

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 at 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.



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20th, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here:
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 *SS. John de Brebeuf, Issac Jogues & Companions*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo
 11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 *St. John Paul II*

5:30 PM + Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham
 By Karen Perritt

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 *St. John of Capistrano*

12:00 PM + Mark Lavery
 By Jim & Terri Haag

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 *St. Anthony Mary Claret*

8:30 AM + Tom Farr
 By Makely family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30 AM Walt Ostack (healing)
 By Randi Ostack

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 *Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo
 11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

Parish Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 *SS. John de Brebeuf, Issac Jogues & Companions*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM
 VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
MASSSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 PARISH PICNIC.....AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

WALKING WITH PURPOSE.....9:00 AM
 LEGION OF MARY.....6:30 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 *St. John Paul II*

BIBLE STUDY.....9:15 AM
 REGNUM CHRISTI (WOMEN).....9:30 AM
 MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GROUP.....1:30 PM
EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM
 REGNUM CHRISTI (MEN).....6:30 PM
 CHOIR PRACTICE.....6:30 PM
 SCHOLA PRACTICE.....7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 *St. John of Capistrano*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE.....8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
NOON MASS.....12:00 PM
 RCIA.....6:30 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 *St. Anthony Mary Claret*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM
 WALKING WITH PURPOSE.....9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
 G.I.F.T.S.....9:30 AM
 LADIES BIBLE STUDY.....11:30 AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM
 ADORATION.....9:00 AM
 RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 *Blessed Virgin Mary*

1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT.....10:00 AM
 RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM
VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
MASSSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 CY1 AND CY2 (CONFIRMATION).....9:45 AM
 ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION.....9:45 AM
 HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP.....12:15 PM
 ALTAR SERVER TRAINING.....12:15 PM

**Adoration of
 the Eucharist:**



Fridays 9 AM - 4 PM

Attention:
 Bulletin announcements are due by Friday for
 the following Sunday bulletin.
 Thank you.

Weekly Readings, October 20 - October 27

Sunday: Is 53: 10-11/Ps 33 (32): 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 . III/Heb 4: 14-16/Mk 10: 35-45

Monday: Eph 2: 1-10/Ps 100 (99): 1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12: 13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2: 12-22/Ps 85 (84): 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12: 35-38


Wednesday: Eph 3: 2-12/Is 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12: 39-48

Thursday: Eph 3: 14-21/Ps 33 (32): 1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12: 49-53

Friday: Eph 4: 1-6/Ps 24 (23): 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12: 54-59

Saturday: Eph 4: 1-6/Ps 122 (121): 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13: 1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31: 7-9/Ps 126 (125): 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 . VII/Heb 5: 1-6/Mk 10: 46-52



Altar Flowers

In memory of Sara Abell, on the 6th anniversary of her Birth to Eternal Life

Donated By

Dave Abell

Liturgy & Prayer			
Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068	
Altar Flowers	Carol Blando	919-427-3865	cbblando@gmail.com
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Outreach			
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Parish Kitchen	Missy Savage	919-431-9883	
Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201	
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202	weddingcoordinator@stlnc.org
Evangelization			
Legion of Mary	TBD	919-744-6998	
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Dave Olechovsky	stlukepc@gmail.com		919-420-7410
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Andy Kleitsch	akleitsch@gmail.com		919-274-9766



Mary's Corner

"The Blessed Virgin Mary never departed - not even slightly - from the precepts and examples of her Divine Son."


- Pope Pius XII

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@stlnc.org or contact the Parish Office.

Names will be kept on the list for **3 weeks**. If they need to remain longer or if a name has been removed in error please contact the parish office. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Those Who Are Sick:

James Lucas, Janet Rose, Michael Boyle, Dan Ritchie, Bill Shultz, Jeanette Shultz, Michele Wallace, Benjamin Fitzharris, Patrick Newman, Letty Phillips, Martha Sinclair, Ashleigh Lucas, Peggy Kearney, John Loeffler, Joy Boyette, Mary Prevatt, Gretchel Leathers, Barbara Lucas, Barbara Osolinski, Christine Constable, Joan Morris, Anna Weiss, Dorothy Kanop, Milo Orzol, Kathleen Pitz, Barry Herchenrober, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Agnes Synowiez, Walt Ostack, Bill Wolf.

Repose of the Soul:

Barbara Loiacono, Mary Boulanger, Michael Stringham.

Those Who Are Actively Serving In The Military:

Bret Marrow, Lt. Colonel Brad Miller, Lane Wade, Madeline Chafin, Nico Muzo, James Boland, Caroline Todd.

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT – Saturday, 10/26 at 10am

Please meet in the Church. Attendance is required for FHCY2. At least one parent must attend with their child(ren).

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
osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/2024-25--sancti-simus

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 10/20	No Class—Parish Picnic
Sunday, 10/27	Lesson 7
Sunday, 11/3	Lesson 8

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

(formerly RCIA)

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

Contact:

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

Upcoming Dates:

Wed. 10/23	Meeting
Wed. 10/30	Meeting
Wed. 11/6	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, 10/20	No Class—Parish Picnic
Sunday, 10/27	Q&A: Part 1
Sunday, 11/3	Mary & Virtue

Community of Young Catholics

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

Upcoming Dates:

November | TBD

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

Adult Bible Studies

Please continue checking for other 2024-2025 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

Living in the Father's Love

Mondays from 9-10:30am

Opening Your Heart

Thursdays from 6:30-8pm

Upcoming Dates:

Session	Mon.	Thurs.
4	10/28	10/24
5	11/4	10/31
6	11/11	11/7

There's always an open chair for you!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, 10/22	No Session
Tuesday, 10/29	Session 6
Tuesday, 11/5	Session 7

Wednesdays in the WORD

Wed. evenings from 6:30-8pm

Join us for two studies this fall—See the next page for more details.

The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph

Upcoming Dates:

Wed. 10/30	Session 1
Wed. 11/6	Session 2
Wed. 11/13	Session 3

JOURNEYMEN

INTO THE BREACH PT 3

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

1st/3rd Sat. mornings from 7:30-9am in the Holy Family Room

Upcoming Dates:

Sat. 11/2	Healing in the Family
Sat. 11/16	Creating a Legacy of Faith

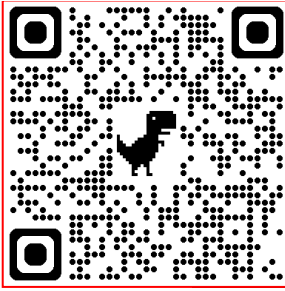
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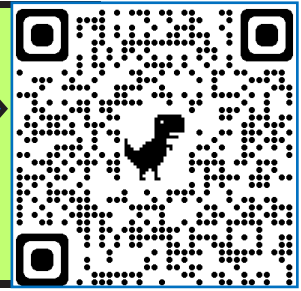


YOUTH GROUP (6TH-12TH)

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

Questions? Contact our Youth Ministers
Conor Mulligan & Nick Aremia @ Youth.Ministry@STLRNC.org

NO MEETING: 10/20



Carpe Diem & Vita Nova | Sundays, 12:15-2:30 pm

Relational ministry that includes games, food, and God for all middle schoolers (Carpe Diem) & high schoolers (Vita Nova).

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, Oct. 20 th No Meeting Parish Picnic	Sunday, Oct. 27 th Meeting TOB #3	Friday, Nov. 1 st All Saints' Day Social Adoration Retreat	Sunday, Nov. 3 rd No Meeting Retreat Weekend
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS!!

Sat. 10/19
Family Movie Night
{following the
5:30pm Vigil Mass}

Sun. 11/24
Family Advent
Activity
{9:45-10:45am}

Sun. 12/1
OCIA Rites of
Acceptance &
Welcoming
{At the 11am Mass}

Please check
back for
more events!

Youth Groups Carpe Diem & Vita Nova Present

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Who: All Families of St. Luke & Guests are Welcome!

When: Saturday, October 19—After 5:30pm Mass

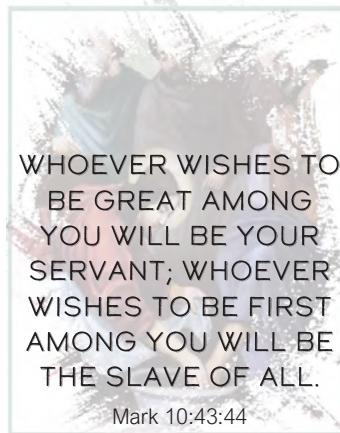
Where: St. Luke's Field (Parish Hall if it rains)

What to Bring: Blankets, Chairs, Picnic items

MOVIE: Inside Out 2

FREE ADMISSION

Concessions for Purchase: Pizza | Popcorn | Candy Bars | Drinks



WHOEVER WISHES TO
BE GREAT AMONG
YOU WILL BE YOUR
SERVANT; WHOEVER
WISHES TO BE FIRST
AMONG YOU WILL BE
THE SLAVE OF ALL.

Mark 10:43:44

Registration Form—Wednesdays in the WORD (WITW)

Fall 2024 Study—**The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph** with Dr. Brant Pitre
10/30, 11/6, & 11/13 | 6:30-8pm | St. Maria Goretti Room

This study follows our well-received "VBS for Adults" format—No Homework!!

Dr. Brant Pitre opens up the mysteries of St. Joseph's hidden identity, "his relationship with Mary, and his role as the earthly foster-father of Jesus." Dr. Pitre focuses "on what we can learn about St. Joseph from the Bible, ancient Jewish and Roman history, and the living Tradition of the Church. As you will discover, although Joseph is silent in pages of the New Testament, when looked at through ancient Jewish eyes, he stands with Jesus and Mary at the very center of salvation history." So, if you would like to deepen your relationship with St. Joseph, or "if you just want to understand what the Bible really teaches about the man who was closest to Jesus," then please join us in this 3-session study.

The DEADLINE for registering is 12pm on Monday, October 21st, 2024.

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://osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/wednesdaysintheword>

Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph Workbook: \$20.00 per participant

of workbooks: _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____ 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

At St. Luke the Evangelist

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

October 20, 2024

Our Parish Website:

www.stlukesraleigh.org

Budget Comparison

	Mo Budget	100,710.00
	Actual	32,448.13
	Over Under	(68,261.87)
*October 2024	YTD Budget	292,455.00
	YTD Actual	257,703.94
	Over/Under	(34,751.06)

Budget -11.88%

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2024 OCTOBER 20, 2024

"The theme I have chosen for this year's World Mission Day is taken from the Gospel parable of the wedding banquet (cf. Mt 22:1-14)." Pope Francis

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

38,140 Seminarians
8,750 Shelters and Orphanages
12,000 Health Centers
844,000 Catechists
258,540 Religious Sisters

Envelopes are in the gathering space for your convenience. Or you can visit www.onefamilyinmission.org/WMS



All Soul's Day envelopes are available in the upper and lower gathering spaces.

During the entire month of November, your envelopes will be kept on the Altar in memory of your loved ones.

Upcoming Events for Respect Life Month



40 Days for Life

9/25-11/3

Pray at Drake Circle (1hr)
Sign up Here!



NCRTL Booth

NC State Fair 10/17-10/27

Booth Volunteers
Get Free Tickets!
Right To Life



Quick Survey

The Respect Life Committee is currently only **two** people.

We need people helping us.
Fill in the survey!



Count Your Blessings! Now, let's bless WNC!

"Fill A Backpack!!!"

Collection



Help the FLOOD BOYS fill up backpacks with supplies needed in the Western NC community affected by Hurricane Helene!

1. Pick out a backpack (gently used condition or new)
2. Fill it with essential items (list is below)
3. Bring it with you when you come back to Mass THIS week on Oct. 19/20
4. Drop it off in the RED BINS by the doors
5. Give a High-Five to *Joey* and *Nicky* ... "The Flood Boys"!



We will deliver all the Filled Backpacks to the donation location that will bring them to Western NC!

What Supplies are needed to "Fill A Backpack"??? Any of these listed below:

- Small Stuffed Teddy Bear with a handwritten note by YOU stating, "God is with you always."
- Water bottles 16.9 oz or smaller
- Gatorade/Propel drinks or powder packets
- Granola Bars/Energy Bars/Protein Bars
- Paper plates/bowls and disposable utensils
- Peppermint Candy/Gum
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Fleece throw/small blanket
- Socks
- Warm gloves
- Batteries
- Band-aids/First Aid kit
- Soap
- Hand wipes
- Clothesline Rope/Bungee cords
- Gloves (plastic/outside working)
- Rain boots/ Crocs (any size, gently used or new)



Thank you for your support! May God bless you!

Catholic Parish Outreach

St. Luke's Month-long Targeted Food Drive

OCTOBER'S FOOD TARGET:



Bags of Dried Beans (1-2 pound bags preferred)

A donation box is in the lower gathering space.



St. Luke's September Pasta Sauce Drive Donations:

296—CANS OF PASTA SAUCE!

THANK YOU for your generosity!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20,
2024 AFTER 11AM MASS

ST. LUKE PARISH PICNIC

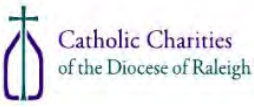
Join our parish family for a celebration of our patron saint. Enjoy great food, fellowship, games and more!

Please RSVP via Sign Up Genius by scanning the QR code or in the gathering space after weekend Masses



Questions? Contact Parish Council member Matthew Higgins at higgins@hey.com

At St. Luke the Evangelist



Hurricane Helene Donation Drive

Catholic Charities and the Knights of Columbus are partnering to collect and deliver needed supplies to survivors of the hurricane.

ST. LUKE'S has decided to concentrate our collections on **ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS** which can be deposited in the designated bins in the parish hall. Any other items will not be accepted:

- Deodorant • Feminine Hygiene Products
- Soap • Shampoo • Combs/Brushes
- Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Toilet Paper
- Pre-packaged Hygiene Kits • Wipes
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6 & pull-ups) • Baby Formula (Premixes & Powder)

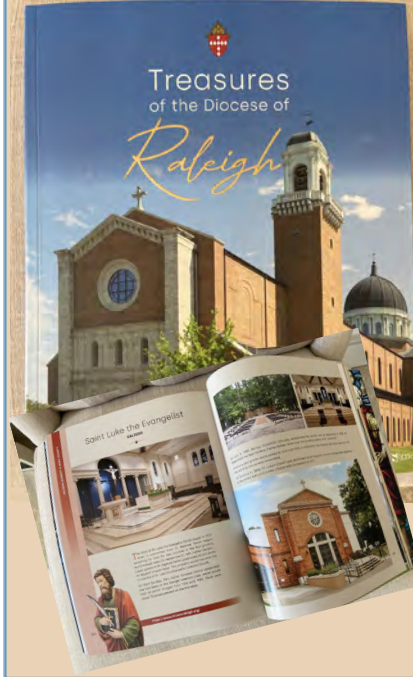
Collections are likely to continue for some time; however, needed items may change.

Please watch the bulletin for any changes. For information on the full Catholic Charities relief program or to make a financial donation, scan the QR code.



These books are available right here at St. Luke's! Please complete this form to receive your book.

Parishioner families will receive the books first until November 1st, then extra copies will be available to anyone.



Description: soft cover - glossy paper - 332 pages format: 9.65" x 11.81" - full color throughout

ORDER FORM

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

1 BOOK PER FAMILY | TOTAL = \$35.00

Please return this form with your payment to:

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Around the Diocese



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of RALEIGH

Centennial Mass of the Faithful

The Centennial Mass of the Faithful being celebrated at **Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral** on **Friday, November 8th** will be livestreamed. The livestream link is available on our website at stlukesraleigh.org.



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 10-12, 2025, 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: rachelnc.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.



PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLY PLACE
100
A Concert to Rejoice in Our Centennial

Friday, Oct. 25
RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW

THE CHOIR OF THE BASILICA

The choir is engaged in almost one hundred performances each year, and prepares approximately three hundred works each season drawn from the wealth of the Roman Catholic sacred music tradition.

The choir's performances have been broadcast throughout the world on EWTN, NPR, WAOB Radio, Salt and Light, and the Catholic Channel on Sirius XM and it has been featured at numerous festivals and conferences including the International Festival of

Sacred Music and Art in Rome, the National Conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians, and the American Choral Directors Association.

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Vote: A Privilege, A Right and An Obligation

"I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who create dissensions and obstacles, in opposition to the teaching that you learned: avoid them. For such people do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites, and by fair and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the innocent". Romans 16: 17-18

Catholics have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of their voting privileges (CCC 2240).

While there are many moral issues to consider, there are those on which all others depend:

- ✓ Issues that adversely affect the dignity of life, including abortion and euthanasia, are fundamental and demand serious consideration
- ✓ The First Amendment of the Constitution protects religious liberty, however we are witnessing increasing erosion of this protection.

The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. Refusing obedience to civil authorities, when their demands are contrary to those of an upright conscience, finds its justification in the distinction between serving God and serving the political community. "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."¹ "We must obey God rather than men."² (CCC 2242)

"A well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law that contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals." - (CPL)

Sources:
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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."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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