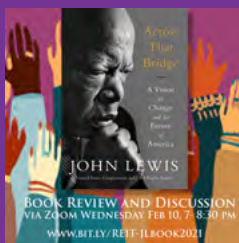


January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Daily Mass 10am

Daily Mass is held  
Mon., Tues., Thur., and Fri.  
in the church.

Wednesdays are reserved  
for TFS and Preschool Mass.

All pandemic protocols are followed.  
No signups are required.

## 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.

## Weekend Masses

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



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

11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613 919-847-8205 [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org)



We celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6. We are blessed to have two schools on our campus, The Franciscan School (K-8) and the St. Francis Pre-School (2-5 year olds). Both are outstanding schools with great leadership and excellent faculty and staff. A Catholic School education is a big financial investment but so worth it. Our students receive an excellent intellectual formation and learn Catholic values that will last a lifetime, just to name two reasons to consider it. The commitment of our parents is incredible, among the most impressive I have experienced in my 40 years of priesthood. There will be several events within the schools this week. Notably, the fourth grade will lead our weekly School Mass on Wednesday at 10:00am. Please consider joining us virtually at 10:00am via our parish website for this week's Mass, indeed every week at 10:00am on Wednesday when the various grades of the school celebrate the Mass that is then relayed out to the other classes at The Franciscan School in keeping with our COVID-19 protocols.

Fr. Jairo has experienced a disruption to his visa change process. The U.S. Embassy in Bogotá canceled his appointment for January 30 without notifying him, stating, when he contacted them, that the Embassy was closed due to COVID-19. When he left the United States on January 21, the current visa in his passport expired as he was previously approved for a different one that required him to return to Colombia for processing. Senator Tillis' office has made an intervention to the Embassy requesting an emergency appointment be granted to him and we now await the response of the Embassy. Please keep this in your prayers as the Embassy indicated to Fr. Jairo earlier last week that his next window for a regular appointment would be "sometime in April."

We are in the final weeks before our new membership platform, Realm, will go live to all our parishioners. Realm is a church ministry internet tool which connects our entire church as one network. Among its benefits, you may view your giving history (which others cannot see), update your contact information, see any ministries (called Groups) that you are currently in, as well as the names of other members of the Group(s). I encourage you to activate your Realm account when you receive your invitation from us in the near future.

*Msgr. Clay*

THROUGH BAPTISM MAY  
THEY WALK ALWAYS AS  
CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT:

**Emilia Robison Campbell**  
Daughter of Ian and Amanda  
Campbell

**Noah Douglas Campbell**  
Son of Ian and Amanda Campbell

**Brady John O'Neill**  
Son of Zac and Marissa O'Neill

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE  
AND PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON THEM:

+ **Joseph Vietri**  
Husband of Judy Vietri and  
Father of Gina Williams

+ **Salvatore Quattrocchi**  
Husband of Kathleen Quattrocchi

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:**  
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## January Envelope Schedule

January 31, 2021 Weekly



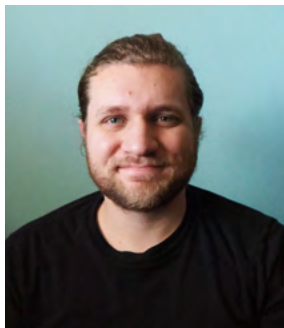
## Know Believe and Live

**To Know:** *A lifelong journey of growth in our knowledge of the Christian faith.*

**To Believe:** *A lifelong journey of growth in our assent and acceptance of what we teach at the level of faith.*

**To Live:** *A lifelong journey of understanding how we make this a part of our life.*

Over the next several weeks we will be recording the 10 modules of Monsignor Clay's **Know Believe and Live** presentation. On Ash Wednesday, a 50-minute overview video will be available for parishioners to virtually watch at home or in their existing ministry groups. Parishioners from our community who have already experienced the 50-minute short video will be sharing their response to this short video and how it resonated with their life. This week we heard from Thomas Bulick, a young adult in our community and a staff member on the Faith Formation team.



Thomas Bulick

We hope that as you listen to this witness from Thomas and the two other members from our community the weekend of February 6/7 and February 13/14 and that you will be inspired to watch/experience the 50-minute overview video and ultimately participate in the entire **Know Believe and Live** series later this year.

**<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/know-believe-live/>**



### Cardinal Gibbons Affiliation Form 2021-2022

Every year, our schools including Cardinal Gibbons go through a Stewardship Affiliation process. Here is how the process works for Cardinal Gibbons. Please make sure to follow this process to register or to re-register students.

Remember! This process happens EVERY year. It is important that you complete this process correctly to receive the stewardship rate for Gibbons High School. As a part of the application process, each student must have a completed Cardinal Gibbons Affiliation form. Cardinal Gibbons provides these forms on their website. These forms must be completed as a part of the registration process. Once you have filled out the information on the Cardinal Gibbons Affiliation form, please send a copy of this completed form to Toni Hammes in the St. Francis of Assisi stewardship office: [toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org). Once Toni has confirmed receipt of the affiliation form with Gibbons, then you will receive an approval email from Deb Royals Mizerk regarding confirmation of your stewardship rate.

Any questions regarding the process should be directed to Toni Hammes at [toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org).





## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, Principal TFS

# Happy Catholic School's Week!



Each year, and even in this pandemic year, we find the time and opportunity to recognize all that Catholic schools offer to students and families. This year's theme for national Catholic Schools Week is "Faith. Excellence. Service.", which fits naturally with our own TFS theme of Faith, Academics, and Service. This is a week where we have the chance to discuss how dedicated our Catholic school teachers and staff are in assuring a great academic experience for our students! A week where we all perform the service that lets Catholic schools stand apart in support of those in need! Moreover, a recognition that all of this is viewed through the lens of our Catholic faith, which teaches us to not only better ourselves to develop our God-given gifts but to use service to allow others to do the same.

The daily themes of the week celebrate the parish, the community, the students, the nation, vocations, and Catholic school faculty, staff and volunteers; all integral parts of all successful Catholic Schools, including the ones we have here at St. Francis of Assisi parish. Without the expertise, excellence, and professionalism of our faculty and staff, we would not be able to have such an academically excellent school. Without the families and students who support us, and who appreciate and value the Catholic school experience, we would not have the overall sense of purpose that drives us to excellence. Without the support of the Parish, the vocations of our clergy,



and our supportive school communities, we would not have the grounding in our Faith that allows us to have a guiding purpose through which all aspects of our school's activities function; it is the reason we are here. Finally, without the ability to live in a nation that knows the value of faith and education, and recognizes the freedom of students to have a faith-based education, we would not be able to provide the faith, academics and service that we do here at TFS.

Please keep the schools at St. Francis parish, The Franciscan School and St. Francis of Assisi Preschool, in your prayers during Catholic Schools Week as we embrace our purpose for being and recognize all that an excellent Catholic education provides. Even in this most difficult of years, we are proud of all that we

offer to our community, to our families, and, most importantly, to those students who are able to take advantage of the opportunity provided at St. Francis for an exceptional Catholic education.

Our admissions process for the 2021-22 school year at The Franciscan School has started! We would love to tell you more about all that a Catholic education can provide for your student. Join us for one of our upcoming virtual information sessions to learn more on how we can support your family's goals for your child through the love and support provided by our TFS family. More information can be found on our website at [www.franciscanschool.org](http://www.franciscanschool.org) or contact Principal Mike Watson at [michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis of Assisi Preschool



## Faith. Excellence. Service.

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week (CSW)! The words above, I think, speak well to what we try to follow in all that we say and do with our littlest students!

Throughout this coming week, we will be working particularly hard to participate in activities which emphasize the spirit of these words. Since CSW is celebrated nationally every year, you can imagine the excitement that is generated about this week! It is a chance for us to celebrate the amazing experience we offer our children while recognizing the richness of our Catholic tradition.

Part of that tradition, as I have written about in previous articles, focuses on carrying out good deeds and serving others in multiple ways. Like The Franciscan School, we also have some special opportunities planned during CSW that will put our faith into action. Due to COVID protocols, we have had to change some of our plans, but this has also then left us open to new experiences. One such one is partnering with the *Wake Up & Read* program which works to make sure that every child has the chance to explore a good book. Early childhood

educators will be some of the first to tell you about the importance of reading to a child. Starting this early helps to ensure their successful development in so many ways. You can imagine that at preschool, we have books all around us. Most of us are lucky enough to be surrounded by our favorites at home too. To participate in the *Wake Up & Read* program, we are encouraging our families to go through their gently used books and have their children choose and donate one that they think another child might like. They might also go to the bookstore and pick out one of their favorite books to buy for another child. In these ways, they are not only having a chance to give another child a gift, but also to have it be meaningful in a way that's realistic for them. We will also be using our children's creative imaginations to make and decorate cards for one of our parish ministries. It is the hope that the children's art inspires smiles for many people who especially might need an extra one during these difficult times.

Throughout the week, we will also recognize our oneness with all of God's people by having various themed days.

Some will include a spirit day recognizing our preschool family, a day celebrating our nation, and a day honoring vocations and our priests. Although safety protocols prevent our 4 and 5 year olds from attending the school mass this Wednesday with a TFS class, we will have a sign, decorated in some way by all of the preschool students, which will be in the church. Even though it is a small way, it still gives us an opportunity to remind the children that we are all part of God's family; we can show our love for God in multiple different ways, even when we can't physically be in church.

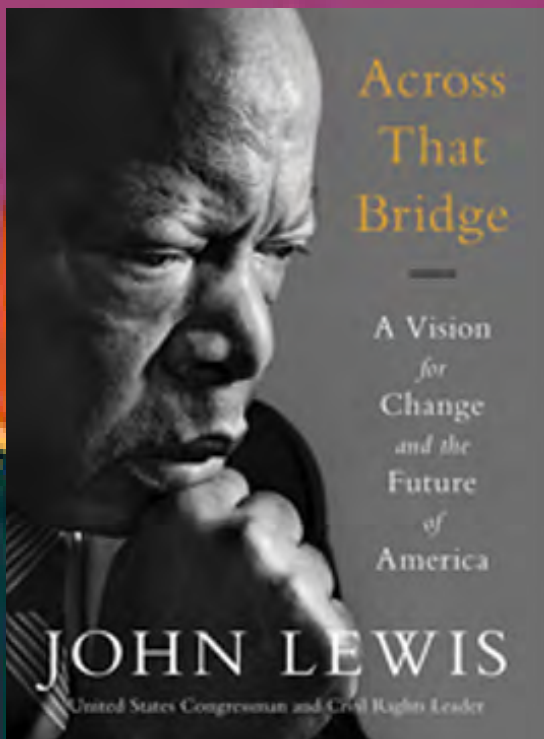
As we celebrate our Catholic identity in our schools this week, let us give thanks to our Lord for all of the opportunities that He gives us. Let us give Him praise for all of our students, their teachers, and everyone who enables us to minister to our children through their education!

Registration for the 21-22 school year is NOW underway! To learn how to join our amazing preschool, please visit our website at: [preschoolatstfrancis.com](http://preschoolatstfrancis.com) or contact Shelley Freeman at: [shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org).



JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

# Black History Month



## Event 1

### Book Review and Discussion

via Zoom Wednesday Feb 10, 7- 8:30 pm

In *Across That Bridge A Vision for Change and the Future of America*, Congressman John Lewis draws from his experience as a prominent leader of the Civil Rights Movement to offer timeless wisdom, poignant recollections, and powerful principles for anyone interested in challenging injustices and inspiring real change toward a freer, more peaceful society. Lewis explores the contributions that each generation must make to achieve change.

Please read the book and join our Book Discussion via Zoom Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 – 8:30 pm to explore where the book led you and how God might be calling you to work towards dismantling the sin of racism. Sign up here and a Zoom link will be sent to you:

[www.bit.ly/REIT-JLbook2021](http://www.bit.ly/REIT-JLbook2021)



## Event 2

### Danielle Brown US Bishops Office “Racism, Church Teaching and this Cultural Moment”

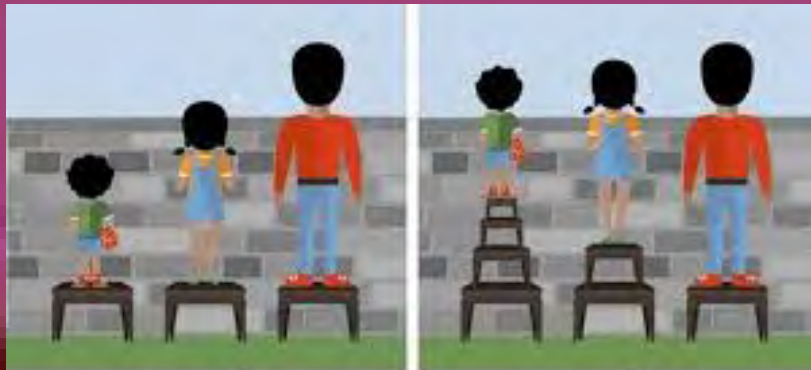
via Zoom – Tuesday Feb 23, 7- 8:30 pm

Racism is a life issue! So say our Bishops in their 2018 pastoral letter against racism: *Open Wide Our Hearts* the enduring call to love. Explore this courageous look at the horror that is racism at [www.usccb.org/racism](http://www.usccb.org/racism).

Come with your reservations, questions and hopes as Ms. Danielle Brown, the associate director of the US Conference of Catholic Bishop's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, engages with us around this powerful pastoral letter, our Scriptural and church foundations, our call to work to change hearts, policies and structures and act on behalf of our brothers and sisters of color toward an end to racism. Join us on Tuesday Feb 23, 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Sign up here to RSVP and a Zoom link will be sent to you: [www.bit.ly/BHM-USCCBspeaker2021](http://www.bit.ly/BHM-USCCBspeaker2021).

“It is love that compels us to resist racism courageously. It requires us to reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist.” (OWOH p. 15)

# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES



Equality

Equity

## Event 3 Course Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege

Begins the week of April 12.

**Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege** is an eight week course that will be offered via Zoom on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings beginning April 12/13. Rooted in faith, prayer and Scripture it awakens groups to the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms, and hidden biases that empower some and oppress others. It introduces a framework for understanding and recognizing racial disparities in power and privilege and helps participants explore how faith should inform their response to learning, as well as discern action steps for working toward racial equity in their own communities.

Faith and Racial Equity is not for the faint of heart. It is designed for participants who are willing to wrestle with hard questions and take an honest look at their own attitudes, assumptions, and choices. However, through spiritual grounding and community-building, participants find support and belonging throughout their journey to personal transformation and social action.

Sign up here if are interested or would like to learn more: [www.bit.ly/SFA-FRE2021](http://www.bit.ly/SFA-FRE2021)



## Event 4 Demonstration Creedmore Rd.

Tuesday Feb 16, 4 – 5:30 pm

Come stand in solidarity and be a prophetic witness for our brothers and sisters of color on Tuesday Feb 16th 4:00 – 5:30 pm. We will meet at Benson United Methodist Church 4706 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh, NC 27612. Sign up here and more information will be sent to you: [www.bit.ly/BHM-demonstration2021](http://www.bit.ly/BHM-demonstration2021). We will begin in prayer, wear masks and safely social distance outside.

Scripture and the principle of solidarity within Catholic Social Teaching tells us that we are one human family, despite our racial differences, united to one another through Christ. And that solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the good of all people.

## PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

### Listening Might Make It So

Kathleen Owen, Director of Parish Life



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

One of the phrases I heard as a child was 'wishing won't make it so.' It covered everything from getting chores done to getting a good grade on a hard test. And since wishing wouldn't make it so, you were expected to work hard to achieve whatever goal you set for yourself.

Life has a way of throwing us curves that no amount of hard work can fix -that degree that was going to assure a great job – the job that was going to lead to great things – the relationship that would never fade – the strong body that was going to last forever. We all have some unexpected situations we have to deal with – and wishing we didn't have these situations won't make them better, but listening might.

What do I mean by that? When someone is going through a hard time, they need the space and the freedom to process. They need to process what they are feeling, what they will have to give up, what they will have to accept, and what they have to do to move forward. So in this processing phase, you may have to tell the same story several times before you can really grasp what happened. You may have to relive the same emotions several times before you can accept a painful experience. You may need to say it until you realize that it is 'so.'

That's how Stephen Ministers help . They are trained in active listening – that means they listen not just with their ears, but with their eyes and with their hearts. They listen. And the Stephen Minister shares back with the person what was heard, including the unspoken things – the pain, the fear, the hope-that hasn't been named. They ask probing questions to help underlying emotions surface so they can be resolved. And most of all – they keep coming back. One hour each week as long as the care receiver is benefiting from the relationship. Some relationships last a few months and some have lasted a few years.

Stephen Ministry is totally confidential. It's free. And it's available for anyone who wants to feel better about the situation they are in. If you're interested in finding out more about this ministry, give me a call. I'm listening!

Kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org 919-847-8205x241

### **Caring Casseroles & Feed the Need:**

Caring Casseroles & Feed the Need is back! 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.

### **Divorce Care**

Join us in February for our next session via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2nd to May 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Fee is \$20.00 per book. Registration link coming soon. We do ask that everyone (new and past participants) register for this event. Each week is different, so you can join anytime. All are welcome! For more information, and to register, please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/divorce-care/>

### **Catholic Parish Outreach**

Pick up a bag at Mass the weekend of Feb. 6/7th, in Cupertino during the week Mon-Fri 8am-4pm or use your own bag and get the list of items needed from our website. The CPO Truck will be on site the weekends of Feb 13/14 and Feb 20/21 to collect your filled grocery bags. Saturday hours are 3-6pm & Sunday hours are 9am-1pm & 3-6pm. For more information about: how to pick up a bag, for a list of needed items and drop off options please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/catholic-parish-outreach/>





Lent starts February 17. Greener Lent is a beautiful way to expand your traditional days of abstinence and fasting during this holy season by giving up consumption of meat and becoming more aware of our eating habits as they relate to our care of the planet and the poor. There are many parishes in the Diocese of Raleigh participating in this Lent program as we seek to live out our call to care for God's creation, our "common home," as Pope Francis says. To find more info online about Greener Lent and to sign-up to participate during Lent, go directly to [www.greenerlent.org](http://www.greenerlent.org). You can also contact our St. Francis Creation Care Ministry at [stfccreation@gmail.com](mailto:stfccreation@gmail.com).



### Migrant Ministry Drive

- Men's: long sleeve shirts, t-shirts, light-weight long pants, underwear, socks, work boots
- Toiletries: shampoo, soap, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream
- Caps, sunscreen, bandanas
- Household items: towels, washcloths, laundry detergent.
- For Drop off Information and more details on how to donate visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/migrant-ministry-2/>



The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh is titled: One Family In Christ, Who Prays, Serves, and Shares in Eastern North Carolina. Everyone should have received or will be receiving information from the Diocese of Raleigh with the ways in which you can support this year's campaign. Over the next couple of weeks we will be reminding everyone about the good work of Bishop's Annual Appeal, how it helps so many and the ways in which you can contribute both financially and most importantly through prayer. A great example of how the BAA benefits our family here at St. Francis is exemplified in the very presence of Father Jairo. He is here as a result of the generous support of the BAA and we humbly invite you to continue your support of this important campaign. The weekend of February 13/14 we will be sharing an original video during mass that was created for this year's BAA. The video will feature Father Jairo and the ways in which his journey to us was aided by the generous support of the BAA. The Bishop's Annual Appeal in the Diocese of Raleigh truly does the work of Christ. This is the one time of the year that we are called to step out of our parishes and serve the Universal Church across the Eastern half of North Carolina. The BAA provides critical funding for a wide range of ministries, including Seminarians and Vocations, Communications, Marriage and Family, Catholic Charities, Catholic Education and many more.



Before the holidays, each family received a letter from Monsignor Clay requesting your support in 2021 through your time, talent, and/or treasure. Partnered with that letter was the 2021 \*Stewardship Commitment Form. If you have not had the opportunity to discuss and pray about how Christ calls us to be disciples, please take a moment to do so now. It is so important to fill out the form and return it to the parish as soon as possible. As Monsignor Clay's letter articulates: "this is not a binding contract but a good faith pledge to do your best to support the parish in the way(s) that is/are possible for each member of your household." The \*Stewardship Commitment Form provides a way to think about and then share how you will be a passionate steward here at St. Francis. If you prefer to complete the Stewardship Commitment Form online, you can do that now by clicking [here](#). Thank you for supporting our parish home. On a personal note, I pray every day for our entire St. Francis family and I am so very grateful for your belief in Stewardship as a Way To Life. I hope that the new year brings much needed healing and peace to every member of this big beautiful St. Francis family.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me. [Deb.Royals-Mizerk@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Deb.Royals-Mizerk@stfrancisraleigh.org) or by calling (919) 847-8205x222.

*\*The parish Stewardship Commitment form is not the form to use for the Franciscan School or the St. Francis of Assisi Preschool stewardship rate application process. That is a separate form and can be found on the school website.*

**Clothing Children with Dignity and Love**



Volunteers needed to sort  
You will be trained,  
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**WE NEED YOUR HELP, Safely**



Your help is needed to provide breakfast to guests  
of Oak City Cares - a multi-services center dedicated to ending and  
preventing homelessness in downtown Raleigh.

Sign up links with dates  
[www.bit.ly/breakfastatOCCfebruary13-2021](http://www.bit.ly/breakfastatOCCfebruary13-2021)  
[www.bit.ly/breakfastatOCCfebruary28-2021](http://www.bit.ly/breakfastatOCCfebruary28-2021)  
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**RCIA**  
Continuing your faith journey in our community  
Contact [Jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org)



You don't have to go through  
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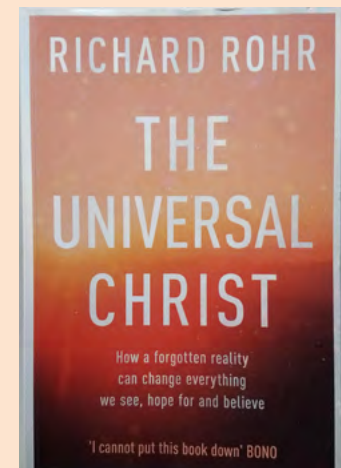



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**



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.



Beginning on Wed Feb 27 from  
1 to 2:30pm and continuing for  
every 2nd and 4th Wed of the  
month, we will be gathering via  
Zoom to discuss Franciscan  
Father Richard Rohr's book, The  
Universal Christ: How a Forgotten  
Reality Can Change Everything  
We See, Hope For, and Believe.  
We will read and share insights  
from a chapter or two of the book  
at each meeting. If you are inter-  
ested in joining or have questions,  
contact Tracy Hurley at (828)  
773-3152/ [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com)  
or Deacon Steve at (732)  
213-0104 / [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com). Also if you can't  
make the day session but would  
be interested in a evening session  
let us know.

### **LGBT Ministry Lenten Small Christian Community**

We will meet each Friday (February 19 – March 26) from  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Zoom for prayer and reflection on the  
Sunday Scripture readings from an LGBTQ faith perspective  
and fellowship. All are welcome - LGBTQ+ individuals, family,  
friends, and allies. Contact Chris O'Neill at [coneill95@gmail.com](mailto:coneill95@gmail.com)  
for more details and the Zoom link.

### **SCAM ALERT**

Scammers are at it again sending  
malicious emails to parishioners. You  
will NEVER get a solicitation email  
from our pastor or bishop asking for  
"a favor", or for emergency help in  
the form of money. Please do not  
open or click on them. Simply trash  
them. They could cause havoc on  
your computer and your pocket book.



## 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).

**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 – Our next session will begin meeting virtually via zoom from February 2 to May 11 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. For more information contact Bill Morgan at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com) or visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>.

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**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:

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### To all our volunteers:

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

### 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/>

### 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.





# Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
January 31, 2021

## Progress Isn't Always Easy

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus' miracles and preaching were part of what convinced people that he was the Son of God. He spoke like no other and then backed up his words with amazing and wonderful actions. For example, he confronted evil spirits and cast them out. The people were amazed and saw this as evidence of his divinity, because no one had absolute power over evil—except God himself. This is a power the Church continues to practice today through the ministry of healing and exorcism.

Jesus did not want to see people suffer under the power of Satan but rather wanted them to live full and happy

lives. "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly," Jesus said in John 10:10. This strong desire of Jesus to heal and save drove him to tirelessly preach and do good. And because of this combination of goodness and power in his person, his fame spread. Yet the message he preached was challenging and demanding. Eventually many preferred to silence that good, powerful, but demanding voice.

Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity's complete health and happiness. Yet, at times, the path to that human progress is not the easiest. Like temperamental children are chided by loving parents to eat healthy food rather than just what they like, so the good and powerful voice and actions of the Church are challenged.

We find our full flourishing as human beings and as Catholics by embracing Jesus' words and desires for us. +

### Sunday Readings

#### Deuteronomy 18:15–20

If a prophet presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:32–35

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

#### Mark 1:21–28

Jesus...said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"...He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.

*Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity's complete health and happiness.*

### A Word from Pope Francis

We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross.... Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.

—Address to International Union of Superiors General, May 8, 2013



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

#### ONE2LION2 REFLECTION

- Have I ever been tricked into eating spiritually unhealthy "moral junk food"?
- Have I thanked God for times of health and happiness?



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# Beautiful Diversity

By Kathleen M. Basi

*"...Grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ" (from Eucharistic Prayer III).*

The term "relativism" gets a lot of attention in Catholic circles these days. The idea of not drawing a distinct line between right and wrong contradicts everything we believe as Christians. It's a dangerous threat.

But equally dangerous is the opposite: fundamentalism. We are often tempted to view every issue, conflict, and situation in black-and-white, defining right and wrong in circumstances where there is more than one right answer.

The beauty of the Catholic faith is its depth, complexity, and nuance. These characteristics make it possible for a richly diverse collection of humanity to unite under one Creed. But unity doesn't necessarily require strict uniformity. All too often, we try to apply fundamentalist principles to things that are not critical to the faith and, in so doing, create division instead of unity within the body of Christ.

Perhaps the clearest example is what is sometimes referred to as the "liturgy wars." Mostly they seem to swirl around music choices. The organ-and-chant crowd insists that guitars and drums are unfit for Catholic worship. Meanwhile, the guitar-and-drum group dismisses centuries of tradition out of hand.



Neither position acknowledges the fact that the diversity of the Church accepts, and indeed needs, both tradition and enculturation.

If you attend Mass in a place where everybody looks basically like you, it's easy to forget that we are a Church whose members span every race, language, and culture on the planet. Within that rich tapestry springs diversity even more beautiful and complex. Each of us is shaped by our nature and by life experiences too numerous to count. We all have our own job to do in God's plan, for which we are uniquely qualified by virtue of who we are, what we've learned, and what we've experienced.

When we consider all this, it should

be obvious that it's neither necessary nor desirable to try to force the entire body of Christ to walk in the exact same footprints. Yes, there are fundamentals that cannot be compromised. Yes, relativism is a threat we cannot afford to underestimate in our Church and, especially, in our hearts. But so is the opposite extreme. If we truly hope to "become one body, one Spirit in Christ," as the third Eucharistic Prayer says, we have to embrace not only what unites us, but also what makes us unique. +

***We must create unity,  
not division within  
the body of Christ.***



***Lord, you created me to live  
in the freedom of your love.  
Give me the courage to share  
your love with all people.***

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

February 1–6

### Monday, Weekday:

Heb 11:32–40 / Mk 5:1–20

### Tuesday, Presentation of the Lord: Mal 3:1–4 /

Heb 2:14–18 / Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32

### Wednesday, Weekday:

Heb 12:4–7, 11–15 / Mk 6:1–6

### Thursday, Weekday:

Heb 12:18–19, 21–24 / Mk 6:7–13

### Friday, St. Agatha:

Heb 13:1–8 / Mk 6:14–29

### Saturday, St. Paul Miki and Companions:

Heb 13:15–17, 20–21 / Mk 6:30–34

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