and audiovisual or computer equipment, as necessary.

The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to use innovation and vision to implement the goals and requirements of the Diocesan Information Technology curriculum, in partnership with our technology teacher and the classroom teachers, to prepare the students for their continuing academic success.

Minimum Requirements for the position:

- Current NCDPI Media Coordinator license or be able to obtain licensure
- Master's degree in library science with specialized courses in school library-related topics
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Successful completion of Diocesan background check

Preferred candidates will be technologically proficient in MS Office, Google Suite of tools, school administrative software and web-based communication tools, have prior teaching experience and a record of excellence.

If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter, that includes your educational philosophy, and resume to:

[tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org) by October 26, 2020



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### Welcome

New Parishioner Registration  
Becoming Catholic  
Get Involved!

### Priests and Deacon

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## Get Care!

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GriefShare Kathleen Owen 847-8205x241

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Director of Parish Life

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EMs to the Magnolia Glen  
EMs to the Meadows  
EMs to Rex Hospital  
EMs to Springmoor  
Prayer Line Ministers  
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Rosary Ministry

### Ministries of Support & Care

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers  
Caring Casseroles Cooks  
Feed the Need Cooks  
Job Connections Mentors  
Medical Facility Visitors  
Transportation to Mass Drivers  
Weekday Volunteer Receptionists

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Men's Ministry

Young Adults  
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Assisi Café Ashley Watson 847-8205x444  
Parish Events (FrancisFest) Ashley Watson 847-8205x444  
Summer Camps (Camp Francis) Ashley Watson 847-8205x444

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Confirmation Sponsors Thomas Bulick 847-8205x239  
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Family & Marriage Enrichment Team Tim Hetzel 847-8205x244  
Middle School Formation Group Thomas Bulick 847-8205x239  
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