

Gates of Justice

October 24th, 2025
7:30pm
St. Francis of Assisi Church

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north carolina MASTER CHORALE
youth choir

Join us for an inspiring evening of music that speaks to the soul and to society. The program features Dave Brubeck's *The Gates of Justice*, a bold fusion of jazz, classical, and spiritual traditions calling for racial and social unity, paired with Margaret Bonds' *Credo*, a powerful choral affirmation of human dignity and belief in justice. A stirring celebration of hope, resilience, and shared humanity — not to be missed.



JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ Training

Tuesday, October 28th at 4:30pm
in the Church

Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

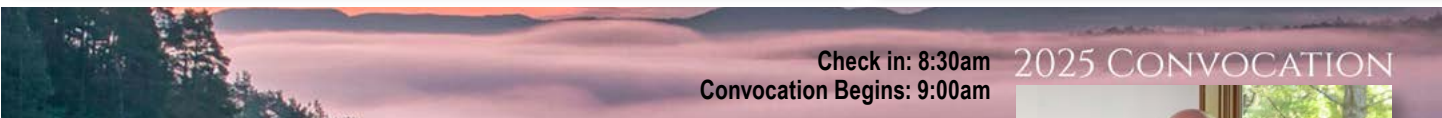


Veteran's Day Breakfast

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus


November 8, 2025 at 9am
St. Luke's Parish Hall
12333 Bayleaf Church Road,
Raleigh, NC.

Click here to sign up



2025 CONVOCATION

Check in: 8:30am
Convocation Begins: 9:00am

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Fr. Jim Sabak, O.F.M.
In Residence



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

Cancer Support Group - Thursdays in October

7:00-8:00pm. Do you need to find comfort and peace within the storm? Is your storm cancer? St. Francis has a ministry for that, and we are here for you. Contact Suzanne Ziemer suzanne.ziemer@stfrancisraleigh.org.

TFS 2026/27 Application is now OPEN

The application for the 2026-27 school year opened on October 1. We invite all parishioners to apply. If you are new to TFS, please visit our website (franciscanschool.org) and click [Apply Today](#) to begin an application. Current TFS families who have a rising kindergarten student should apply through the [Family Portal](#). Contact Dawn Marie Smith, dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 19 & 20 - Parish Survey Info Sessions See our parish survey results! Join info sessions **Oct. 19 (In person) & Oct 20 (Virtual)**. The Pastoral Council recently conducted a parish-wide survey to better understand the needs, experiences, and demographics of our community. This is the first general survey in a decade! A summary of the results is attached below. Join us to learn more and ask questions: In person on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 10:15am in Fellowship Hall or Virtually on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7:00pm. **(For Virtual on Monday register in Realm)**. [Review the Executive Summary Here](#)

October 21 - The Chosen- Season 5 Viewing

9:45am. Join us in watching one episode of Season 5 of "The Chosen" each Tuesday at 9:45am in the Padua room beginning Oct. 21- Dec 16th. Contact: Tina Morgan tandmorgan@earthlink.net.

October 22 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck 11:30m. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall: If last name starts with, then bring:
A thru D = Salad/Side Dish,
E thru L = Dessert/Bread,
M thru Z = Main Dish. Coffee, soda and water will be provided.
Contact Pat Spencer, spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

October 23 - Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits -

A Six Part Series 7:00-8:30pm. Anxiety, depression and angry thoughts are not who you are. Learn to beat back lies, from the enemy, you've come to accept instead of fighting. Six week video series by Avila Institute's Dan Burke incorporates scripture and St. Ignatius Rules for Discernment to help you renew your mind. Meets every Thursday evening through November 6 in Founders Room. Contact Maureen Costello sentout72@gmail.com. [Register on Realm](#).

October 24-26: Richard Rohr Conference 9:00am-5:00pm

What do we do with Christianity? Join Richard Rohr and other teachers from the Center for Action & Contemplation to explore how to reimagine the faith, stories and traditions that have shaped our Christian lives. Contact Pam Peroutky, pperoutky@gmail.com or Deacon Steve, stephenwandrews@outlook.com 732-213-0104.

October 24 - Gates of Justice - North Carolina Master Chorale

7:30pm in the church. Join us for an inspiring evening of music that speaks to the soul and to society. The program features Dave Brubeck's The Gates of Justice, a bold fusion of jazz, classical, and spiritual traditions calling for racial and social unity, paired with Margaret Bonds' Credo, a powerful choral affirmation of human dignity and belief in justice. A stirring celebration of hope, resilience, and shared humanity — not to be missed. [Get your tickets here](#). See page 1.

October 25 - Women's Ministry Communion Service in God's

Creation 9:30-10:30am. Join us for the Women's Ministry's Communion Service in God's Creation at St. Luke's Outdoor Chapel. Led by Gladys Whitehouse, the service will be followed by some time to walk the paths of the outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary, enjoying fellowship and God's creation together. [Register here](#). Contact Lori Zagiba, lorizagiba@gmail.com.

October 26 - Volunteers Needed – Help with Coffee & Donuts!

8:30-11:00am. We need volunteers (teens and adults) to help with the preparation for coffee and donuts. This is a fun and meaningful way to earn service hours and support your parish community! Sign up on St. Francis Serves. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org. [Register on St. Francis Serves](#).

October 28 - Altar Server Training 4:30pm.

Contact Shannon Hoffman shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 2 - Harvest Moon Festival 1:00-3:00pm

Saint Francis Preschool's Annual Harvest Moon Festival will take place on Sunday, November 2, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for food, games, basket raffles and an online silent auction. Online auction opens on October 26 at 12:00 pm. [Click here for more information](#). Contact Shelley Freeman, shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 2 - First Meeting for Walking with Moms in Need Ministry 10:15-11:30am. First meeting of new Ministry: Walking with

Moms in Need to educate parishioners and to attract volunteers. No registration required. Contact Janine Costello, sfarespectlife@gmail.com.

November 7-9 Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts Market!

Shop returning and new vendors for the holidays! Market Hours:
Friday, November 7 – 8am-4pm
Saturday, November 8 – 4pm-5:30pm & 6:15pm-7:30pm
Sunday, November 9 – 8am-9am, 9:45am-11:45am,
12:30pm-2pm & 6:15pm-8pm

We are looking for donations for meals for the vendors.

[Please sign up in St Francis Serves!](#) Thank you!

contact: dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 8 - Knights of Columbus Appreciation Breakfast

9:00am-11:30am Join us at St. Luke the Evangelist Church 12333 Bayleaf Road Raleigh, NC 27614. All men and women who are currently serving, or have served, in the military are invited to attend. Please also bring your family members to enjoy a hot breakfast served by the Knights of Columbus. [Sign up here](#).

November 8 - Greater Triangle CROP Hunger Walk

10:00am-12:30pm. Join fellow SFA community members and their families to walk in solidarity with those who are hungry and raise awareness of issues of hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster both locally and around the globe. Opportunities exist to walk, donate, or both! Invite a friend. [Register online](#). Casey Slock, casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 11 - Salute to Veterans at TFS 8:00-9:50am TFS is looking for Veterans to speak to two different classes on November 11.

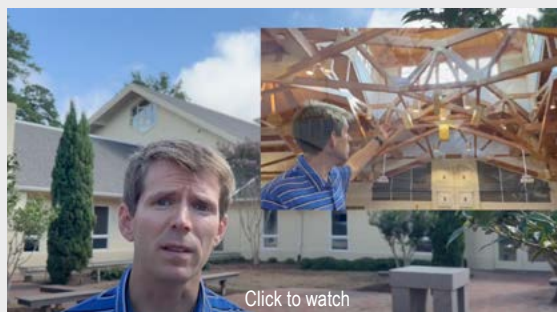
[Click here for more information and to sign up](#). In the comment section, please put an email address that we can use for communication. If you have any questions, please email grace.gates@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 12 - Women's Ministry Holiday Service for Healing Transitions 7:00-8:30pm. Join us Wednesday, November 12, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Padua Room in the Community Center. We'll assemble hygiene gift bags for women at Healing Transitions. Donations of \$25-\$35 cover supply costs. Your support benefits our community. [Click to register](#). Contact Katie Coppins, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

November 16 - OCIA Sponsors Needed 10:30am-11:30am. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults needs you! God has called and they have answered in abundance! Journey with one of our participants as they grow closer to God. Sponsor information session will be held on November 16 at 10:30am in Founders Room. [Submit your interest here!](#) Contact Charlee Halphen charleelhalphen@gmail.com.

January 7 - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
Interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Do you desire to experience full initiation into the life of the Church? A new cohort group for OCIA will begin January 7, 2026. [Complete the interest form to find out more!](#) Contact Charlee Halphen, charleelhalphen@gmail.com.

What is Faith Direct?



Spiritual Direction is an ancient Christian tradition in which two people enter a sacred space to dream, explore, and discern a path toward a deeper relationship with God. People turn to spiritual direction in times of deep faith, doubt, or life transition to discern God's movement in the experience. [Click here for more information](#). Contact Nancy Jones, prayerfulheart3@gmail.com.



Bishop Luis Zarama
The Family:
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The family is considered to be the foundation of the Church. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (US-CBB) website has said since 2021, "The Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminded us that, 'The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.' As the bishops of the United States, we renew our commitment to serve all married couples and families in our midst with a renewed pastoral attentiveness. It is our hope that the principles presented here will encourage effective efforts toward a renewal of evangelization in our country. The Church's ministry to and with families is of paramount importance, for 'as the family goes, so goes the nation, and...' [More](#)



Ministry Spotlight: St. Francis Inn

Franciscan Friars in Philadelphia saw that many people struggled with homelessness, drug addiction, abuse, and other concerns, but the one thing most of them had in common was a lack of food. This need is what inspired three of these friars to found the St. Francis Inn as a way to address the food security issue for people experiencing poverty in Philadelphia. Their soup kitchen has managed to serve a meal to the people of the Kensington community in North Philadelphia every day for the past 45 years, serving hundreds of people every day and providing [More](#)



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

Memorial Garden Mass

Saturday, November 1st | 10:00am

We will celebrate the lives of those inurned in our Memorial Garden or buried in the St. Francis portion of the cemetery at Raleigh Memorial Park. All are welcome to attend.

Mass of Remembrance Monday, November 3rd, at 7pm in the Church

During this liturgy, we will honor and pray for all parishioners who have died in the past year with a special reading of names.

Parishioners are also invited to bring framed photos (max 5x7") of deceased loved ones to the Welcome Center or church office between October 15-29. These will be displayed near the altar during the liturgy and in the gathering space throughout November.

Please write your name and contact info on the back of each photo for easy return after the month ends.

For more information, please contact
shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

NOVEMBER

A month of remembrance.

*All Saints Day,
Memorial Garden Mass*

*Saturday, November 1st
10am Mass in Memorial Garden*

Mass of Remembrance

*Monday, November 3rd
7pm Mass in Church*

Incense will be used at this Mass



FAIR TRADE & ALTERNATIVE GIFTS MARKET NOVEMBER 7-9



Volunteer to donate food for vendors
on St. Francis Serves



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Serving With Heart, Offering Hope

Hope after hardship: a neighbor rebuilds her life

Click [here](https://stfrancisvdp.org/blog/) to read more or visit <https://stfrancisvdp.org/blog/>

Serve

Learn

Donate

If you need help, please call our helpline at (919) 534-4842

Parish Tithes at Work:

For many years our parish has been supporting the educational pursuits of two Catholic men on death row. One of them named Lyle recently completed a B.A. through Adams State University. Congratulations to him!

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool



HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



November 2nd
1:00-3:00 Pm
Fellowship

Food
Games

Basket Raffle
Silent Auction

Women's Ministry invites
you to support our

Healing Transitions Service Project

What You Can Donate:

- \$20
- \$30
- \$40

November 12

7 - 8:30 pm

Assemble packages



Register and make donation through Realm

Care for Creation

stfrancisraleigh.org/care-for-creation/

"Everyone in society... must put pressure on governments to develop and implement more rigorous... controls... Only then will it be possible to mitigate the damage done to the environment."
Pope Leo

Come and See!



Join the OCIA & become a sponsor today!

Information session:

Sunday, November 16th @ 10:30 am in Founders Room

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Let's
Start
The Journey

TALK TO US TODAY!
prayerfulheart3@gmail.com

Every spiritual journey is sacred and unique. At times, we may seek a companion to help us listen more deeply to God's presence in our lives.




HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

December 12- 14, 2025
Rockfish Retreat Center

Come discover God's JOY this Advent season, deepen your faith, and build lasting community.

Register Here



follow @sfaretreat.team 

for more info contact morganjess@gmail.com 

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Let the Order of Christian Adults walk with you on your journey of faith. A new cohort will begin **January 7!** Fill out the interest form using the QR code.



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