

WHAT ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR?



Everyone is searching for something — Purpose, Peace, Hope, Healing, or a Deeper relationship with God.

Join us for the Elevated Parish Mission

October 25, 26, & 27
6:30pm-8:30pm

St Francis of Assisi Church - Main Church

Come discover what you've been searching for and experience the life-changing love of Christ.

Join us for a three-night parish-wide experience designed to help you encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ and discover the joy of living as His disciple.



Noelle Garcia is a nationally recognized Catholic speaker, musician, podcaster, and co-host of Symbolon Refresh from the Augustine Institute. She has presented at Steubenville Conferences, NCYC, and numerous parish and diocesan events, with several talks available on Formed.org. Noelle holds a Master of Theological Studies and lives in Oklahoma City with her husband and their six children.



Ricky Vazquez is a Catholic recording artist, worship leader, and songwriter based in Nashville, TN. He has led bilingual worship at conferences and events across the country and internationally, including the National Eucharistic Congress. Ricky is a member of the worship collectives Village Lights and Anchor Hymns and is passionate about leading others into a deeper encounter with Christ.

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REGISTER HERE

Registration Fee \$35 Per Person

Visit our website to learn more:
stfrancisraleigh.org/ElevatedParishMission



October 13 - December 22 | The Chosen- Seasons 3 & 4

Viewing 9:45-11:15am. Please join us on Tuesday mornings in the Padua Room of the Community Center beginning September 8 to view seasons 3 and 4 of The Chosen — “a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him.” Contact: Tina Morgan tandmmorgan@earthlink.net.

October 18 | OCIA Sponsors Needed: We Need Your Help!

10:00 - 11:30am. Walk alongside someone becoming Catholic while growing in your own faith. Join our sponsor training session Sunday, October 18, at 10 AM in the Padua Room. Discover how your friendship, prayer, and encouragement can make a difference. A willing heart is all you need! [Click to learn more](#). Contact Felipe Mendez, mendezman68@gmail.com.

October 18 | Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Respect

Sun, 10:15-11:15am, Founders Room. A presentation on the latest version of the [U.S. Catholic bishops' letter](#) on political engagement and voting. We'll walk through the bishops' wise, nuanced counsel on how to navigate the messiness we face during this important but polarizing election season. Contact Doug James, depolarizeSFA@gmail.com.

October 19-23 | St Francis Inn Ministry

6:00am-10:pm. Join us for a trip this year and make a difference. For five days, we will live with this Franciscan community, serve hot meals to the poorest of the poor, just as Jesus did. Why not come and be a part of something special? Spots are available. Contact Diana Melo, melo.diana@gmail.com.
February 8-12, 2026 (Mon - Fri) - waitlist only
April 14-18, 2027 (Wed - Sun) - open

October 25 | Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk

2:00-4:00pm. We are called to care for the poor and marginalized. Join the St. Francis of Assisi Community Team to support just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster both locally and around the globe. Family Friendly! [Register today](#) to walk, donate, or both. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire Maryellen.McGuire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 25-27 | Elevated Parish Mission

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October 28 | 50+ Adult Group Potluck

11:30am. 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.

November 1 | Cardinal Gibbons High School Open House

1:00-3:00pm. Discover Cardinal Gibbons High School at our Open House on Sunday, November 1, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Explore our campus, meet students and educators, and learn about academics, Spiritual Life, athletics, Fine Arts, clubs, activities, and more. Discover how Gibbons helps students grow in faith, service, leadership, and academic excellence. Admissions Events Registration Link: <https://www.cghsnc.org/admissions/visit>. Contact: Gibbons Admissions Team, Admissions@cghsnc.org. (919) 726-9323

November 2 | Mass of Remembrance on All Soul's Day 7:00pm.

During this liturgy, we honor and pray for parishioners who have died in the past year. Parishioners are invited to bring framed photos (max 5x7") of deceased loved ones to the Church Office. Please write your name and contact info on the back of each photo for easy return.

November 4 | Women's Ministry with Walking with Moms in Need Baby Shower Event 7:00-8:00pm.

Join us Wednesday, Nov 4th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm for a Baby Shower Event at the Padua Room in the Community Center. We'll assemble Blessing Boxes for Moms in need. Donations of \$20/\$30/\$40 cover supply costs. [Register here](#). Contact Katie Coppins, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

November 6-8, January 29-31 | Worldwide Marriage Encounter

If you would like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! [Register](#). or Call 919-740-7435. Contact Diana Forehand, dforehand@nc.rr.com.

November 7 | Memorial Garden Mass 10:00am. Please join us in the Memorial Garden as we celebrate all those who have been inurned in our Columbarium or the St. Francis section of Raleigh Memorial Park.

November 7 | Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

9:00am. The Knights of Columbus invite all veterans and their families to a free breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 9:00 AM at St. Luke the Evangelist Church. Enjoy eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, and coffee as we honor your service. Please sign up in advance, [Click here](#). Bring Family and fellow veterans. Contact Mike Wrzesien wrzesien1963@gmail.com.

November 8 | Native Seed Talk & Walk 2:00-4:00pm. Are you curious about how pollinator plants benefit our fall landscape? Join like minded people for a Native Seed Talk & Hike, or Gentle Walk at 2:00 on Sunday, November 8 at the Annie Louise Wilkerson, MD Nature Reserve Park, 5229 Awls Haven Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614

[Register here for limited space in the walking group](#)

- Guided Walk & Hike / Guided Gentle Walk & Talk
 - Or visit with others in the picnic area and explore on your own
- Contact Pat & Paul Kelly, mpmkelly@hotmail.com.

A click away  If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org.

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November 13-15 | Fair Trade & Alternative Gifts Market

Shop responsibly for the holidays at returning and new vendors.

Shop any day. Market Hours:

Friday, November 13th – 8am-4pm

Saturday, November 14th – 4pm-5:30pm & 6:15pm-7:30pm

Sunday, November 15th – 8am-9am, 9:45am-11:45am, 12:30pm-2pm

and 6:15pm-8pm. [Click here to volunteer to feed our vendors.](#)

Contact Dina DaRe, dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

WALK WITH SOMEONE BECOMING CATHOLIC

Become an OCIA Sponsor



Interested? Join us to learn more.

Sunday, October 18
10 AM • Padua Room



Download letter

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

U.S. bishops' letter on politics and voting

"...a better kind of politics..." Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

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More info: depolarizeSFA@gmail.com



Let the Little Children Come to Me

Jesus knew the value we should all place on our children when he said in the Gospel of Matthew, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Parents' love for their children is endless. No parent ever wants anything bad to happen to their children, and would rather suffer themselves than have their children suffer; but that is not how the vagaries of life always work.

The Lyons family knew from the beginning that their son Joseph's life would be different. His mom, Stephanie, tells his story: "We are very open about his story and testament; Joseph was born in 2021 with half a heart. Typically, three surgeries would help reconstruct his... [More](#)



Al-Anon

When a family member or friend is sick, struggling financially, facing career difficulties, or facing other modern-day challenges, we all hope to be there to help. When the struggle becomes more overwhelming, meal trains, visit schedules, or a donation fund can help. "Many hands make light work," or so the saying goes. But what happens when the struggle is more personal, socially uncomfortable, and the support group is smaller? Who supports the supporters by sharing their own experiences or just listening? [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.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH MISSION

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the example of St. Francis and St. Clare, who taught us to seek you with humble and joyful hearts.

Through this Elevated Parish Mission, renew our hearts and lead us closer to Jesus.

Help our Franciscan community welcome fully, live simply, love deeply, serve joyfully, and care for all of your creation.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Living the love, humility, and joy of Jesus Christ as one family in faith.

St. Francis and St. Clare, pray for us.
Amen.

Veteran's Day Breakfast

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

November 7, 2025 at 9am
St. Luke's Parish Hall
12333 Bayleaf Church Road,
Raleigh, NC.

ALL SOULS MASS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND | 7PM

We will remember and honor the cherished souls of those we've lost.
May their memories continue to live in our hearts and bring us comfort.

May their lives always bear witness to Christ's love.

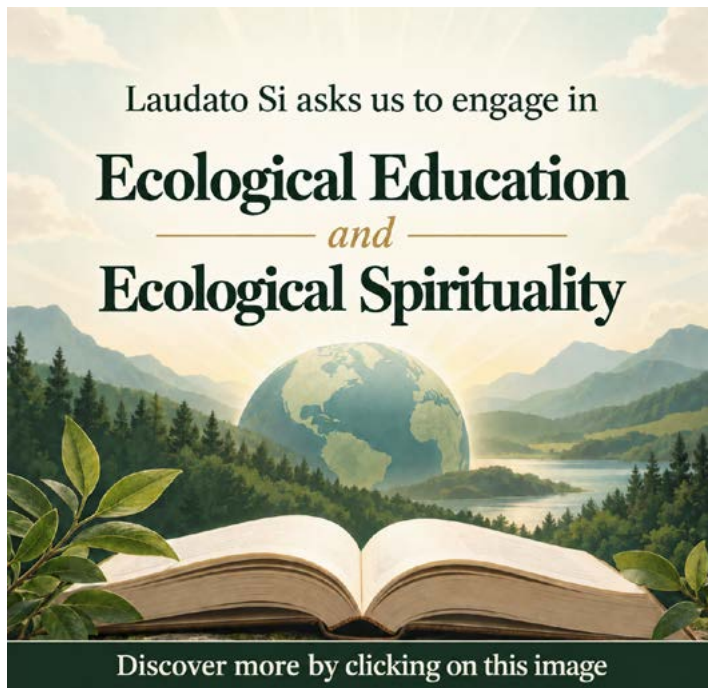


Congratulations to Michelle Forte and Rino Galente who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on 10/10/2026 with Rev. James Singarayar officiating.

Living the Spirit of Laudato Si'

Use less plastic. Reuse what you can.
Recycle with care.

Check local recycling guidelines.



Job Openings

Mission Support Specialist - Full Time

This position is responsible for maintaining accurate parishioner database, supporting stewardship qualification, coordinating facility scheduling, and assisting with parish-wide events and initiatives.

Community Center Staff - Part Time

Flexible hours in the evenings
and on the weekends

More details:

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

Season of Creation

IN 2015 POPE FRANCIS URGES
US TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON
HOME IN *LAUDATO SI*.
SEE THE 7 THEMES OF THAT
ENCYCLICAL HERE:
[LAUDATOSIACTIONPLATFORM.
ORG/LAUDATO-SI-GOALS/](http://LAUDATOSIACTIONPLATFORM.ORG/LAUDATO-SI-GOALS/)

Clergy and staff will NEVER ask you for favors or money.

This includes email, text messages, and voice mail. ALWAYS check with the parish office when in doubt. NEVER click on a link, or respond to any request unless you have checked the validity of the message. If you receive scam email please forward them to Ryan.Edwards@stfrancisraleigh.org. He will block them.



Support During a Time of Uncertainty

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

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TFS Application Portal Open

The 2027-28 application portal is now open! Families seeking an exceptional K–8 Catholic education rooted in faith, academics, and service are invited to discover all that TFS offers.

At The Franciscan School, all are welcome. We invite families of all backgrounds and faith traditions to join a community where students are encouraged to grow academically, spiritually, and through service to others.

Financial aid and scholarship opportunities are available to help make a Catholic education accessible. Learn about important application dates, admissions decisions, enrollment deadlines, and tuition assistance.

[Admissions Timeline/Application](#)

Begin your family's journey with The Franciscan School today!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Greater Triangle Area CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 25, 2026





The Chosen

SEASON 3

8 Episodes



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FAIR TRADE & ALTERNATIVE GIFTS MARKET

Celebrate an ethical shopping experience with our returning and new vendors!

November 13-15

700 Rivers
Bull City Fair Trade
Benevolence Farm
Chimuk

Hope + Vine **NEW!**
La Casa Del Arte
Lumago Designs
Our Children's Place

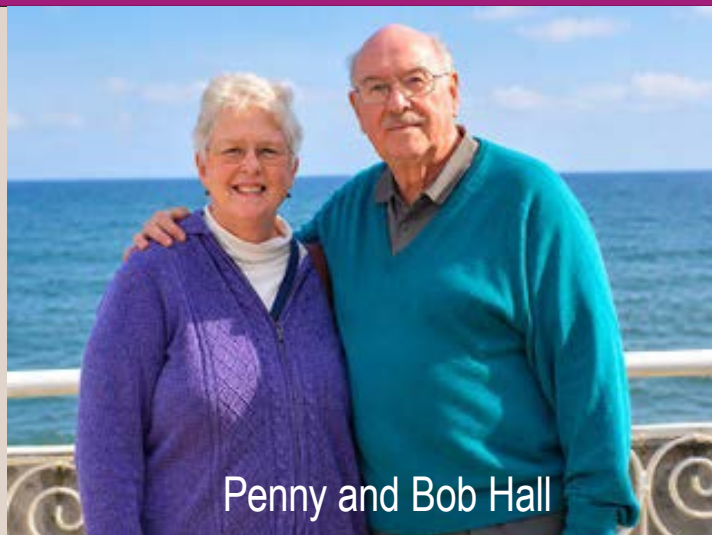
Pala Village
The Nica Project
The Vida Collective
Unique Batik **NEW!**

Friday
8am-4pm

Saturday
4pm - 7:30pm
(closed during Mass)

Sunday
After every Mass

Congratulations on 67 Years of Marriage!



Penny and Bob Hall

Congratulations to Penny and Bob Hall who celebrated 67 years of marriage on August 29.



Celebrating Your Marriage! Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary? We would love to celebrate this special occasion with you and our parish community! Parishioners celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage—or any five-year milestone thereafter—are invited to send us a favorite wedding photo or a recent photo of the two of you. Send it to diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org. Please include your names, the number of years you are celebrating, and your anniversary date. With your permission, we'll share your photo and anniversary in the parish bulletin as we give thanks for the beautiful witness of married life in our community. May God continue to bless your marriage and the life you share together!

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