

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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 29th, 2024

Pastoral Staff

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here:
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 *The Holy Innocents*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 *St. Sylvester I*

5:30 PM Solemnity of Mary Vigil Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 *SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*

9:30 AM Dcn. Mike Sanchez (in celebration of Ordination Nov. 12)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 *Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

8:30 AM + Virginia Rolling
 By Paul & Chris Panzl

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus, First Friday*

8:30 AM + Robert Benvenuti Jr.
 By Ron & Letty Phillips

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

9:30 AM John Arpa, Sr.
 By Angie Arpa

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

Parish Weekly Calendar

BUILDING CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK DEC. 28 - JAN. 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 *The Holy Innocents*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM

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

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,*

AND JOSEPH

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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 *St. Sylvester I*

VIGIL MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY.....5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 *SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*

MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY.....9:30 AM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 *Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

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

CHOIR PRACTICE.....6:30 PM

SCHOLA PRACTICE.....7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus, First Friday*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

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

ADORATION.....9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM

LESSONS & CAROLS.....7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

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

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM

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

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

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

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



Weekly Readings, December 29 - January 5

Sunday: Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14/1Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28/Ps 128 (127): 1-2, 3, 4-5 . II/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2: 41-52

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2: 18-21/Ps 96 (95): 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Jn 1: 1-18

Wednesday: Num 6: 22-27/Ps 67 (66): 2-3, 5, 6, 8 . VII/Gal 4: 4-7/Lk 2: 16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2: 22-28/Ps 98 (97): 1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1: 19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2: 29-3: 6/Ps 98 (97): 1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1: 29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3: 7-10/Ps 98 (97): 1, 7, 8, 9/ Jn 1: 35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60: 1-6/Ps 72 (71): 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 . I/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2: 1-12



It is in the Holy Family, the original "Church in miniature" that every Christian family must be reflected.

-Bl. John Paul II



Mary's Corner

"Oh my Mother, let it be done to me! Let life be done to me! Let suffering be done to me! Let even death be done to me, as long as I remain united with your Immaculate Heart."

-St. Bernadette

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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Finance Council

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, 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:

Dave Knudson.

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.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Join St. Luke's Parish on Friday, January 3rd at 7:00pm in the church.
There will be Scripture Readings, Hymns, and Carols sung by our own Choir and Schola groups.
A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3RD AT 7:00^{PM}



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC**

THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
A LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

December 29, 2024

Our Parish Website:
www.stlukesraleigh.org

FY24-25 Weekly YOY					
November 371,205.08		November 371,939.86			
Current Year (FY 2025)		Prior Year (FY 2024)		Difference	
Dec-24	Total 2025	Dec-23	Total 2023	\$ YOY by WK	% YOY by WK
1st	23,530.35	3rd	17,388.03	6,142.32	35%
8th	16,839.00	10th	32,603.13	(15,764.13)	-48%
15th	18,343.75	17th	22,132.00	(3,788.25)	-17%
22nd	0.00	24th	26,901.26	(26,901.26)	-100%
Christmas	0.00	Christmas	12,268.00	(12,268.00)	-100%
29th-32st	0.00	31st	17,070.56	(17,070.56)	-100%
Total	58,713.10	Total	128,362.98	(69,649.88)	-54%
Thru Dec-24 429,918.18		Thru Dec-24 500,302.84		(70,384.66)	-14%

Budget Comparison		
Dec-24	Mo Budget	127,451.00
	Actual	58,713.10
	Over Under	(68,737.90)
YTD Budget		496,748.00
YTD Actual		429,918.18
Over/Under		(66,829.82)
Budget		-13.45%

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@stlrnc.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.

Online Giving

As we journey through winter and prepare for spring, we set new goals dedicated to strengthening our church's community. Faithfulness in giving allows us to share the gifts that God has given us, so our spiritual home may thrive. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries. Please visit our Parish website today: stlukesraleigh.org (click on Give) to sign up and get started! Thank you!!

Upcoming 2nd Collections

**Church in Latin America
January 26, 2025**

End of Year

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

Faith Formation

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, 12/29	---	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday, 12/30	10:00a.m.	Magnificat Moms
Tuesday, 12/31	---	-----
Wednesday, 1/1	---	Solemnity: Mary The Mother of God
Thursday, 1/2	---	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzen
Friday, 1/3	---	<i>First Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
Saturday, 1/4	---	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Sunday, 1/5	9:45a.m.	Sancti Simus No Confirmation Class Confirmation Epiphany Party
	12:15p.m.	Carpe Diem & Vita Nova



PARISH-WIDE EVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

On the 10th day of Christmas, what better way to continue to form our children's understanding of the Catholic Faith and the season of Christmastide than to enjoy an evening of Lessons & Carols?

A downloadable Lessons & Carols Activity book will be available and emailed via Flocknote. Printed versions will be available in the upper gathering space before the Service of Lessons & Carols on January 3.

Confirmation Class Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 5, 2024
9:45a.m.-10:45a.m.
In the St. Maria Goretti Room

Confirmation Year 1 & 2 students are invited to a special Epiphany Party to dig deep into the liturgical season between Christmas and Candlemas—with food, fun, and games!

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

NO CLASS THIS WEEK

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 NO CLASS THIS WEEK

Walking With Purpose

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



Wednesdays in the Word

2025 Lenten Mission

Co-Sponsored by Faith Formation and the Knights of Columbus

The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

By **Dr. Brant Pietre**
NO HOMEWORK!!

Wednesdays 6:15p.m.-8:00p.m.
January 29-April 8 with a semester break on 3/5

In this incredibly important study delving into the Source and Summit of our faith, Dr. Brant Pietre 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.

OCIA

NO CLASS THIS WEEK

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)

REGISTER HERE



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

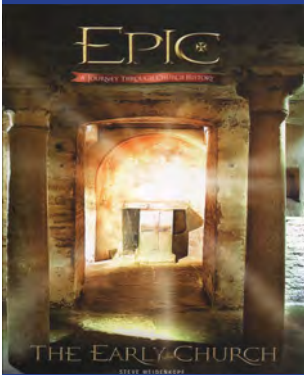
EPIC: The Early Church

January 21- April 1 with a semester break on 2/25

REGISTER HERE

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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 10, 2025

Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: **EPIC: The Early Church** Workbook: **\$25.00 per participant**

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

AND/OR

2025 Lenten Mission: **The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible** Workbook: **\$25.00 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

You may also order online and pay by credit card: <https://www.osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/tmbs-spring2025> or <https://osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/wednesdaysintheword>

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

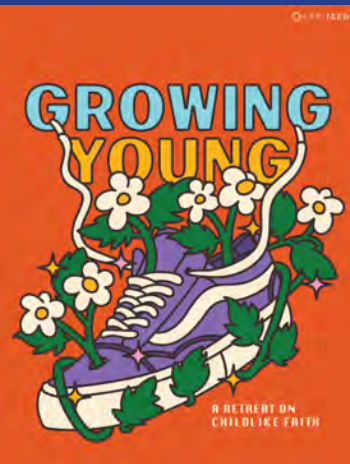
Next Youth Meeting

Sunday, January 5 at 12:15p.m

We're back!!

Join us for Games, Lunch, and
Theology of the Body Part 4!

2025 Spring Retreat



March 21-23, 2025

Camp Rockfish
Parkton, NC

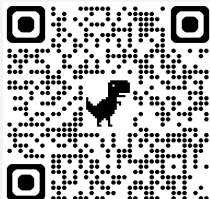
Cost: \$225/person



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! Theology of the Body Part 4
Sunday, 1/12	12:15p.m.	YOUTH GROUP! Theology of the Body Part 5
Sunday, 1/19	---	Long Weekend (MLK) No Youth Group
Saturday, 1/25	7:00p.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

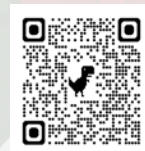
Mammoth Pecan Halves, Cinnamon Glazed Pecans, Milk Chocolate Covered Pecans

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

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Week of December
29, 2024

O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/o-holy-night-the-king-is-born-what-christmas-is-about>

St. Luke's parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



St. Luke the Evangelist Church Advent & Christmas Schedule

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



Pope Saint Sylvester I

December 31st



CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

***St. Luke's Month-long Targeted
Food Drive***

JANUARY'S FOOD TARGET:



CANS OF FRUIT

(NO GLASS, PLEASE!)

A donation box is in the lower
gathering space.

CPO recycles THOUSANDS of grocery bags each week and always has a need for your plastic and paper 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! CPO is now open on Saturdays! To volunteer your time at CPO, please email CpoVol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org.

Eucharistic Miracles Display

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

There will be a eucharistic miracles display held in St. Luke's parish hall on January 11th from 10:00 AM till 7:00 PM. Contact Grand Knight Rick Beebe at bbgunrtb@yahoo.com or 919-418-0845 for further details.

Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was a British-born[4] Italian website designer who documented Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions, and catalogued both on a website he designed before his death from leukaemia. [5] Acutis was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life.[6] He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10 October 2020. After a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Acutis was confirmed in May 2024, Pope Francis granted approval in July 2024 to continue forward with canonization, which is scheduled for 27 April 2025.

For more information, scan the QR code to learn about the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition.



Knights of Columbus

2024 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Kindergarten



1st Place
Robert G.



2nd Place
Alexander Q.



3rd Place
Evie M.

1st & 2nd Grade



1st Place
Sofia Q.



2nd Place
Abigail C.



3rd Place
John S.

3rd & 4th Grade



1st Place
Joey F.



2nd Place
Adelaide P.



3rd Place
Matthew V.

5th & 6th Grade



1st Place
Lilian T.



2nd Place
Thomas H.



3rd Place
Anna F.

Poster Contest Winners (continued):

7th & 8th Grade



1st Place
Rose F.



2nd Place
Emma H.



3rd Place
Bridget P.

Thank you to all the young people who participated in the Poster Contest! Their creativity and artistic ability really exhibit the true Christmas spirit. Please view all the beautiful entries in the Parish Hall. Merry Christmas!

Around the Diocese

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.



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

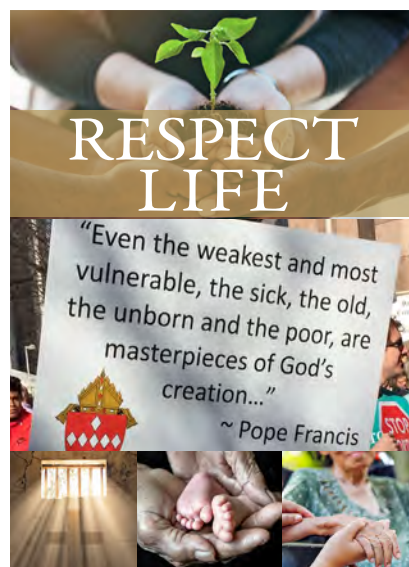
Monday, January 20, 2025
12:00 PM - 01:30 PM

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.



QUESTIONS?
Please contact diocesan Coordinator for Human Life and Dignity (HLD):
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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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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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