

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.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6th, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here:
stlukesraleigh.org

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 *St. Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:30 AM Noelle Daigneault (thanksgiving)
 By Jim & Terri Haag

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 *St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonardi*

12:00 PM + Nathan Kimble and family
 By STMA family and friends

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30 AM Ruth Sipple (90th birthday)
 By Jim & Terri Haag

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 *St. John XXIII*

8:30 AM + Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham
 By Lambertus family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 *Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

Parish Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 *St. Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Blessed Virgin Mary*

JOURNEYMEN.....7:30 AM
 1ST SATURDAY MASS.....9:30 AM
 RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM
 VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

BIBLE STUDY.....9:15 AM
 REGNUM CHRISTI (WOMEN).....9:30 AM
EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM
 REGNUM CHRISTI (MEN).....6:30 PM
 CHOIR PRACTICE.....6:30 PM
 WALKING WITH PURPOSE.....6:30 PM
 SCHOLA PRACTICE.....7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 *St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonardi*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE.....8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
NOON MASS.....12:00 PM
 WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD.....6:15 PM
 RCIA.....6:30 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 *St. John XXIII*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM
 ADORATION.....9:00 AM
 FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION.....9:00 AM
 RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 *Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

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ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
 CY1 & CY2 (CONFIRMATION).....9:45 AM
 ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION.....9:45 AM
MASSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP.....12:15 PM
 IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS.....1:00 PM

**Adoration of
 the Eucharist:**

Fridays 9 AM - 4 PM



Weekly Readings, October 6 - October 13

Sunday: Gn 2: 18-24/Ps 128 (127): 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 . VIII/Heb 2: 9-11/Mk 10: 2-16

Monday: Gal 1: 6-12/Ps 111 (110): 1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c/Lk 10: 25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1: 13-24/Ps 139 (138): 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10: 38-42

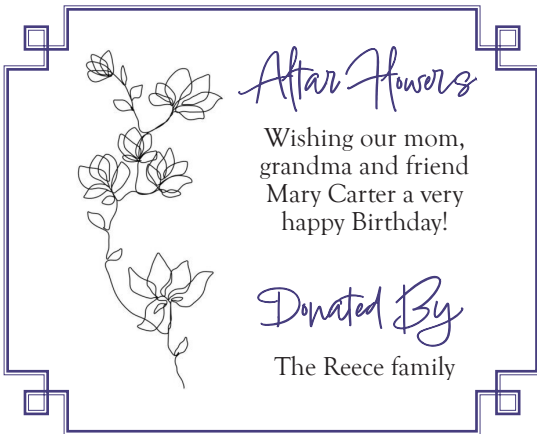
Wednesday: Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14/Ps 117 (116): 1bc, 2/Lk 11: 1-4

Thursday: Gal 3: 1-5/Lk 1: 69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11: 5-13

Friday: Gal 3: 7-14/Ps 111 (110): 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11: 15-26

Saturday: Gal 3: 22-29/Ps 105 (104): 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11: 27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7: 7-11/Ps 90 (89): 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 . VI/Heb 4: 12-13/Mk 10: 17-30



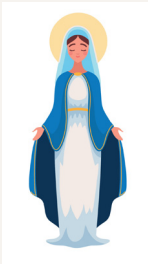
Altar Flowers

Wishing our mom, grandma and friend Mary Carter a very happy Birthday!

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Liturgy & Prayer			
Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068	
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Readers	Jim Mooney	510-774-5613	mooney.james.e@gmail.com
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Outreach			
Bereavement	Parish Office	919-848-1533	
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Finance Council			
Andy Kleitsch	akleitsch@gmail.com		919-274-9766



Mary's Corner

"God chose this most pure virgin for His Mother, that she might be an example of chastity to all."


- St. Sophronius

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@stlinc.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 Synowicz, 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.

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, 10/6	Lesson 5
Sunday, 10/13	Lesson 6
Sunday, 10/20	No Class—Parish Picnic
Sunday, 10/27	Lesson 7

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. 10/9	No Meeting
Wed. 10/16	Meeting
Wed. 10/23	Meeting
Wed. 10/30	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, 10/6	Jesus: Paschal Mystery & Eucharist
Sunday, 10/13	Holy Spirit: Gifts and Fruits
Sunday, 10/20	No Class—Parish Picnic
Sunday, 10/27	Q&A: Part 1

Community of Young Catholics

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

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, October 10 | **Fall Craft & Game Night**
 at St. Luke from 7-9pm

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

Upcoming Dates:

Living in the Father's Love
 Mondays from 9-10:30am
Opening Your Heart
 Thursdays from 6:30-8pm

Session	Mon.	Thurs.
2	10/7	10/10
3	10/14	10/17
4	10/21	10/24

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, 10/8	Session 4
Tuesday, 10/15	Session 5
Tuesday, 10/22	No Session

Wednesdays in the WORD

Wed. evenings from 6:30-8pm

Join us for two studies this fall!

The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph & Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary

*Please see the next page for more details.
 Registration opens in October!*

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. 10/19	The Gift of Children
Sat. 11/2	Healing in the Family
Sat. 11/16	Creating a Legacy of Faith

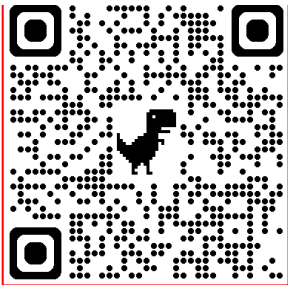
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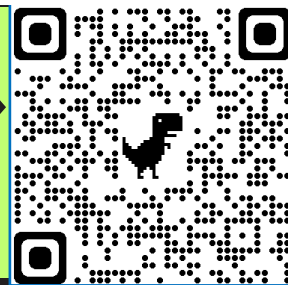


YOUTH GROUP (6TH-12TH)

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

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

NEXT MEETING: 10/6—12:15-2:30pm

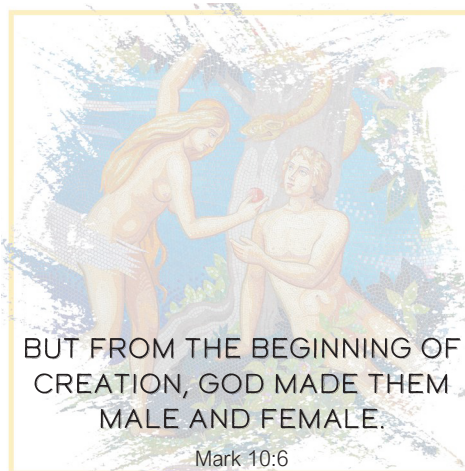


Carpe Diem & Vita Nova Sundays, 12:15-2:30 pm

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

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 10/6	Theology of the Body Lesson #2
Sunday, 10/13	No Youth Group
Sat. 10/19	Family Movie Night
Sunday, 10/20	No Youth Group—Parish Picnic
Sunday, 10/27	Theology of the Body Lesson #3



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}

Please check back for more events!

YOUTH GROUP EVENT



Family Movie Night

Saturday, October 19th
After the 5:30pm Mass
Pizza, Movie, Snacks Oh My!
Open to all parishioners!

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

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



God Bless America!



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Come pray the Rosary on
Tuesday, October 15th, at 6:30
PM at St. Luke the Evangelist

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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!**



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.



CPO RECYCLES THOUSANDS OF GROCERY BAGS each week and always has a need for your paper and plastic grocery bags. These items can be placed in the CPO box in the ministry closet, next to the women's restroom.

CPO always needs volunteers! To volunteer your time at CPO, email CpoVol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

October 6, 2024

Our Parish Website:
www.stlukesraleigh.org

2ND COLLECTION 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

PARISH FACILITIES REPORT

Starting Monday, October 7th we will be refinishing the front entrance doors to the Church. For the time this is being done, **please use the lower gathering space doors.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email Facilities@stlrmc.org.

Budget Comparison

Sept 22, 2024	Mo Budget	58,854.00
	Actual	76,736.62
	Over Under	17,882.62
	YTD Budget	191,745.00
	YTD Actual	214,555.41
	Over/Under	22,810.41

Budget 11.90%

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

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!



Life Chain

10/6

1:30-3PM

See QR Code

Where to get signs &

More details

Around the Diocese

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


Friday, Oct. 25
**RESERVE YOUR
TICKET NOW**



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COURAGE
DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

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.



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.

Come and See

Is God calling you to follow Jesus in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare? Come enjoy the day in fraternity with us! We gather together at The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi in Raleigh. Contact us via our Facebook page (scan the QR code) or on our website (<https://ofscentralnc.org>) for more details.

"Come and See" Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

Oct. 27, 2024, 2:30pm at The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi, 11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27613



God's Healing Presence Among Us



With Fr. Jason Brooks, LC-Regnum Christi Healing Ministry & Regnum Christi Chaplain of Detroit

Where: St. Michael's Parish Center, 804 High House Road, Cary NC

Healing Service

Friday-October 18 from 7-9 pm, registration/check in at 6:30 pm

Adoration followed by teaching on Theology of Healing

Saturday-October 19 from 9:30 am-4 pm, registration/check-in 9am
Cost \$25 per person/ \$10 Students Pizza lunch provided with registration. For more information contact: jeffmlobo@gmail.com




SEARCH #201

SEARCH is a peer-led retreat weekend for grades 9-12, and adults who work with them. Witness talks and activities prepared **BY** high school youth **FOR** high school youth. Interact and share your faith with other Catholic teenagers from across the diocese.

YOU WILL...

- Open yourself up without judgement
- Grow in your faith and self-confidence
- Make lifelong friendships
- Receive moral support
- Have leadership opportunities
- Spend a weekend with people who love you for who you are
- Hear music in a new way

OCT 18-20, 2024
SHORT JOURNEY CENTER
2323 CLEVELAND ROAD
SMITHFIELD, NC 27577

MORE INFORMATION:
[HTTPS://RALDIOC.CONFIGIO.COM/SEARCH-201](https://raldioc.configio.com/search-201)

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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)

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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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