

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.



1st Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here:
stlukesraleigh.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 *St. Andrew, Apostle*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 *1st Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

5:30 PM + Nathan Kimble & family
By STMA family & friends

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 *St. John Damascene*

12:00 PM + Nathan Kimble
By Sipe family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 AM + Gloria Bannister
By Joan Donaldson

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 *St. Nicholas, First Friday*

8:30 AM + Vincent "Vinny" Lupinacci
By Lambertus family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 *St. Ambrose*

9:30 AM + Peter & Simone Boltry
By Gene & Cecile Hosey

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 *2nd Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

Parish Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 *St. Andrew, Apostle*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM

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

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 *1st Sunday of Advent*

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

MASSSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE & WELCOMING AT MASS..... 11:00 AM

IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS.....1:30 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

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

OPUS DEI (MEN'S GROUP).....7:00 PM

SCHOLA PRACTICE.....7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 *St. John Damascene*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE.....8:00 AM-1:00 PM

NOON MASS.....12:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD.....6:00 PM

OCIA.....6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

G.I.F.T.S.....9:30 AM

LADIES BIBLE STUDY.....11:30 AM

WALKING WITH PURPOSE.....6:30 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 *St. Nicholas, First Friday*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

ADORATION.....9:00 AM

FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION.....9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 *St. Ambrose*

1ST SATURDAY MASS.....9:30 AM

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM

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

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 *2nd Sunday of Advent*

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

MASSSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

CY1 & CY2 (CONFIRMATION).....9:45 AM

SANCTI SIMUS (ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION).....9:45 AM

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP.....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, December 1 - December 8

Sunday: Jer 33: 14-16/Ps 25 (24): 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 . II/1 Thes 3: 12-4: 2/Lk 21: 26-38, 34-36

Monday: Is 2: 1-5/Ps 122 (121): 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8: 5-11

Tuesday: Is 11: 1-10/Ps 72 (71): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10: 21-24

Wednesday: Is 25: 6-10a/Ps 23 (22): 1-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Mt 15: 29-37

Thursday: Is 26: 1-6/Ps 118 (117): 1, 8-9, 19, 21, 25-27a/Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29: 17-24/Ps 27 (26): 1bcde, 4, 13-14/Mt 9: 27-31

Saturday: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26/Ps 147 (146): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9: 35-10: 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5: 1-9/Ps 126 (125): 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 . VII/Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11/Lk 3: 1-6



1st Week of Advent

Mary's Corner



" The moon shines with the light of the sun; it has no light of its own. Similarly, Our Lady is lustrous with the light of her Child; she lives by Him; what she gives is His.

*-Servant of God Frank Duff
Founder, Legion of Mary*

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@stlmc.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.

Liturgy & Prayer

Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068	mktravers@nc.rr.com
Altar Flowers	Carol Blando	919-427-3865	cbblando@gmail.com
Altar Linens	Joan Beebe	316-347-9060	arkg14@yahoo.com
Altar Preparers	Beverly Weiland	919-454-7136	baweiland@gmail.com
Altar Servers	David Sofra	919-847-9978	dsofra@bellsouth.net
Eucharistic Ministers	Virginia Todd	Please Email	vtodd1789@gmail.com
Family Rosary	Savage Family	919-431-9883	acatholicfamily8@gmail.com
Mass Coordinator	Randi Ostack	919-559-7745	rgo@nc.rr.com
Ministers of Hospitality	Luke Masinick	919-971-8155	luke.masinick@ushadvisors.com
Prayer Line	Teres Scofield	919-412-6542	teres.scofield@gmail.com
Readers	Jim Mooney	510-774-5613	mooney.james.e@gmail.com
Live Streaming	Joe Jacobs	919-400-6327	jjoe.ja@gmail.com

Outreach

Bereavement	Parish Office	919-848-1533	Please Call
Catholic Parish Outreach	Ken Low	919-397-4018	Please Call
G.I.F.T.S.	Peggy Miller	501-762-1635	peg.miller@outlook.com
Habitat for Humanity	Randy Giggard	919-637-1893	randygiggard@gmail.com
Hospital Ministry	Winnie Lewis	919-263-8102	Please Call
Nursing Home Ministry	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.com
Reception Committee	Allison Agnelli	919-244-3149	agshag@gmail.com
Respect Life	Phyllis Gaukel	919-616-6427	phyllisrgaukel@gmail.com

Community Life & Facilities

God's Housekeepers	Diane Johnston	919-847-2488	CDJ8583@aol.com
Knights of Columbus	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.com
Parish Kitchen	Missy Savage	919-431-9883	acatholicfamily8@gmail.com
Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201	Please Call
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202	weddingcoordinator@stlmc.org

Evangelization

Legion of Mary	TBD	919-744-6998	Please Call
RCIA Coordinator	Mike Sanchez	Please Email	dcnmikes7@gmail.com

Pastoral Council

Dave Olechovsky	stlukepc@gmail.com	919-420-7410
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Andy Kleitsch	akleitsch@gmail.com	919-274-9766
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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Those Who Are Sick:

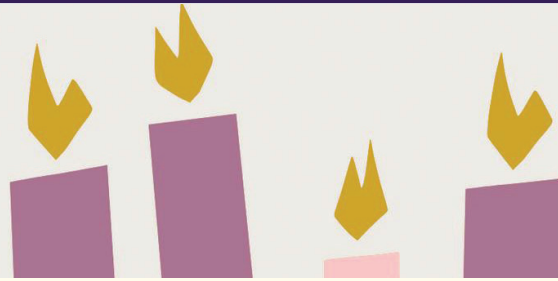
Dave Knudson, Michael Boyle, Dan Ritchie, Bill Shultz, Jeanette Shultz, Michele Wallace, Benjamin Fitzharris, Patrick Newman, Letty Phillips, Martha Sinclair, Ashleigh Lucas, Peggy Kearney, John Loeffler, Joy Boyette, Mary Prevatt, Gretchel Leathers, Barbara Lucas, Barbara Osolinski, Christine Constable,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

Repose of the Soul:

Robert Merz.

Those Who Are Actively Serving In The Military:

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



Advent Penance Services 2024

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
12/02 Mon.	6:30-8:30 PM	St. Eugene, Wendell
12/03 Tues.	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	St. Francis, Raleigh
12/03 Tues.	7:00-9:00 PM	St. Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina
12/04 Wed.	10:00-11:30 AM	St. Catherine, Wake Forest
12/04 Wed.	6:30-8:00 PM	Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg
12/05 Thurs.	7:00-9:00 PM	St. Michael & Mother Teresa @ St. Michael, Cary
12/06 Fri.	7:00-9:00 PM	St. Luke, Raleigh (<i>English only</i>)
12/09 Mon.	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	St. Mary Magdalene, Apex
12/10 Tues.	11:00 AM-12:15 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh
12/10 Tues.	7:00-9:00 PM	St. Andrew & St. Mary Magdalene @ St. Andrew, Apex (<i>English only</i>)
12/11 Wed.	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	St. Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina
12/13 Fri.	10:00-11:30 AM	St. Michael, Cary
12/13 Fri.	7:00-9:00 PM	Our Lady of La Vang, Raleigh (<i>English only</i>)
12/16 Mon.	7:00-9:00 PM	St. Catherine, Wake Forest
12/17 Tues.	7:00-9:00 PM	Holy Name of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Mary, & NCSU @ Holy Name of Jesus, Raleigh
12/18 Wed.	7:00-9:00 PM	St. Raphael, Raleigh

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

December 1, 2024

Our Parish Website:
www.stlukesraleigh.org

FY23-24 Weekly YOY					
October 296,282.12		October 294,547.82			
Current Year (FY 2024)		Prior Year (FY 2023)		Difference	
November	Total 2025	November	Total 2022	\$ YOY by WK	% YOY by WK
3rd	20,745.63	5th	19,459.52	1,286.11	7%
10th	14,790.95	12th	14,378.13	412.82	3%
17th	18,466.07	19th	16,381.13	2,084.94	13%
24th	0.00	26th	19,540.26	(19,540.26)	-100%
25-29	0.00	27th-30th	7,633.00	(7,633.00)	-100%
Total	54,002.65	Total	77,392.04	(23,389.39)	-30%
Thru		Thru			
Nov-24	350,284.77	Nov-23	371,939.86	(21,655.09)	-6%

Offertory Budget Comparison

November 2024	Mo Budget	76,842.12
	Actual	54,002.65
	Over Under	(22,839.47)
	YTD Budget	369,297.00
	YTD Actual	350,284.77
	Over/Under	(19,012.23)
Budget		-5.15%

Looking for Ministry Lead!!

Cleaning the church is a wonderful necessity. The current ministry lead for God's House-keepers is stepping down after 13 years. Please contact Diane Johnston at cdj8583@aol.com with questions, or with the joyful news that you would like to accept this leadership position.

God Bless you!



Offertory Counting Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for parishioners to join our count teams! Our volunteers in a teams of 3 or 4 sort, count, and record weekly offertory collections. The time commitment is small but the support to St. Luke's Parish and staff is Huge!

If you are called to help, please contact Cyndy Aremia by email :

Accountant@stlrc.org or call between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays: 919-848-1533. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of joining our team.

2nd Collection December 8, 2024

Retirement for Religious

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please be generous and give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Faith Formation

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, 12/1	9:45a.m.	No Sancti Simus or Confirmation Classes
	11:00a.m.	Rites of Acceptance & Welcoming in Mass
Monday, 12/2	10:00a.m.	Magnificat Moms
Tuesday, 12/3	9:15a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday, 12/4	6:15p.m. 6:30p.m.	Wednesdays in the Word OCIA
Thursday, 12/5	6:30p.m.	Walking with Purpose
Friday, 12/6	---	-----
Saturday, 12/7	---	-----
Sunday, 12/8	9:45a.m.	Sancti Simus & Confirmation Classes
	12:15p.m.	Pecans & Poinsettia Sale
	1:00p.m.	Youth Group: Adopt-a-Family Shopping

First Sunday in Advent

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
"The LORD our justice."
Jeremiah 33:14-16

FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY WEEK ONE

Go for a family hike this week looking especially for tree stumps. See how many you can spot together—bonus points if you can find one with shoots sprouting from it.

God's plan for the world included Israel's Family Tree. We know some of the key branches—Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Boaz, Jesse, David. Scripture foretells that a shoot shall spring from the stump of Jesse.

The Israelite people wandered, wondered, and watched for the day to come when Israel would be redeemed—much like your family on a scavenger hunt for a stump with a shoot. In Advent, we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the fulfillment of God's promises. We wonder, and we watch. Jesus is coming. It's time to prepare Him room.



Sancti Simus

Elementary Faith Formation
Kindergarten-5th Grade
Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Register Online:
osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/2024-25--sancti-simus



Elementary Sacrament Prep

A Two Year Curriculum for
First Holy Communion Preparation

Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Contact Lydia Tatum to register at
DRE@STLRNC.ORG



High School Sacrament Prep

A Two Year Curriculum for
Confirmation Preparation

Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Contact Lydia Tatum to register at
DRE@STLRNC.ORG

Lydia Tatum

Director of Religious Education
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Contact Us

Katja Mulligan

Faith Formation Assistant
FaithAssistant@STLRNC.ORG

Faith Formation



Adult Formation

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy
by Ascension Press
(Co-Ed Study)
9:15a.m.-11:00a.m.

Wednesdays in the Word

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary
by Dr. Brant Pitre
(Co-Ed Study)
6:15p.m.-8:00p.m.

Walking With Purpose

Thursdays: *Opening Your Heart*
(Women's Study)
6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

OCIA



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Join us to learn more about Catholicism and
entering full-communion with the Church.

Wednesdays
6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

Contact:

Lydia Tatum (DRE@STLRNC.org) or
Cecile Hosey (cawalc@gmail.com) - Inquiry



Young Mothers' Group

Finding a place where you and your children
connect is vitally important as you nurture their
young faith development and build a communi-
ty of faithful influence around your family.

If you are interested in connecting with other
young mothers in the parish in a small play-
group that meets locally, follow the QR Code to
register!



ADVENT ROSARY CHALLENGE

What better way to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ child than to meditate
with Our Blessed Mother on His life from Annunciation to the Coronation of His Mother as
Queen of Heaven?

For 24 days, commit to praying the rosary with the Faith Formation Team.

REGISTER HERE FOR DAILY REMINDERS & TO JOIN THE TEAM:



<https://www.osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/advent-rosary-challenge-1>

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministers: Conor Mulligan and Nick Aremia

Contact Us: Youth.Ministry@STLRNC.ORG

www.stlukesraleigh.org/middle-school-youth-group **or** www.stlukesraleigh.org/high-school-youth-group

St. Luke's Youth Group

Carpe Diem

6th-8th Grade

Vita Nova

9th-12th Grade



Next Youth Meeting

**Sunday, December 8
1:00p.m.**

Adopt-A-Family Shopping

**Meet at Milton's Pizza!!*

**Saturday, December 14
6:30p.m.**

Adopt-A-Family

Wrapping Party & Potluck

**Bring your favorite potluck dish and join us
as we wrap presents for our
Adopt-a-Families!*

Register for Youth Group



Join our Email List



Pecans, Poinsettias, and Socks!

Youth Fundraiser

**Funds raised through this sale will go towards
St. Luke's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry.**

In-Person Sales after Masses 12/7 & 12/8

Ways to Order: Online at <https://www.osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/pecan-poinsettia-fundraiser>



Or Forms/payments may be placed in the Copy Room's wooden cubby labeled "KATJA—FAITH ASST."

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Red Poinsettia (6.5 in.-foiled): \$15.00	Qty _____	Cost \$ _____
White Poinsettia (6.5 in.-foiled): \$15.00	Qty _____	Cost \$ _____
Mammoth Pecan Halves (16oz): \$16.00	Qty _____	Cost \$ _____
Chocolate Covered Pecans (12oz): \$12.00	Qty _____	Cost \$ _____
Cinnamon Glazed Pecans (10oz): \$12.00	Qty _____	Cost \$ _____
Glazed Pecans (8oz): \$10.00	Qty _____	Cost \$ _____
Pecan Caramel Clusters (8oz) \$10.00	Qty _____	Cost \$ _____
		Total \$ _____

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

MAIN CAMPUS

JULY 11-13, 2025



Inviting high-schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!

Registration is now open!

Deadline Extension: 12/6



At St. Luke the Evangelist



Immaculate Conception Mass Times

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 9
8:30 AM & 7:00 PM



Advent Giving Tree

December 1 - December 25

Please select a gift tag from the tree and return it with your unwrapped gift.

Thank you! These gifts help support those in need in our community.

Catholic Parish Outreach Christmas Honor Cards

Give gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas!



Unto Us A Child Is Born...

A generous gift has been made to Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry in your honor by

Thanks to this kindhearted donation, we will feed more families during this Christmas season.

Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth; who keeps faith forever; who secures justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. Psalm 146:5-7

As our numbers continue to rise and more families need assistance, it is especially important to prayerfully consider giving a gift that reflects the true meaning of Jesus' birth!

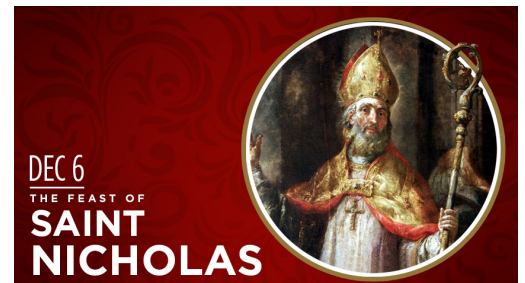
Catholic Parish Outreach, 2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604

\$55 feeds a family for a week and CPO served more than 100,000 people last year "a week+" of nutritious food.

Honor the special people on your holiday gift list by donating to Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry and we will send a beautiful Christmas honor card designed by a CPO Volunteer Cole Barnack to everyone on your gift list. Information on how to order the cards can be found at www.cporaleigh.org or call Catholic Parish Outreach at 919-873-0245 x2300. Cards received by December 20th guaranteed to be mailed out by December 23rd, 2024.



The next litter sweep on Six Forks Road will be Saturday, December 7th, weather permitting. Please meet in front of the church any time between 7 and 8 AM for an assignment. For questions, call Dave, 919-793-4896. Thank you.



SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Francis Xavier was born in Spain and with St. Ignatius Loyola became one of the seven who founded the Society of Jesuits. He preached for 6 months in Africa on his way to Asia where he spent the remainder of his life spreading the Word of God in India, Japan and the Philippines.

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FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Week of December 1, 2024

30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/30-minutes-bc>

Christmas (Part 1) | What Catholics Believe

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more! <https://watch.formed.org/videos/christmas-part-1-what-catholics-believe>

Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/nicholas-the-boy-who-became-santa>

Family Advent Activity at
St. Luke's
November 24th, 2024



Around the Diocese



Marriage Help – For over 40 years, Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know.

For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming January 24-26th weekend in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: 3062R@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Following weekend in NC will be on July 18-20, 2025 in Spanish at St Luke Catholic Church, Raleigh.

STMA's The Crucible

Interested in a night out at the theater? Come see St. Thomas More Academy's newest production, Arthur Miller's powerful play *The Crucible*. With compelling characters and a gripping plot, this classic tells the tragic story of fear and superstition tearing a community apart. The production will run **December 5th, 6th, and 7th at 7pm**. For tickets and more information please visit: www.stmatheater.ticketleap.com.

March for Life Bus Trip

Time to sign up for the bus trip to the National March for Life - The National March for Life will be on **January 24, 2025** in Washington, DC. You can join thousands at the National Mall for the concert, rally, great speakers, and march for the preborn children, and for all who still need your support for the Culture of Life in our State and Nation. The cost is \$100 per seat, and school-age children ride free with a parent or guardian. The bus will leave from St. Raphaels Catholic Church and return the same day.

Can't make it? Then please sponsor a trip for some of these kids. Sign up or donate at www.KofC988o.org/marchforlife - This QR code will directly go to the website.



Legion of Mary at St. Luke's is sponsoring...

Speed Dating

Friday | Dec. 13th | 7PM

- Ages: 21-33
- Drinks & appetizers will be served

Registration required

For more info and to register please scan the QR code

<https://osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/speed-dating>

Contact Madison with any questions: (630) 337-1450

RESPECT LIFE

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation..."
~ Pope Francis

QUESTIONS?
Please contact diocesan Coordinator for Human Life and Dignity (HLD):
Deacon Josh Klickman | (919) 632-7379 | Joshua.Klickman@raldioc.org

2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

Parishes are encouraged to send travel plans to the diocesan Human Life and Dignity (HLD) Coordinator, especially if they have space for additional pilgrims.

JANUARY 18 RALEIGH, N.C.
Raleigh Mass for Life | 11:00 am | Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
(EVENTS ARE BILINGUAL, ENGLISH AND SPANISH. ROSARY BEGINS 10:30 AM)

JANUARY 23 WASHINGTON, D.C.
National Prayer Vigil Mass | 5:00 pm
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
(BISHOP LUIS, PRIESTS, AND DEACONS FROM NC WILL CONCELEBRATE AND ATTEND)



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JANUARY 24 WASHINGTON, D.C.
Closing Mass | 8:00 am
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Life Fest | 7:30 - 10:30 am (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 AM)
D.C. Armory, Washington, D.C.
Concert + Rally | 11:00 am
National March for Life | 1:00 pm



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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.

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We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

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