



800th Anniversary
2026 FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE

WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PILGRIMAGE

Explore our church and outdoor walking exhibit with 7 unique stops along the path! Follow the marked trail through our grounds and discover the rich history of St. Francis of Assisi.

CHURCH OPEN DAILY
8 AM TO 6 PM
Chapel open weekdays 8am to 5pm



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Begin here in the gathering space of the church to view the frescoes by Renaissance painter, Giotto. The originals hang in the Basilica of San Francesco in Assisi, Italy.

Frescos

The frescoes of St. Francis of Assisi beautifully depict key moments in the life and ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, capturing his deep faith, humility, and love for all of creation. Originally painted as part of a larger artistic tradition honoring his legacy, these images invite reflection on his commitment to peace, service, and devotion to Christ.

San Damiano Processional Cross

The San Damiano Processional Cross is a richly symbolic representation of Christ's triumph and divine glory, inspired by the original cross before which St. Francis of Assisi received his call to "rebuild my Church." Unlike traditional crucifixes, it portrays Christ alive and radiant, surrounded by figures who witness to the Resurrection. Our cross was commissioned and designed by Ann Chapin. The Cross and Altar both contain a St. Francis of Assisi relic.



CONTINUE TOUR OUTSIDE

✦ As you exit the church take a right and head through the Franciscan Garden ✦

Franciscan Garden

During the pastorate of Fr. Michael Clay, the Franciscan Garden was created as a space for prayer, reflection, and education about the Franciscan tradition and the whose legacy helped shape the parish.



St. Francis of Assisi Statue

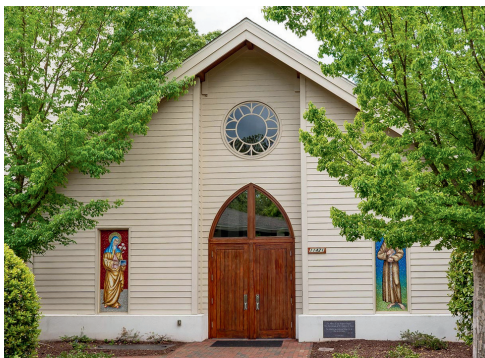
As you follow the garden path and turn left toward the preschool, you will find a bronze statue of St. Francis of Assisi thoughtfully placed for the children to enjoy each day. The statue serves as a focal point for gathering, where students often come together for story time and are welcomed by his presence as they arrive at school.

St. Francis Assisi Preschool Mosaic

Continuing along the preschool walkway, pause in front of the playground to view the mosaic created by Raleigh artist Luke Vandergriff. Depicting St. Francis of Assisi and the wolf of Gubbio, the piece invites viewers to reflect on the beauty, harmony, and spirit of peace at the heart of the Franciscan tradition.



✦ Continue down the walkway and cross the main drive. Continue straight to head towards the St. Mary of the Angels Chapel ✦



St. Mary of the Angels Chapel

The St. Mary of the Angels Chapel offers a serene and beautiful space for prayer and reflection. Inspired by the deep spiritual roots of the Franciscan tradition, the chapel invites visitors into a quiet encounter with God. A San Damiano Cross is prominently displayed, recalling the moment when St. Francis of Assisi received his call to renewal, and serving as a lasting symbol of faith, devotion, and mission. On the exterior, mosaics of St. Clare and St. Francis beautifully flank the doors.

Peace Pole | Final Stop

You will head back to the main drive and turn right to head towards the Peace Pole outside of Clare Hall. Prayers for peace in our world and community are offered each week concluding with the Prayer for Peace attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

