

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.



3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here:
stlukesraleigh.org

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 *St. John of the Cross*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 PM Special Intention in Thanksgiving
 By Lyra Pitstick

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:00 PM + Dennis & Doris Sipe
 By Sipe family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30 AM Michael & Erin Meriwether
 (5th wedding anniversary)
 By Gene & Cecile Hosey

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 *4th Sunday of Advent*

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

Parish Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 *St. John of the Cross*

1ST RECONCILIATION LITURGY.....10:00 AM
 RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM
 VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM
 YOUTH ADOPT-A-FAMILY & POTLUCK.....6:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
 MASSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 CY1 & CY2 (CONFIRMATION).....9:45 AM
 SANCTI SIMUS (ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION).....9:45 AM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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, DECEMBER 18

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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 20

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 *4th Sunday of Advent*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
 MASSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please make any submissions for the upcoming bulletins by the following dates:

12/16 for 12/22 bulletin

12/18 for 12/29 and 1/5 bulletins

Thank you!

**Adoration of
 the Eucharist:**

Fridays 9 AM - 4 PM



Weekly Readings, December 15 - December 22

Sunday: Zeph 3: 14-18a/Is 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6 .
VII/Lk 13: 10-18

Monday: Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25 (24):
4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49: 2, 8-10/Ps 71 (70): 3-4a,
5-6ab, 16-17/Mt 1: 1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23: 5-8/Ps 72 (71): 1-2, 12-
13, 18-19/Mt 1: 18-25

Thursday: Judg 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71 (70):
3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1: 5-25

Friday: Is 7: 10-14/Ps 24 (23): 1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6/Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday: Song 2: 8-14/Ps 33 (32): 2-3, 11-
12, 20-21/Lk 1: 39-45

Next Sunday: Mic 5: 1-4a/Ps 80 (79): 2-3,
15-16, 18-19 . III/Heb 10: 5-10/Lk 1: 39-45



3rd Week of Advent

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

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	Dan Schubert	919-847-0282	dan.molly@att.net
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:

Donald Albert, Stephen Frank, Katherine Fitzgerald, Teresa Green, 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:

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 15, 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	18,357.60	26th	19,540.26	(1,182.66)	-6%
25-29	2,562.71	27th-30th	7,633.00	(5,070.29)	-66%
Total	74,922.96	Total	77,392.04	(2,469.08)	-3%
Thru Nov-24	371,205.08	Thru Nov-23	371,939.86	(734.78)	0%

Budget Comparison		
Nov-24	Mo Budget	76,842.00
	Actual	74,922.96
	Over Under	(1,919.04)
	YTD Budget	369,297.00
	YTD Actual	371,205.08
	Over/Under Budget	1,908.08 0.52%

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.



**Christmas Flowers for
the Church**

Donation Envelopes are available in the Gathering space.

Online Giving

As schools have resumed, and we have settled back in our busy routines, the ability to support and participate online is more important than ever. That is why we offer Online Giving as an option to support our continued mission and ministries. Please visit our Parish website today: stlukesraleigh.org (click on Give) to sign up and get started! Thank you!!

End of Year

**Please advise the office of any address or family status changes by emailing:
Accountant@stlrc.org**

Faith Formation

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, 12/15	9:45a.m.	Third Sunday in Advent Sancti Simus & Confirmation Classes
Monday, 12/16	10:00a.m.	Magnificat Moms
Tuesday, 12/17	---	-----
Wednesday, 12/18	---	-----
Thursday, 12/19	6:30p.m.	Walking with Purpose
Friday, 12/20	---	-----
Saturday, 12/21	---	-----
Sunday, 12/22	---	Fourth Sunday in Advent -----

Third Sunday in Advent

Brothers and sisters, Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY WEEK THREE

On this third week of Advent, the violet of the penitential season fades to rose signifying to us all that the Light of Christ draws near. Soon, we know, the skies will be filled with the angelic chorus bringing good news of great joy.

This is not simply a reminder for us during the liturgical penitential seasons, but it is a reminder for us in seasons of suffering and of doubt. Soon, in fact, the heavens, all the saints and angels, and the very throne of God will be made visible to us. This good news of great joy is good news every day in season and out of season. In doubt and in hope and in fear, God is with us. Christ beckons us out of our darkness and into His Light.

So, brothers and sisters, we have cause to Rejoice in the Lord always!

This week, take time as a family to rejoice. Listen to your favorite version of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* together, and take time to listen as each member shares what is giving them cause to rejoice... and maybe eat a little bite of something pink.



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
DRE@STLRNC.ORG

Contact Us

Katja Mulligan

Faith Formation Assistant
FaithAssistant@STLRNC.ORG

Faith Formation



Adult Formation

Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Wednesdays in the Word

Returning Late January 2025

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.

NO CLASS THIS WEEK

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

CYC

Community of Young Catholics

Join us for a night of Music and Bingo at

Fortnight Brewing Company
Thursday, December 19, 2024

7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

For more information, contact:

Natalie Protasowicki at n_protas6@outlook.com

Or

Nick Aremia at naremia@gmail.com



Tuesday Morning Bible Study: **EPIC: The Early Church** January 21– April 1 with a semester break on 2/25

Discover the amazing story of the first 500 years of Church history - a time filled with saints, philosophers, theologians, emperors, and martyrs. This exciting study encourages people to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of his Church.

Over the course of ten sessions, you will discover places and events that were a part of the early formation of the Church and gain a greater understanding her teachings. The study leader, Steve Weidenkopf, is widely recognized for his scholarship and articulation of the theology and players in the Early Church.



2025 Lenten Mission: **Lectio-Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible** January 29-April 8 with a semester break on 3/5

In this study, Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. "The Lamb of God", "The Bread of Life", "The Body and Blood of Christ" are phrases we know. Through this study, we will discover how Christ's Body and Blood are a wondrous part of God's plan for Salvation.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: EPIC: The Early Church Workbook: **\$20.00 per participant**

of workbooks: _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____ SUBTOTAL

AND/OR

2025 Lenten Mission: Lectio-Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible Workbook: **\$20.00 per participant**

of workbooks: _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____ SUBTOTAL

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

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

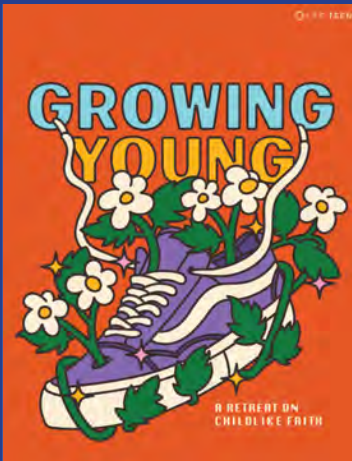
Vita Nova

Next Youth Meeting

Carpe Diem & Vita Nova are on break until the New Year!

See you guys in 2025!

2025 Spring Retreat



March 21-23, 2025

Camp Rockfish
Parkton, NC

Cost: \$225/person

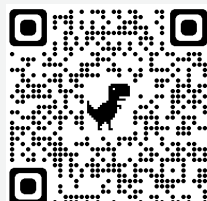


All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us on retreat this spring as we gather to deepen our faith by "Growing Young" - seeking after a childlike faith as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

Registration Deadline: January 12, 2025

Register for Youth Group

Join our Email List



Calendar of Events

Sunday, 1/5	12:15p.m.	YOUTH GROUP! <i>Theology of the Body Part 4</i>
Sunday, 1/12	12:15p.m.	YOUTH GROUP! <i>Theology of the Body Part 5</i>
Sunday, 1/19	---	Long Weekend (MLK) No Youth Group
Saturday, 1/25	6:30p.m.	Parish Trivia Night
Sunday, 1/26	9:45a.m. 12:15p.m.	Fundraiser: Coffee & Donuts Leaders' Meeting

2025 Youth Fundraiser Extended!!

All remaining inventory is on sale **online only**

IN-STOCK

Pecans

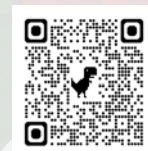
Mammoth Pecan Halves, Cinnamon Glazed Pecans, Milk Chocolate Covered Pecans

Children's Socks

Three Wise Men, Nativity, Monstrance, and Christmas Sweater

POINSETTIAS & ADULT SOCKS—SOLD OUT

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



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At St. Luke the Evangelist

St. Luke the Evangelist Church Advent & Christmas Schedule

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Mass: 5:30 PM
Christmas Eve Mass: 9:00 with choral
prelude at 8:30 PM

DECEMBER 25

Christmas morning Mass: 8:30 AM
Christmas morning Mass: 11:00 AM

DECEMBER 31

Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God: 5:30 PM

JANUARY 1:

Mass for Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God: 9:30 AM

Catholic Parish Outreach

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME... AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

A committed group St. Luke's parishioners volunteer at CPO on various days of the week so that CPO could provide food to **104,000 people in the last year**. They participate in a variety of jobs while volunteering such as interviewing clients, packing bags of food, assembling clients' grocery orders, handing out food to clients, unloading trucks and helping with distribution of children's clothing.

Please consider joining the group! If you can't be available every week, consider volunteering one day per month or to be an occasional substitute! **CPO is now open every Saturday**, providing volunteer opportunities for those who work full-time during the week.

If you have questions about volunteering at CPO, please contact Ken Low at 919-397-4018.

To volunteer your time at CPO, email CpoVolCoordinator@ccharities.org. For more information about CPO volunteering opportunities, you can access their website at ccharitiesdor.org.

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 keep faith forever, who are sure justice for the oppressed; who give food to the hungry.
Psalm 146:5-7

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.

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

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

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Week of December
15, 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>

Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/adventus>

Christmas (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent? <https://watch.formed.org/videos/christmas-part-2-what-catholics-believe>

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



Adopt-A-Family Shopping

December 8th, 2024



Last Sunday, Carpe Diem and Vita Nova (St. Luke's middle and high school youth groups) met at Milton's Pizza and afterwards purchased gifts from Target for this year's Adopt-A-Family shopping event (partnering with Catholic Parish Outreach). Thanks to the generosity of our parish, the youth were able to provide Christmas gifts for 5 families, several of which were displaced by Hurricane Helene. In total they purchased gifts for **15 children**. What an awesome contribution! Thank you St. Luke parishioners for making this possible.



Around the Diocese

Annual Celebration of the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 20, 2025
12:00 PM - 01:30 PM

You are invited to the diocesan celebration of the annual Mass commemorating the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., promoting justice for social issues. The event is open to the public.

“MISSION POSSIBLE: Protecting Freedom, Justice and Democracy!”

Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama

Homilist: Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Louisville

Archbishop Kurtz has served on many boards including as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). For more information, visit dioceseofraleigh.org.

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

CATHOLIC DIOCESE of RALEIGH

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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Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering, but is anchored in Christian reconciliation, communication, healing.

For confidential information about, or, to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 24-26th in the **Charlotte area**, contact 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.



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: 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.

Wedding ANNIVERSARY Mass

THE ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION HAS BEEN MOVED TO FEBRUARY TO ALIGN WITH THE CATHOLIC NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

To request a wedding anniversary certificate, please use the QR code or call 984-900-3184

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February 8, 2025, 10 a.m.
HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL

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.KofC9880.org/marchforlife - This QR code will directly go to the website.



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Prayer after an election, from the US Bishops

God of all nations,
 Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America.

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.

Amen.

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