



### **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.







## In Progress

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

#### **Alexis Craddock**

Daughter of Lee and Jodi Craddock and **Carson Zaharis** 

Son of Matthew and Anita Zaharis

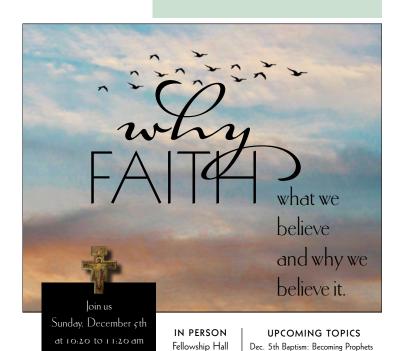
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM:

- +Henrietta Schenkewitz

  Mother of Lisa Schenkewitz
- **+Remy Yap**Sister of Elena Kramer
- **+Marge Mollen**Sister of Sharon Foster
- **+Ivete Wisentainer**Grandmother of Katlhey Winter

## **November Envelope Schedule**

November 21 Weekly
November 21 Human Development
& Human Dignity
November 25 Thanksgiving/Food
for the Poor
November 28 Weekly



starting

Sunday Dec. 5th

Dec. 12th Baptism: Becoming Royalty

for the Third discussion

on Baptism.

Fr. Michael

## Prayer Requests for November 20 to November 28



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 20, 2021 Saturday, 5:30 Bernie & Cathy Andrews Requested by Nick & Nancy Szews 65th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday November 21, 2021 Sunday, 7:15 am +Mary Lee Mallett Requested by Thomas Byrnes

Sunday, 9:00 am + Maureen Vogt Requested by Kimberly Anagnostopoulos

> Sunday, 11:45 am +Patricia Pagnani Requested by Bruno Pagnani

Sunday, 5:30 pm For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Monday November 22, 9am +Anni Kramer Requested by Emma Dempsey

Tuesday November 23, 9am +Yvonne Lala Requested by The Tarrant Family

Wednesday November 24, 9am (ill) George Hock Requested by Julia Snyder

Thursday November 25, 9am + Judy Fiduccia Requested by Jennifer Fiduccia

Friday November 26, 9am No Morning Mass

Saturday, November 27, 2021 Saturday, 5:30pm +Colleen Hufford Requested by Melanie Fraites

Sunday November 28, 2021 Sunday, 7:15 am +Jose Molina Requested by Aracely & Antonio Alcala-Lopez

> Sunday, 9:00 am + Patrick Magee Requested by Kathy Magee

Sunday, 11:45 am +Luat Nguyen, +Peter Xin, & +Joshep Thuan Nguyen Requested by Hoa & Anh Le

> Sunday, 5:30 pm For the Parishioners of St. Francis

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(ill) Daniel Maldonado Requested by Msgr. Clay Heath & Wellness

+ Peter Xin Requested by Anh and Hoa Le Remembrance

(ill) Margo Steinley Requested by Lauren Berry Health & Wellness

+Michael and +Mary Vincitorio Requested by Michael Vincitorio Remembrance

(ill) Clarence Dordulaw Requested by Veneriches Dordulaw Health & Wellness

> +Henrietta Schenkewitz Mother of Lisa Schenkewitz Remembrance

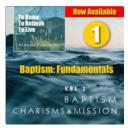
+Remy Yap Sister of Elena Kramer Remembrance

+Marge Mollen Sister of Sharon Foster Remembrance

+Ivete Wisentainer Grandmother of Katlhey Winter Remembrance



# **KBL2 Episodes and Release Dates**



October 4
Baptism:
Fundamentals



October 18
Baptism:
Becoming Priests



November 1
Baptism:
Becoming Prophets



November 15 Baptism: Becoming Royalty



January 10



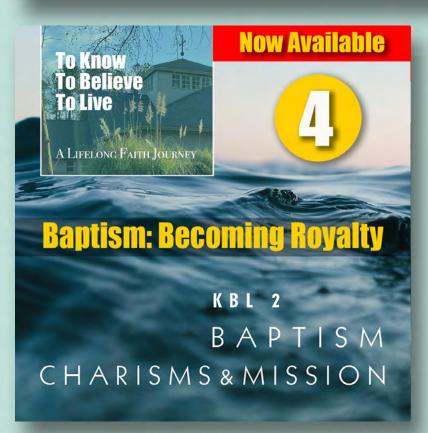
January 24



February 7



February 21



Watching Msgr. Clay's To Know, To Believe, To Live (KBL)series but are not part of a small group?

If you are planning to participate in the Know, Believe, Live series, but are not in a small group, we invite you to join a Realm Group so you can receive updates and communications about the series as they occur.

Please note: you do not have to join the Realm Group to view the series which will be posted twice a month at

https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/know-believe-live/

#### To join the Group:

- 1.) Log in to Realm on the web <a href="https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh">https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh</a> or on the Realm Connect app.
- 2.) Select "Groups" (or "More" and then "Groups" if you're using the App)
- 3.) Select "Find Groups"
- 4.) Select "Formation & Education"
- 5.) Look for the Group "KBL Participants Not in a Small Group"
- 6.) Click the "Request to Join" button and a staff member will add you to the Group!

Please contact <u>Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org</u> with questions about joining the Realm group for non-small group KBL participants.

If you have questions about KBL, please contact Kathy Sales at kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.



#### **Reconciliation Service**

Thursday, December 9th at 7 pm Friday, December 10th at 11 am

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8th at 9 am, 11:45 am, & 7 pm

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm Misa en Español

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

The Season of Christmas Schedule

## Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4 pm Mass in Church (also Live-Streamed)
4 pm Mass in Gym
4 pm Mass in Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm **Misa en Español** in Church
10 pm Mass in Church (also Live-Streamed)

## Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day

9 am and 11:45 am Mass in Church

No Saturday evening Mass

Sunday, December 26th: 7:15 am, 9 am, 11:45 am, 5:30 pm

Daily Masses for December 27 - 31: Wednesday only at 9 am

## Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31st Mass at 5:30 pm Saturday, January 1st Mass at 9 am

## Epiphany No Saturday evening Mass

Sunday, January 2nd: 7:15 am, 9 am, 11:45 am, 5:30 pm

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## **November: A Month of Remembrance**

### The Book of Remembrance

A Book of Remembrance, with the names of loved ones of blessed memory, is displayed throughout the month near the sanctuary. Names may be written directly into the book by parishioners, or will be recorded into the book from the names printed on All Souls Day envelopes. In addition, these envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the month.

## FORMATION MINISTRIES



Discovering Advent: A Family Event Sunday, November 21, 2021 - 10:00 am

Clare Fellowship Hall

Take a stroll through Fellowship Hall to learn how to make Advent more meaningful.

There will be crafts, a service project, and more!

All ages are invited to learn about and prepare for the beginning of Advent.

Come see how your family can grow closer to Christ in this season!

There is no cost for this event, but please RSVP at: bit.ly/3w694bm

## **Website Survey**

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Francis.

Spreading the good news of the Catholic Community of St. Francis and finding ways to get that news out more effectively to various generations who communicate in different ways is one of the most important ministries of our community. With communication methods changing at lightning speed, we need to be current and effective if we are to reach as many as possible and appeal to those trying to reach us. One of those areas is our parish website. We would like to have your impressions of our website as part of our emerging communications plan as a community of faith.

Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey so we may grow in understanding how our website is perceived and used and how it could be improved. Your input is important to us and all responses are anonymous. Thank you for your participation.

Please complete by November 22.

Use this link to complete:

https://forms.office.com/r/SvYEcC2AEa

Blessings, Fr. Michael

## **EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

Mike Watson, Principal TFS

# **Happy Thanksgiving!**







As we get ready for the traditional recognition of, and reflection on, all that we have to be thankful for as Americans, as Catholics, and as part of the faith and academic community of The Franciscan School, I want to share a few of the things for which I am thankful.

I truly appreciate the community of The Franciscan School and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, a community I have been involved in for the past 28 years as a parishioner, school and ministry volunteer, and grateful school faculty member. I was fortunate to be able to work on some of the committees to initially set up The Franciscan School. I experienced the joy of seeing that not only come to fruition, but to see TFS provide an excellent education to my children and provide a fulfilling career to me as well; a career I never could have foreseen back in 1999 while working to fulfill Father Dan's vision for a parish school. As part of the appreciation for The Franciscan School. I would be remiss in not mentioning the amazing faculty and staff we have here at the school. Every day they come in and spend the whole day doing the most important job our school families ask of us, assuring the academic and spiritual success of their children; we do this in

partnership with parents who entrust and support us through personal sacrifice and faith in our mission. We do not take this responsibility lightly, and it is a joy to work with so many dedicated and competent professionals in such an important pursuit! The Franciscan School is a very special place, and continues to be a shining example of how the Education Ministry of St. Francis supports the needs of our parish families. Thanks to all of you, our Parish and TFS families, for making this school the gem it is, and for your enthusiastic support and generous patronage to assure the school's great success!

Finally, I am so thankful for the opportunities we all are able to enjoy because of the freedoms we have here in the United States. We all may have some things about which we may complain or may have concerns in different aspects of our lives, but, compared to much of the world, we live in very comfortable surroundings. That fact allows us, and demands of us as Catholics and Americans, to embrace Christ's appeal to serve others, whether those of less means or dire circumstances in our country or across the world. We proudly recognized those who have guaranteed us all our freedoms through their service and sacrifice earlier this month on Veteran's Day. Out of respect for all they have done to assure we are able to live in freedom, we are called to reach out and serve others; not only because we have been provided the means and opportunity to do so by our veterans, but also because it is an integral part of our Franciscan mission and our Catholic Faith.

All of the faculty, staff and families of The Franciscan School hope you enjoy this time of reflection and friendship, and have safe travels, great food, and make awesome memories to recall year after year. I hope the blessings of the Lord rain down on you and your family, and I wish you all a happy, restful, and joyous Thanksgiving!

As you explore school options for your children's education next year, please consider The Franciscan School. Visit our website for more information, to sign up for a Virtual Information Session here, or schedule a tour. Please contact Principal Mike Watson by email at michael. watson@stfrancisraleigh.org or reach out to our admissions team at Admissions@stfrancisraleigh.org if you have specific questions. The faculty, parents, and students of TFS look forward to welcoming you to The Franciscan School community!

## **EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis Preschool

## **Thank You: Illustrating a Faith Story Beloved**















"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1)

Sometimes, I find myself wishing that the words "thank you" could be said with flashing lights, handfuls of confetti to throw, or with the sound of a marching band attached. There are times when I want to express my gratitude so much, but "thank you" doesn't seem quite 'big' enough to capture all of my appreciation. Have you ever felt so overwhelmed by some act of kindness, gesture, or gift that you could barely contain your thankfulness? This experience happened to me this past week when Bishop Zarama came to bless the 30th anniversary preschool mosaic and when we our Harvest Moon fundraiser concluded. Both events were successful not only because of community participation, but also because of the numerous generous donations we received

As Fr. Jim wrote in the bulletin last week, we now have a beautiful mosaic of St. Francis and Gubbio hanging outside of preschool. While the mosaic was intended to engage our preschoolers by

illustrating a faith story beloved by them, it also, hopefully, serves as a reminder of how we all are called to follow Jesus' footsteps. So many people came together to make the mosaic possible. I am overcome with all of the effort and generosity of so many in our community! Part of my gratitude also comes from the fact that I was able to recognize God's presence throughout the process. I saw His guiding hand when He led me to the interview for our new Spanish instructor after weeks of searching over the summer. During our meeting, we somehow began a random conversation about her husband and how he was an artist who could possibly create a mosaic for us. When Bishop Zarama blessed the mosaic, I saw His presence in the tender words of the prayer and in the artist's recalling of how Francis lived a life in which he tried to bring the goodness of heaven to those he encountered every day. I witnessed God's presence in the joyful dancing and singing during the blessing

when Mr. Jim shared "The Preschool Way", the song that he wrote to celebrate our 30th anniversary and to capture the ways that our students pray throughout their preschool experiences.

Our Harvest Moon fundraiser proceeds will be used to pay for the St. Francis mosaic as well as to establish a tuition assistance fund. I can't adequately say how appreciative I am to the countless people who not only donated goods/ services, but also to the families, members of our church, and all those behind the scenes who made this event such a success! I see God in their extra efforts, in their gifts, and in their kindness!

May we always be mindful and thankful for all that we have. May we never forget to recognize and praise God for all of His gifts that He sends to us in so many ways!

To learn more about the exciting opportunities that we provide, please <u>visit our website</u> or contact Shelley Freeman at: <u>shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org</u>

## **JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES**

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

# **GIVING Thanks**Living Our Call to Mercy and Justice through Philanthropic Giving

St. Francis has a long history of its commitment of "offering hope to those who hunger for human dignity" through ministries of outreach, mission, and adult and youth formation and advocacy events. Less known is that from the early days of the parish, in addition to the many second collections taken at St. Francis to support others in mission, there has also been a commitment to pledge 10% of the annual parish offertory collection to support our outreach efforts. This amounts to around \$300,000 of our offertory designated for the works of mercy, charity, and justice.

A number of years ago, the pastor formed a committee of parishioners to provide greater transparency, accountability, and stewardship of this parish tithe for justice and peace. Besides overall budget review, the main responsibility of this Justice and Peace Tithe Stewardship Committee is to research. discern, and recommend to the pastor organizations and projects that the parish should support financially. In other words, this committee serves like a philanthropic foundation. In this philanthropic capacity, St. Francis uses a majority portion of our \$300,000 as charitable donations to outside organizations that extend our parish mission more broadly. This is a recognition that many other organizations in our community and world proclaim the reign of God through their respective missions, and we are proud to partner with each of them through financial and material donations.

This Tithe Stewardship Committee is chaired by parishioner Bill Laxton, who also serves on the Parish Finance Council. Throughout the fiscal year, the committee members engage a process of on-line research, site visits, and one-on-one conversations with a myriad of

community partners. We are especially looking for organizations that align with our parish mission, Franciscan values, and make significant impacts of empowerment to the dignity of those struggling in our world. The committee also prioritizes the goal of supporting organizations that reflect a wide-variety of social issues important to the Catholic Church.

This past fiscal year (July 1, 2020) through June 30, 2021), nearly \$185,000 were donated to 56 organizations that work in a number of areas: pro-life, refugee resettlement, immigrant support, education scholarships, hunger, poverty, jobs, addiction services, youth empowerment, care of creation and climate change, domestic violence, child abuse, suicide-prevention, literacy, health care, combat veteran support, therapeutic care of those with disabilities, arts and justice, reentry support of formerly incarcerated individuals, criminal justice, racial justice, sex trafficking, nonviolence, intercultural solidarity, post-abortion healing, and homelessness. Given what was happening this past year with the pandemic, the committee also discerned and decided to give donations to organizations that provided COVID-19 related support to populations not supported by federal and state relief funds, including undocumented immigrants. Additionally, we made a sizeable donation to Wake Tech for a scholarship to immigrants and refugees.

People in need count on our giving, which is your giving. Throughout the year, we receive "thank you" notes for our contributions. This is a perfect opportunity to pass that gratitude to you. Thank you for your very generous support of our parish's mission through your weekly offertory; truly it is offering hope and mercy to others most in need. On this thanksgiving week, we give thanks!

Here's a list of the following 56 organizations that received a donation from our parish in 2020-2021:

- · St. Francis Inn
- Alliance Medical Clinic
- Green Chair Project
- Healing Transitions
- Hope Center at Pullen
- Interact
- · Jobs for Life
- · North Raleigh Ministries
- · Note in the Pocket
- Open Door Clinic and Helen Wright Center at Urban Ministries
- · Passage Home
- Raleigh/Wake Partnership to End Homelessness
- StepUp Ministry
- · Justice Theater Project
- Family Promise
- Birthchoice
- · Interfaith Food Shuttle
- · Catholic Parish Outreach
- · Community Success Initiative
- · Hispanic Family Center
- Wheels 4 Hope
- NC Justice Center
- SEEDS in Durham
- · Assistance League of the Triangle Area
- · Our Sister Parish in Guatemala
- St. Joseph Primary Care Clinic, Mercy Fund
- St. Vincent DePaul Conference at St. Francis
- Sound Rivers
- Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen
- Alliance Medical Ministry
- · Church World Services
- United State Committee on Refugees and Immigration (USCRI)
- Gigi's Playhouse
- Hopeline
- Catholic Worker Communities in the Triangle (3 of them)
- Project Rachel
- L'Arche
- El Futuro
- · A Room at the Inn
- ONE Wake
- El Centro Hispano
- Wake Tech Scholarship Fund
- Braver Angels
- · Benefit for Life Gala
- · Southern Coalition for Justice
- NC Restaurant Workers Relief Fund
- NC Housing Coalition
- National Alliance on Mental Illness in Wake County (NAMI)
- Hope Reins
- · Witness for Peace Southeast
- Community Music School
- Oak City Cares
- Catholic Climate Covenant
- Habitat for Humanity

# **Giving Thanks**Living our Call to the Poor and to Advocacy

Becky Cawley, Justice and Peace Specialist



Giving thanks ... for you for supporting our Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market! Whether you shopped, provided hospitality, or greeted parishioners as they came into Fellowship Hall, you embodied the Gospel-centered reality of what it means to live your life for others, especially those less fortunate. It was a joy to see so many of you shopping and to perceive a sense of normalcy returning to our lives after so much recent isolation and fear around the pandemic.

Giving thanks ... for you for your kindness, graciousness and knowledge of Fair Trade and the need for solidarity with those in developing countries who struggle in many ways to live a life befitting their inherent dignity as children of God.

Once again our vendors commented on how special our market is, how much you make it that way by embodying your faith and how generous you are to those in need.

Giving thanks ... for you TFS students. One of our vendors told a story of how a student came up to her to say hi and while he didn't have the money to buy from her this year, he wanted her to know that he remembered her and the good work that she does. So beautiful.

Giving thanks ... for you Cross Train and Cross Road students. Our Fair Trade speaker commented on the depth of your concern for families in developing countries and how knowledgeable you were about Fair Trade and your call to stand in solidarity with those in need.

Giving thanks ... for you who lived out the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "The Church cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice." At the advocacy table outside the Fair Trade Market you signed letters on behalf of our vulnerable brothers and sisters in southeast Raleigh and Cary who are struggling to pay disproportionate and rapidly escalating property taxes. These letters will be sent to elected officials this week advocating for a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person.

Giving thanks ... for you living the Gospel in so many beautiful and meaningful ways!

## PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Every year, we provide a parish wide opportunity to share the spirit of the Christmas season with families in need through our Advent Giving Trees. There are several St. Francis families and individuals who are recipients of gifts from our Giving Tree, but our primary partners are organizations in the community that work directly with people in need.

Community organizations whose families are included on our virtual and in-person tree this year include Catholic Parish Outreach, Duke Children's Hospital, Birth Choice, Helen Wright Center, Hispanic Family Center, Emily K Center, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Passage Home, Ronald McDonald House in Durham, Helene Foundation, and St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia. Parish ministries that benefit include Support Circle families, Prayer Shawl, Feed the Need, St. Francis Brown Bag Ministry, Oak City Cares and our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.

As with everything this year, the Advent Giving Tree is going to look a little different. The needs still exist in our community and with these organizations, so we have worked to try and create a safe way for anyone who wishes to donate to support the St. Francis Advent Giving Tree this year.

To learn more about how to donate/ support visit our website: <a href="https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adventgiving-tree-3/">https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adventgiving-tree-3/</a>.

- 1. Make a financial donation to the Advent Giving Tree through the specific Faith Direct link (all monies donated will be used to supplement whatever gifts or gift cards aren't donated and will be noted in your Financial Summary at the end of the year)
- 2. Choose a gift card need off our Gift Card Sign Up Genius (see webpage above) and return the Gift Card to St. Francis. Gift Cards can be dropped in the drop box (on the exterior of the Community Center Building next to the Cupertino Door) OR in the Main Church building in the Welcome Center/Receptionist Desk (in the gold slot) until December 12.
- 3. Choose a gift need off our gift Sign-Up-Genius (see webpage above) Or from the trees in the Stewardship Center. Return UNWRAPPED Gift to:
- Community Center Lobby: Mon.-Fri. from 800am to 2:30pm staring November 30-December 10.
- In the Stewardship Center: Before or after Mass on the weekends and during the week from November 30-December 12.

We at St. Francis of Assisi want to thank you on behalf of all our community organizations and ministry groups for helping make someone else's Christmas a little more special. Please don't hesitate to email us if you have any questions: Donation.Drives@stfrancisraleigh.org.



## Do you want to build a Snowman? Holiday Getaway!

St. Francis Families are invited to sign children AGES 5-12 up for a wonderful event being offered for the first time this year! Seed Art Share and Pure Life Theatre's professional theatre artists work with Deb Royals Mizerk over the course of a one weekend camp to put together the seasonally perfect show Frozen KIDS!

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to do some holiday shopping or have a quiet dinner or just take a moment during the hustle and bustle to breath. Then come and experience the magic of the holidays as you listen to Frozen songs begin sung by your children – songs including "Love Is an Open Door," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" and "Let It Go." An experience that is sure to prove that "some people are worth melting for."

Schedule:

Friday
December 3
5:00 - 8:30pm (Pizza provided)

Saturday
December 4
9:00am - 4:00pm (Children bring lunch,
we provide snacks/water)

Sunday
December 5
1:00pm call time,
2:00pm Performance...
and love happens!

For more information and to register visit: <a href="https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/theater-programs/">https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/theater-programs/</a>

## JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

## **Black Catholic History Month: Sister Thea Bowman**

By Leon Cooke, St. Francis parishioner



As part of our series highlighting notable black Catholics during Black Catholic History Month, we offer this reflection about Sister Thea Bowman.

Sister Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, lived life with hope, love, and justice. Born December 29, 1937, in Yazoo City, Miss., Thea was reared as a Methodist until at age nine when she asked her parents if she could become a Catholic. She joined the Franciscan Sisters at age 15, overcoming her parents' objections.

Gifted with a brilliant mind, beautiful voice and a dynamic personality, Sr. Thea shared the message of God's love through a teaching career. After 16 years of teaching, at the elementary, secondary and university level, the bishop of Jackson, Miss., invited her to become the consultant for intercultural awareness.

In her role as consultant, Sr. Thea gave presentations across the country — lively gatherings that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer, and storytelling. Her programs were directed to break down

racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races.

In 1984, Sr. Thea was diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. She prayed "to live until I die — to live fully." Her prayer was answered, and Thea continued her gatherings seated in a wheelchair. In 1989, the U.S. bishops invited her to be a key speaker at their conference on Black Catholics. At the end of the meeting, at Thea's invitation, the bishops stood and sang "We Shall Overcome" with gusto.

Thea lived a full life. She fought evil, especially prejudice, suspicion, hatred, and things that drive people apart. She fought for God and God's people until her death in 1990.

In 2018, she was officially designated a Servant of God, the first of the four steps toward possible sainthood.

## **Books by Thea Bowman**

Sister Thea Bowman, Shooting Star: Selected Writings and Speeches

Families: Black and Catholic, Catholic and Black Readings, Resources, and Family Activities

Get Right, Church!

## PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



## **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-19 crisis, the need is even greater. Please consider filling a bag! Please drop off your bag on Sunday, November 21 from 6:45am – 1pm or 4:45pm – 6:45pm. For more information, the list of foods needed or to volunteer, please visit <a href="https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/our-lady-of-the-rosary.">https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/our-lady-of-the-rosary.</a>Thank you for your generosity!



## **Community Center Facility Specialist**

The Community Center is actively hiring, and always welcomes interest in part-time positions in the Community Center. We are seeking part-time employees to work evenings and weekends in 5-8 hours shifts. These staff members will oversee the safety and security of Community Life programs, activities, and events that strengthen the communal aspects of parish, community, and neighborhood in light of our mission to be "one family living in community".

For complete job description, questions or to submit a resume, please email Ashley Watson at: Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.



The Franciscan School, part of the education ministry of the parish, has the following positions available. If you are interested in applying for any of the positions listed, please email dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org.

## Part-Time After School Staff – Flexible Hours

Flexible hours weekdays between 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

No nights or weekends! This is a great part-time job for college or high school students. Candidates must be caring, energetic, at least 18 years old, and pass a background screening. Please contact dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org.

## **Elementary Teacher**

Join our dynamic educational environment! The elementary teacher's primary role is to instruct students in the Diocesan Curriculum, while challenging them to move beyond their current level of academic success, drawing the students out to reach their full potential. The successful candidate will work together with the entire faculty and the administrative team to provide a safe and academically challenging environment, one that builds upon the charism of the Catholic Church, and our Franciscan traditions, to form our students as fine young men and women prepared for their futures academically, socially, and morally. Candidates must have a NC teaching licensure or be able to obtain NC teaching licensure and pass the diocesan background check. Preferred candidates will have teaching experience in elementary education with a demonstrated record of excellence. Please submit a cover letter and resume to <a href="mailto:dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org">dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org</a>.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

A disabled, divorced father of two teenage sons living in subsidized housing moved from a one-bedroom apartment to a house so that he would have more room when they visited. Soon after moving into the house, he found he had \$300/ month water bills because of a leak that was undiscovered. SVdP was able to bring him up to date on his utility payment. He then decided to return to the smaller apartment to avoid future budget problems. "He was a real nice guy, and I'm glad we could help," said the SVdP volunteer.

St. Francis of Assisi SVdP teams with other agencies in the area to help neighbors in need.

If you need help, call SVdP at 919-534-4842.

If you would like to help andhave some time, SVdP needs a back-up secretary. Now that people are back to traveling for work, the organization needs someone to attend meetings and take minutes when the secretary is away.

SVdP keeps an updated list of resources for food, financial and legal help, and other related services. They could use another person to make phone calls and look up websites to keep information current.

If interested in helping, contact Ann Bingham at <u>stfranciss</u>-vdp4444@gmail.com.



## Feeble, Fleeting Human Glory

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In the eighteenth century, Lorenzo Sabbatini painted an amazing ceiling mural at the Vatican of Christ the King ascended in heavenly glory. Have you heard of the artist? He and his art were sought after by the wealthiest, most powerful people of his day—so famous then, but unknown today. Thus is the feeble nature of human glory.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in chains at the mercy of Pontius Pilate. The Roman procurator failed to recognize him. Thus is the feeble nature of human recognition. Pilate had before him the King of Kings, the author of all authority in heaven and on earth, his maker and

## **Sunday Readings**

Daniel 7:13-14

His dominion is an everlasting dominion / that shall not pass away.

#### Revelation 1:5-8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come."

#### John 18:33b-37

Jesus answered [Pilate], "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world." judge. It appeared that Pilate was the powerful one, but Jesus knew all power really came from his Father. Thus, the feeble nature of vision without faith.

The elaborate scene painted by Sabbatini is what we should always keep in mind—Jesus taken up into the clouds as he blesses us. Cherubs dance and celebrate the return of the King, their fearless leader, who faced all the forces of hell and emerged victorious. He has taken his rightful throne and they are rejoicing at having him back. He still reigns from there today.

He has opened the gates of heaven so all his beloved can now enter and populate the mansions prepared for them from the dawn of time. We may often feel like victims of circumstances or totally limited by our failures, health, or enemies. Yet, we are more than conquerors if we allow ourselves to be set free by the truth of Christ's kingship. +

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## A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."

-Angelus, November 25, 2018



## REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GRESTIONS LEETECTION

- Do I judge people superficially or with a vision enlightened by the gospel?
- How can I truthfully and faithfully judge situations, and help others do the same?



## **Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat**

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 7-9, 2022, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconcilition, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at <a href="mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org">project.rachel@raldioc.org</a> or call (919) 852-1021. The website is rachelnc.org. The cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

## **Bothering God**

By Kathleen M. Basi

A nxiety is a reality in modern life.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, almost 18 percent of adults in the United States suffer from it. And that figure comes only from diagnosable cases—not the average anxiety we all cope with at one time or another.

I've been thinking about this lately as it begins to manifest in my children. It reminds me that for two years in junior high I journaled my way through feeling unloved and worthless, convinced that the world would be better off if I just died.

I journaled, but I never asked for help. I didn't tell my parents, and I don't remember ever praying about it. On some level, I thought I had no right to bother God with my problems.

You might shake your head at the idea that anyone could think a major depressive episode is unworthy of God's attention. After all, "Even the hairs of your head have all been counted" (Luke 12:7). Yet how many times do we do the same? Budgets are cut and layoffs are threatened, triggering anxiety. Daily schedules become oppressive. Children make fledgling flights from the nest, causing parents to worry about safety.

Sometimes we pray about these things, but too often we focus on ourselves for answers—our own strength, our own ability to solve the problem. How easy it is to forget that we



accomplish nothing on our own, but that all things are realized through Christ who strengthens us (see Philippians 4:13).

As a parent whose children are beginning to experience the anxieties of life, I find this thought particularly poignant. So often, they internalize their worries. They try to bear burdens that are far too big for them, for fear of bothering me. And yet I ache for them—I long for them to ask me for help. When they bring me their deepest concerns, it draws us closer together. I can share the wisdom of experience—or, in some cases, simply validate theirs.

If this is how I feel about my children,

how much more must God long for us to reach out to him with the heartaches and anxieties that suck the joy from our lives? Yes, the practicalities will always be ours to put into action, but praying through them brings us closer to God, the source of our strength and the inspiration for all the best that lies within us.

By all means, bother God. He's waiting for you to lean on him. +

Too often we focus on ourselves for answers—our own strength, our own ability to solve the problem.



Lord, I am grateful that you are the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be faithful to the truth of the Gospel.

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

November 22-27

Monday, St. Cecilia: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, Weekday: Dn 2:31–45 / Lk 21:5–11
Wednesday, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and
Companions: Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28 /
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday, Weekday: Dn 6:12–28 / Lk 21:20–28 Friday, Weekday: Dn 7:2–14 / Lk 21:29–33

Saturday, Weekday: Dn 7:15–27 / Lk 21:34–36



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## **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: Meets on the second Sunday of the month. A support group for LGBTQ+ people and family and friends. To receive an invite to the online meeting, contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205x241.

**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, Itucker40@nc.rr.com, 937-478-9537.

**Centering Prayer:** Thursdays, 9:35am or 7:30pm

in Laverna

**Community Center Classes:** Regular exercise classes and parent/child classes run weekly, September-May.

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, or just drop by.

**Divorce Care:** Divorce Care – Our next session will begin meeting from September 7-December 14, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. For more information contact Bill Morgan at dejanuts@yahoo.com or visit https://www.divorcecare.org/about.

#### **Grief Support Group**

Contact Marsha Riely at marshariely@mac.com or Marlys Varga at marlysvarga@hotmail.com.

#### **GriefShare**

Contact Kathleen Owen at kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleighorg. **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.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** We will resume sessions on Monday September 20. The ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 7 to 8 am via Zoom. Contact Deacon Steve Andrews at 732-213-0104 or <a href="mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com">stephenwandrews@outlook.com</a>.

**Padre Pio Secular Franciscans:** Learn more about living Franciscan spirituality in the secular world. Monthly Gatherings the 4th Sunday of the month, 1:00-3:00pm Founders Room.

**Peace Pole Prayer:** Join us after the 9:00am 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.

Contact: Ellen Ferrone - ellen.ferrone@gmail.com.

Rosary Ministry: Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm, St. Mary of the Angels

Chapel, Marian Monti, ianmar94@aol.com.

**50+ Adults Group:** Monthly potluck luncheons throughout the year and monthly game days, September through May in Clare Fellowship Hall. Pat Gerney, 919-803-8276.

#### **Women's Ministry:**

- Friday Morning with Celesta Carlson - ccarlson210@gmail.com.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### To all our volunteers:

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

## **Caring Connections**

We are looking for a volunteer ministry coordinator for Caring Connections. The duties would be to add/edit/delete tasks in our lotsahelpinghands.com app, create announcements to the ministry, monitor that tasks are being picked up, and if not, notify me. Training is provided. Total weekly time commitments – 1 hour. If you're interested, contact Kathleen Owen at kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org or 919-847-8205x241.

### **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 <a href="https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/">https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/</a>.

#### **Cards and Artwork**

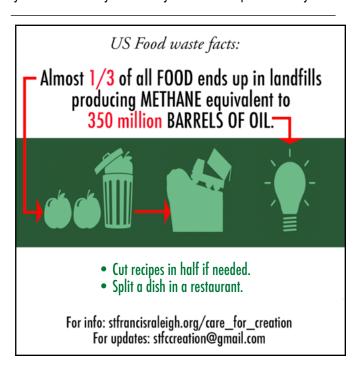
If you'd like to send or receive cards to/from fellow parishioners and establish a connection with other folks who are sheltering in place, or if you have kids who would love to send their artwork to brighten someone's day, or if you'd like to receive some artwork, visit <a href="https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/">https://www.stfrancisralei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

#### **Make a Meal and Deliver Groceries**

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

## Thank you!

All of our Parish Life Ministries and the Community Center would like to thank you for serving the St. Francis Community. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates. Stay well.



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Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:15am, 9:00am (also livestreamed), 11:45am, 5:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS\*
9:00gm

\*Masks are required for ALL over the age of 4, regardless of your vaccination status, in all public areas of our campus.

