

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

St. Luke's Vision Statement:

Joyfully living the Gospel through sacraments, service, and love.

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Tues. 5:30 pm, Wed. 12:00 pm, Thurs. 8:30 am, Fri. 8:30 am, First Sat. 9:30 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 9:30 - 10:00 am, Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Or by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements: Due by Friday for the following Sunday bulletin: communications@stlrnc.org

Baptism: Parents must be active and registered in the parish for at least three months prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call the Parish Office 919-848-1533 for more information.

Sacrament of anointing: Conferred upon request prior to surgery or at any time of illness. Please call the Parish Office 919-848-1533 to set up an appointment.

Marriage: Catholic parties should be registered and active parishioners for at least six months before the wedding to allow enough time in the formation of the sacrament. Please contact Barbara Bower at weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org for additional information.

Sacrament of Holy Orders: If anyone is discerning a call to the priesthood, please contact the Parish Office 919-848-1533 for additional information.



4th Sunday of Advent

December 24th, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our
Live-Streamed Masses Here:
stlukesraleigh.org

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 *St. John of Kanty*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

5:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass Pro Populo

9:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*

No Daily Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 *St. Stephen*

5:30 PM + Mary Clo Carey

By Karen Perrit

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

12:00 PM + Peter Fletcher

By Charlie & Mary Fletcher

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 *The Holy Innocents*

8:30 AM + Robert & Marianne Fahey

By Joanne Anderson Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

8:30 AM + Margaret Travers

By Sister Catherine

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

Parish Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 *St. John of Kanty*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00-5:00 PM

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

CHORAL PRELUDE.....8:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.....5:30 PM & 9:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

LEGION OF MARY.....6:30 PM

FAMILY ROSARY.....7:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 *St. Stephen*

REGNUM CHRISTI (WOMEN).....9:30 AM

EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

NOON MASS.....12:00 PM

RCIA.....6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 *The Holy Innocents*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

ADORATION.....9:00 AM-4:00 PM

RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM-10:00 AM

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.....4:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

RECONCILIATION.....4:00-5:00 PM

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SCAM Alert

Scammers are at it again sending malicious emails to parishioners. You will NEVER get a solicitation email from our Pastor, Staff or Bishop asking for a "favor" or for emergency help in the form of money. Please do not open or click on them - Mark them as spam or simply trash them.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Those Who Are Sick:

Rosemary McDermott, Marilyn Struckmeyer, Charles Fogarty, Mitch Galligan, Michael Dale, Bill Wolf, Thomas Quirk, Renee Raith, Eric Raith, Patrizia Dovinola, Phyllis Flanagan, Nicole Trojanowski, Helen Will, Joan Davis, Susie Burnette, Marie Antoinette DeYoung, Karen Huber, Chris Phillips, Bob Moser, Ro Marsiglia, Michael Miklosko, Nick Rodriguez, Sal Morici, Charlotte Boland, John & June Lefeber, Sue Schultz, Joseph Rothengast Jr., Lillian Hill, Lou Schultz, Eduardo Rodriguez, Daniel Wallace, Shannon Morock, Greg Lape, Joyce Ricci, Daniel Chorba, Susan Riordan, Lily Keas, Peggy Kearney, Saoirse Doherty, Luke Galligan, Luke Carusillo, Marilyn Flowers, John Loeffler, Rob Beyer, Noah & Flavia Langan, Debra Marsh, Vicky Loebach, Gloria Bannister, Al Przytulski, Doug Knoop, Walt Ostack, Gary Donaldson, Erin Bower, Joe Jacobs, Barry Johnson, Joseph McGurty, Robert Beyer, Lisa Hensley-Gregoire, Mike Lewis, William Michael Schultz, Hilda Irrizary, Emma Sepúlveda, Kelly Rose.

Repose of the Soul:

Lynne Loebach, Joan Tullo, Dave Slater.

Those Who Are In The Military:

Grace Washburn, Nico Muzo, James Zenker, Hannah Zenker, Andrew Burgess-Wise, Garrett Barrios, Brice Anthony, Jake Foscatto, James Boland, Gregory Boland, Kathleen M. Mills, Madeline E. Chafin, Abbey Moran, Bret Morrow, Devon Zillmer, Joseph Carmona, Adam R. Thompson, Heather Prior, Joel Chapman, Michael McMorrow, Thomas Phillips, Ryan A. Beale, Peter A. Beale, Jeffrey A. Beale, Derek Heinz, Cathy Crilley, Sean Crilley, Kevin Crilley, Caroline Todd.

Please Pray For Our Family, Friends & Our Parish

If you would like to have someone's name added or removed from our prayer list, please email: communications@stlrc.org or contact the Parish Office. Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks, if they need to remain longer please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you.



Mary's Corner

"There is no doubt whatever that all the praises we address to the Mother are also addressed to the Son and vice versa. We cannot do honour to the Son without at the same time giving glory to the Mother." - St. Bernard

Want to learn more about the Legion of Mary.
Contact Dennis Moya for more information. Join us in the
St. Charles Borromeo room on Mondays at 6:30pm



Liturgy & Prayer

Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068
Altar Flowers	Carol Blando	919-427-3865
Altar Linens	Joan Beebe	316-347-9060
Altar Preparers	Beverly Weiland	919-294-4398
Altar Servers	David Sofra	919-847-9978
Eucharistic Ministers	Virginia Todd	919-845-1279
Family Rosary	Savage Family	919-431-9883
Mass Coordinator	Randi Ostack	919-559-7745
Minsters of Hospitality	Luke Masinick	919-971-8155
Prayer Line	Teres Scofield	919-412-6542
Readers	James Mooney	510-774-5613
Live Streaming	Joe Jacobs	919-272-8314

Outreach

Bereavement	Parish Office	919-848-1533
Catholic Parish Outreach	Ken Low Dennis Jacobs	919-397-4018 408-823-4865
G.I.F.T.S.	Grace Benigno	919-426-7874
Habitat for Humanity	Randy Giggard	919-637-1893
Hospital Ministry	Winnie Lewis	919-263-8102
Nursing Home Ministry	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845
Reception Committee	Allison Agnelli	919-244-3149
Respect Life	Diane Masinick	919-971-7792

St. Luke's Parish

Community Life &

Facilities

God's Housekeepers	Diane Johnston	919-847-2488
Knights of Columbus	Chris Taurence	919-349-9851
Parish Kitchen	Missy Savage	919-431-9883
Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202

Evangelization

Legion of Mary	Dennis Moya	919-740-2471
RCIA Coordinator	Mike Sanchez	Email on Front

Pastoral Council

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Finance Council

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Adoration of the Eucharist:

Fridays' 9 AM-4 PM

Benediction 4 PM

Weekly Readings, December 17 - December 24

Sunday: 2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89 (88): 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 . VI/Rom 16: 25-27/Lk 1: 26-38

Christmas Eve: Is 62: 1-5/Ps 89 (88): 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 . VI/ Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1: 1-25

Monday (Christmas Mass at Night): Is 9: 1-6/Ps 96 (95): 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 . VII/Ti 2: 11-14/Lk 2: 10-11 . VII/Lk 2: 1-14

Monday (Christmas Mass at Dawn): Is 62: 11-12/Ps 97 (96): 1, 6, 11-12 . VI/ Ti 3: 4-7/Lk 2: 15-20

Monday (Christmas Mass at Day): Is 52: 7-10/Ps 98 (97): 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 . I/Heb 1: 1-6/Jn 1: 1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59/Ps 31 (30): 3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17/Mt 10: 17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1: 1-4/Ps 97 (96): 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20: 1a and 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2/Ps 124 (123): 2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2: 13-18/

Friday: 1 Jn 2: 3-11/Ps 96 (95): 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2: 22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2: 12-17/Ps 96 (95): 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2: 36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14/Ps 128 (127): 1-2, 3, 4-5 . II/Col 3: 12-21/Lk 2: 22-40



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The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.

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PARISH FINANCE & FACILITIES REPORT

December 24, 2023

Our Parish website: www.stlukesraleigh.org

2nd Collection This Weekend

Priest Welfare & Retirement Collection

December 25, 2023

Please consider a generous gift to the Priest Welfare & Retirement Fund! These are the ones who have baptized our children, forgiven our sins, challenged us to live the Gospel, been at the bedside of the dying in the middle of the night and are at the altar every Sunday to bring us Jesus. Now it is our turn to say:

Thank you!

FY23-24 Weekly YOY					
November	371,939.86	November	365,033.96		
Current Year (FY 2024)		Prior Year (FY 2023)		Difference	
December	Total 2023	December	Total 2022	\$ YOY by WK	% YOY by WK
3rd	17,388.03	4th	14,823.00	2,565.03	17%
10th	32,603.13	11th	20,343.75	12,259.38	60%
17th	22,132.00	18th	19,010.50	3,121.50	16%
Christmas		Christmas	22,593.75	(22,593.75)	-100%
31st		31st	13,281.00	(13,281.00)	-100%
Total	72,123.16	Total	90,052.00	(17,928.84)	-20%
Thru Dec-23	444,063.02	Thru Dec-23	455,085.96	(11,022.94)	-2%



Budget Comparison

Dec-23 Through 12/10/2023	Mo Budget	77,860.00
	Actual	72,123.16
	Over Under	(5,736.84)
	YTD Budget	467,160.00
	YTD Actual	444,063.02
	Over/Under	(23,096.98)
	Budget	-4.94%

Christmas Flowers for the Church



Donation Envelopes are available in the gathering space.

Sancti Simus | Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 am

Elementary (K-5) Faith Formation focused on raising a holy generation who desires to be saints together

Open Registration – online or in-person

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 12/24	No Faith Formation
Sunday, 12/31	No Faith Formation
Sunday, 1/7/24	Lesson 12

RCIA | Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are (or someone you know is) seeking to learn more about Catholicism or to enter the Church, welcome!

Please contact:

Rebecca Grant (FaithDirector@STLRNC.org) or
Cecile Hosey (cawalc@gmail.com) - **Inquiry**

Upcoming Dates:

Wed. 12/27	No Meeting
Wed. 1/3/24	Meeting
Wed. 1/10	Meeting

Confirmation | Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 am

Sacrament Preparation for high schoolers who desire to complete their Christian initiation into the Catholic Church
Years 1 & 2 meet together.

Must attend Sacrament Family Meeting to register!

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 12/24	No Confirmation Class
Sunday, 12/31	No Confirmation Class
Sunday, 1/7/24	Q&A: Part 2

Community of Young Catholics

Catholic young adults in their 20s and 30s who desire meaningful, Christ-centered friendships

Upcoming Dates:

January | TBD

To stay updated on events,
please join our GroupMe: **St. Luke's CYC**.

Adult Bible Studies

Please continue checking for other 2023-2024 opportunities!

Opportunities for men and women to grow in Christian maturity through ongoing conversion to Jesus, active membership in Christian community, and preparation to be Christ's missionaries to the world

walking with purpose

Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture

**Mondays 9-10:30am &
Tuesdays 6:30-8pm**

Upcoming Dates:

Lesson	Mon.	Tues.
10	1/8	1/9
11	1/22	1/23
12	1/29	1/30

There's always an open chair for you!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tues. mornings from 9:15-11am in the Holy Family Room

Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible

Join us for this 10-session study (1/23 to 4/9) as Dr. Pitre provides insights into the biblical roots of the Eucharist and the "phrases we know from the Mass".

Registration on the next page or online:

www.osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/tmbs-spring2024

Wednesdays in the WORD

Wed. evenings from 6:30-8pm

Stay tuned for our next study!

JOURNEYMEN | INTO THE BREACH

Strengthening men as disciples of Christ through prayer, spiritual formation, and brotherhood

1st/3rd Sat. mornings from 8-9am in the Holy Family Room

Upcoming Dates:

Sat. 1/6	Fatherhood
Sat. 1/20	Life

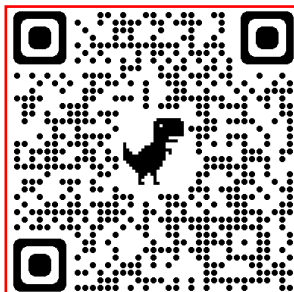
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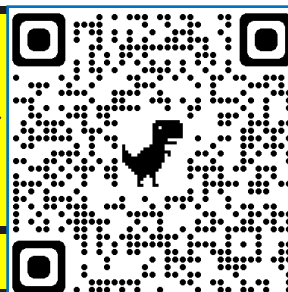
YOUTH GROUP (6TH-12TH)

← **Join for Free!** | **Signup for Our Email List** →

Questions? Contact our Youth Minister

Conor Mulligan @ Youth.Ministry@STLRNC.org

NO MEETING: 12/24



VITA NOVA (HIGH SCHOOL) 2024 SPRING RETREAT

Join us for **FACE TO FACE**,
a retreat on the Real Presence.

March 8-10, 2024
Camp Rockfish, Parkton, NC
\$170 per person

Deadline to sign up and pay full cost is February 4th.

*Registration will be available online
beginning January 7th.*

Full & partial scholarships available.
Please contact Rebecca for more info.

Please visit our website for more info, including
details on our Retreat T-shirt Design Contest:
stlukesraleigh.org/spring-retreat/.

This retreat is a collaboration between HNOJ
Cathedral, St. Luke, St. Andrew, and St. Francis.



2024 Steubenville Conference (for high schoolers)

Summer 2024, we are heading
to Steubenville Main Campus!

July 12-14, 2024
Franciscan University
Steubenville, OH

Rising 9th thru graduated seniors

\$500 per person

\$100 non-refundable deposit due
February 4th.

Remaining balance due March 3rd.

Online Registration Coming Soon!!

stlukesraleigh.org/steubenville-conference/

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS!!

Sat. 3/30
Easter Egg Hunt
Rain or Shine!!
{9:30am}

Sun. 4/14
Family Divine
Mercy Activity
{9:45-10:45am}

Sat. 4/27
Family Bingo
{2-4pm}

**Please check
back for
more events!**

Registration Form—Tuesday Morning Bible Study (TMBS)

Spring 2024 Study—Eucharist: *Discovering the Mass in the Bible* with Dr. Brant Pitre

1/23/24 through 4/9/24 | no meeting 2/27 or 4/2 | 9:15-11am | Holy Family Room

Dr. Brant Pitre provides insights into "...the biblical roots of the Eucharist through its
foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels and Apostolic teaching."

Through this study you will develop a deeper understanding of the "phrases we know from the Mass".

We will gain understanding of the meaning of these phrases in the "context of Scripture" and the teaching of the Church.
The final understanding is how "Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation".

We have 30 workbooks available on a first-registering basis.

Study Questions: Diane Johnston (CDJ8583@aol.com) | **General questions:** Katja Mulligan (FaithAssistant@STLRNC.org)

You may also order online and pay by credit card: <https://www.osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/tmbs-spring2024>

Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Eucharist: *Discovering the Mass in the Bible* Workbook: \$30.00 per participant

of workbooks: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL

Payment: Check number: _____ Cash: _____

Please make checks payable to: "St. Luke Catholic Church" with WITW in the memo line.

Payments may be placed in the Copy Room's wooden cubby labeled KATJA--FAITH ASST.,

or they may be mailed to: St. Luke Catholic Church, Attn: Katja Mulligan, 12333 Bayleaf Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27614

CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

STARTING NEXT WEEKEND

St. Luke's Month-long Targeted Food Drive

JANUARY'S FOOD TARGET:



BAGS OF RICE

(1-2 POUND BAGS PREFERRED)

A donation box is in the lower gathering space.

CPO recycles THOUSANDS of grocery bags each week and always has a need for your paper and plastic grocery bags. These can be placed in the CPO box in the ministry closet, next to the women's restroom. To volunteer your time at CPO, email cpoVol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org OR call Ken Low at 919-397-4018.

PRAYER BOWLS & PYSANKY



An Art as Spiritual Therapy Retreat
January 12-13, 2024

The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. invites you to come to a sacred art retreat **January 12-13**. Make your own kiln-fired prayer bowl with personalized prayer stones. Learn the ancient craft of making pysanky eggs, where the tradition is to pray for the person who will receive your creation as a gift. Spend some time in prayer in the beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces at the center.

Attendance is limited so register early. Call **828.327.7441**, email info@catholicconference.org, or visit www.catholicconference.org/pysanky.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat **January 5-7, 2024**, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, 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: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: rachelinc.org. Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 for early registration. If there is a financial burden, assistance is available.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Departure 5:00AM
Return 11:00PM

Let's March together

Roe v. Wade was overturned but the fight for **LIFE** continues...

Washington D.C.

Round trip fare to the National March for Life! **100**

Friday **JANUARY 19** 2024

BUS TRIP

WE NEED **you** TO SHOW UP!

Questions? Please call John Allen 919-306-1011 [Register Here](#)

Night to Shine

St. Catherine of Siena, Wake Forest is excited to host Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, on **Friday, February 9, 2024!** Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love for people with special needs, ages **14 and older**. We are blessed to be a part of this growing worldwide movement through the local church where thousands of people with special needs will be celebrated, given the royal treatment, and reminded of God's love for them!

Please visit scswf.org to learn how to register to become a guest, volunteer or donate. Time is **6-9 PM**. Address: **520 Holding Ave. Wake Forest, NC 27587**. For more information, contact Juan Aguirre Robles at nts.kofc11234@gmail.com.

Assisted Listening Devices:

As part of our continued effort to make sure everyone has a good listening experience during Mass we wanted to make you aware that we now have several new Assisted Listening Devices.

They are very easy to use.

You basically put the earpiece on your ear, turn the little device on, and adjust the volume to your liking. Several parishioners have also found that their personal earbuds plug into the devices and work really well.

They are available at each Mass by simply asking one of our Ministers of Hospitality to get one for you.

We have had several parishioners test these, including some of our seniors. They tell us that the earpieces provide excellent enhanced sound.

Please let us know if you would like to try one!



St. Luke the Evangelist Church Advent & Christmas Schedule

DECEMBER 19TH

Advent Penance Service: **11:00 AM**

(ST. LUKE AND ST. FRANCIS ADVENT
SERVICE @ ST. LUKE)

DECEMBER 24TH

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Christmas Masses: **5:30 & 9:00 PM**

Choral Prelude at **8:30 PM**

DECEMBER 25TH

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord: **8:30
& 11:00 AM**

DECEMBER 30TH & 31ST

Mass of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph: **8:30 & 11:00 AM**

JANUARY 1ST

Mass of the Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God: **9:30 AM**

REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE

Family Honor will present its newly-updated retreat program, Real Love & Real Life, for parents with their 7th or 8th grade child at **St. Michael the Archangel parish** in Cary on **February 1** and **February 3**. This program builds a bridge for parents and adolescents to talk about love, life, God's gift of sexuality, true worth, future dating and lots more.

The Thursday night session is for **parents only** and will equip parents to talk about some of the hot button issues in our culture, including gender dysphoria, pornography, same sex attraction, comprehensive sex education and God's plan for sexual intimacy.

A portion of the Saturday session includes a parent-teen fertility presentation with Q&A, divided by gender to protect modesty. Cost is **\$10** and lunch is included on Saturday. The program is fun, interactive and informative and guaranteed to strengthen the bond between parent and teen. To register, scan the QR code.



Courage is a Roman Catholic apostolate which ministers to persons, both men and women, who experience same-sex attractions and desire support to live the Catholic Church's teaching on chastity. The local chapter of Courage in the Diocese of Raleigh can be reached at courage@couragenc.org, or **984-900-3212**.

EnCourage is a related program for the loved ones – parents, siblings, spouses, or children – of persons who experience and act on same-sex attractions. These chapters meet separately from Courage chapters, but with similar aims to devote their whole lives to Christ and the life of grace, and so to be a good example to their loved ones and to the world. The local chapter of EnCourage meets monthly and can be reached at encourage@couragenc.org, or **984-900-3212**.



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Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome - for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us - this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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