

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@stlrc.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@stlrc.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.



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here:
stlukesraleigh.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 *Blessed Virgin Mary, First Saturday*

9:30 AM Terri Haag
 By Anna Willigan

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, MARCH 3 *St. Katherine Drexel*

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 *St. Casimir*

5:30 PM + Vincent Kim
 By children

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 *ASH WEDNESDAY*

12:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

8:30 AM + James Lewis McLaughlin
 By Woodburn family

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 *SS. Perpetua & Felicity, First Friday*

8:30 AM + John Ross Mirabito
 By Ruth Harris

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 *St. John of God*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 *1st Sunday of Lent*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

Parish Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 *Blessed Virgin Mary, First Saturday*

JOURNEYMEN - INTO THE BREACH.....7:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY MASS.....9:30 AM

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM

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

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

TRIVIA NIGHT.....7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP.....12:15 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 3 *St. Katherine Drexel*

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 *St. Casimir*

REGNUM CHRISTI (WOMEN).....9:30 AM

EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM

WALKING WITH PURPOSE.....6:30 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, MARCH 5 *ASH WEDNESDAY*

MORNING MASS WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION.....8:30 AM

NOON MASS WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION.....12:00 PM

EVENING MASS WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION.....7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY.....12:30 PM

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 *SS. Perpetua & Felicity, First Friday*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

ADORATION.....9:00 AM

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

RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SOUP SUPPER.....6:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 *St. John of God*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM

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

VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 *1st Sunday of Lent*

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

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

rites of sending & election.....11:00 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, March 2 - March 9

Sunday: Sir 27: 4-7/Ps 92 (91): 2-3, 13-14, 15-16 . VI/1 Cor 15: 54-58/Lk 6: 39-45

Monday: Sir 17: 20-24/Ps 32 (31): 1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10: 17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35: 1-12/Ps 50 (49): 5-6, 7-8, 14, 23/Mk 10: 28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2: 12-18/Ps 51(50): 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 . II/2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2/Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30: 15-20/Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 9: 22-25

Friday: Is 58: 1-9a/Ps 51 (50): 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9: 14-15

Saturday: Is 58: 9b-14/Ps 86 (85): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5: 27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26: 4-10/Ps 91 (90): 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 . II/Rom 10: 8-13/Lk 4: 1-13



Altar Flowers

Special Intention for
Angela Pasha

Donated By

Kim Family



Mary's Corner

"Invoking Mary frequently showers us with an abundance of graces in this life and an abundance of glory in eternity."

- Blessed Raymond Giardano

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.

Liturgy & Prayer

Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068	mktravers@nc.rr.com
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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	Jeanne Rodriguez	919-434-5017	jeanner517@gmail.com
Nursing Home Ministry	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.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	Parish Office	919-848-1533	Please Call
Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201	Please Call
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202	weddingcoordinator@stlinc.org

Evangelization

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

Pastoral Council

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Those Who Are Sick:

Michael Lewis, Daniel Nisbeth, Al Przytulski, Donald Albert, Stephen Frank, Katherine Fitzgerald, Teresa Green, Michael Boyle, Dan Ritchie, Bill Shultz, Jeanette Shultz, Michele Wallace, Benjamin Fitzharris, 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.

Rest of the Soul:

Patrick Newman.

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.



SOURCE: YOUNG-CATHOLICS.COM

Reflection on the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we explore important lessons from the readings. These reflections focus on the power of our words, the hope we have in Christ's victory over death, and the call to humility through self-examination. These themes guide us to live more faithfully as Christians.

Words Reveal Our True Selves

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we reflect on the power of our words. Sirach 27:4-7 teaches that our words reveal who we really are. Good words show a good heart, while bad words reveal inner problems. Our speech can lift others up or tear them down.

Luke 6:43-45 also talks about the connection between our hearts and actions. Jesus compares people to trees, saying that good trees bear good fruit. This means our actions and words reflect our inner goodness. If our hearts are good, we will naturally do and say good things.

We need to be careful with our words. Speaking kindly and truthfully can show our faith and love for others. Harsh or dishonest words can hurt people and damage our witness as Christians. Reflecting on how we speak helps us grow in holiness.

Our words also impact our relationships. Kind words can build strong friendships and trust. Hurtful words can create distance and conflict. By watching what we say, we can strengthen our bonds with others and show them Christ's love.

On this 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, let's remember the power of our words. They are a window to our hearts. Let us strive to speak words that reflect our faith and love for God and others.

Hope in Christ's Victory

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we celebrate the victory over death. In 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Paul reminds us that Jesus defeated death. This victory gives us hope and courage to stay firm in our faith. Death is not the end; through Christ, we have eternal life.

This message is comforting. It assures us that our struggles and pains in this life are temporary. Jesus' resurrection shows that life continues beyond the grave. We can face challenges with hope, knowing that victory is already won.

Paul encourages us to stand firm and give ourselves fully to God's work. Our efforts are not in vain. Everything we do for God has eternal value. This motivates us to stay committed to our faith and our mission.

Living with this hope transforms our daily lives. We can approach each day with joy and purpose. Knowing that Jesus conquered death gives us strength to endure hardships and remain faithful.

On this 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, let's embrace the hope and victory in Christ. Let's live with confidence, knowing that we share in this triumph. Our faith and work in the Lord are never in vain.

Humility Through Self-Examination

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Jesus teaches about humility and self-examination. In Luke 6:41-42, He tells us to look at our own faults before judging others. This practice leads to true humility and helps us grow closer to God.

We often judge people based on their appearance, wealth, or status. But what really matters is the condition of their hearts. Our conversations reveal our true beliefs and values. What we say shows what is inside us.

Our words can impact our relationships deeply. When we speak with love and humility, we build others up. But if we are proud and critical, we can harm relationships. We must be aware of our own weaknesses and strive to improve.

Pride blinds us to our own faults. We become hypocrites, thinking we are better than others. This pride is a barrier to holiness and prevents us from leading others to Christ. Self-examination helps us recognize our own sins and grow in humility.

On this 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, let's focus on removing the beam from our own eye. Let's strive for humility and seek to improve ourselves before judging others. By doing so, we can follow Christ more closely and help others on their spiritual journey.

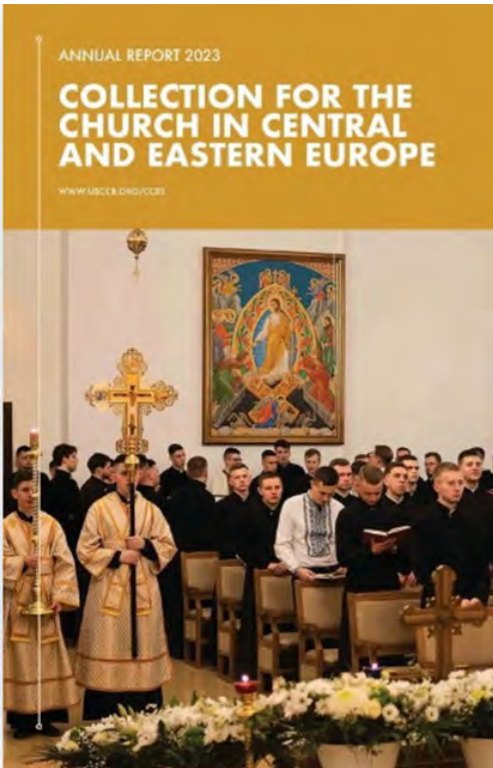
PARISH FINANCE REPORT

March 2, 2025

Our Parish Website:
www.stlukesraleigh.org



Upcoming 2nd Collection
Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025



Opening Hearts, Transforming Lives

The theme for the 2025 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, “Open Your Heart, Open a Door,” invites us to reflect on how our generosity can open doors to hope and transformation. This year’s appeal supports critical diocesan ministries, including religious education, pastoral care, and outreach to those in need. Your gift will help ensure that the Church can continue to serve and uplift all members of our community. As we open our hearts in faith, let us also open doors to new opportunities for those who rely on the Church’s support. Thank you for your continued commitment to the mission of the Church!

FY24-25 Weekly YOY					
Jan-25	621,610.46	Jan-24	593,570.03		
Current Year (FY 2025)		Prior Year (FY 2024)		Difference	
Feb	Total 2025	Feb	Total 2024	\$ YOY/WK	% YOY
2nd	17,243.50	4th	17,093.63	149.87	1%
9th	16,366.13	11th	48,785.58	(32,419.45)	-66%
16th	16,008.13	18th	19,669.38	(3,661.25)	-19%
23rd	13,971.55	25th	12,204.88	1,766.67	14%
24th-28th	0.00	26-29	4,627.22	(4,627.22)	-100%
Total	63,589.31	Total	102,380.69	(38,791.38)	-38%
Thru 02.2025		Thru 02.2024			
685,199.77		695,950.72		(10,750.95)	-1.54%

Envelopes and prayer cards are available for your use. Thank you!

Offertory Counting Ministry

Volunteers Needed!

If you are called to help, please contact Cyndy Aremlia 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.

Budget Comparison	
Feb-25	Mo Budget 101,653.22
	Actual 63,589.31
	Over Under (38,063.91)
	YTD Budget 691,005.69
	YTD Actual 685,199.77
	Over/Under (5,805.92)
	Budget -0.84%

Faith Formation

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, 3/2	9:15a.m.	Sancti Simus & Confirmation
Monday, 3/3	10:00a.m.	Magnificat Moms
Tuesday, 3/4	9:15a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday, 3/5	---	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, 3/6	6:30p.m.	Walking with Purpose
Friday, 3/7	6:00p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
Saturday, 3/8	---	-----
Sunday, 3/9	11:00a.m.	Rites of Sending
	12:15p.m.	Carpe Diem & Vita Nova

Family Formation Activity



Parish St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 23
12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.

Join together with our St. Luke's Family to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day with fun traditional foods, a carpentry activity, and blessing for fathers.

Register Now Through March 18!



<https://www.osvhub.com/stlukeraleigh/forms/st-joseph-s-feast-day-celebration>

Sancti Simus

NO CLASSES NEXT WEEKEND!

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

Register Online:

osvhub.com/stlukeraleigh/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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Faith Formation

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

EPIC: The Early Church

March 4

Session Six: The Arian Attack

Wednesdays in the Word

2025 Lenten Mission

The Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre

NO HOMEWORK!!

March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY:

SEMESTER BREAK

Walking With Purpose

Thursdays: Opening Your Heart

(Women's Study)

March 6

Session Twenty:

What is the Relevance of Church in My Life?

Sacrament Preparation

This spring, over 50 people in our parish will celebrate their first sacraments—children in First Holy Communion, teens in Confirmation, and adults and children alike entering the Church at Vigil through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

As these families enter this final season of preparation, let us all pray for their formation and for their protection from spiritual attack as they draw closer and closer to Jesus.

St. Robert Bellarmine,

St. Imelda Lambertini,

St. Michael the Archangel,

Pray for us.

Knights of Columbus

Journeyman Into the Breach

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

A PARADISUS DEI Study

1st and 3rd Saturdays

7:30a.m.-9:00a.m.

In the Holy Family Room



MYSTERIES
of the ROSARY

Vacation Bible School



SAVE THE DATE!!

June 23-27, 2025

VBS Registration Opens March 17

Adult Volunteer Registration:



Youth Volunteer Registration:



Youth Ministry

St. Luke's Youth Group

Carpe Diem

6th-8th Grade

Vita Nova

9th-12th Grade

Next Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 9 at 12:15p.m

Join us for Games, Lunch, and
Theology of the Body Part 8!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 3/9 12:15p.m. YOUTH GROUP!
Theology of the Body Part 8

Saturday, 3/15 6:30p.m. *Vita Nova Social*

Sunday, 3/16 9:45a.m. Coffee & Donuts
Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, 3/22 6:45p.m. Adoration Retreat

Sunday, 3/23 12:30p.m. St. Joseph Feast
Day Celebration

Register for Youth Group

Join our Email List



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

At St. Luke the Evangelist



St. Patrick's Day Mass

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (Wake Co. Division #1) welcome all to the 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass. Readings will be in both English and Gaelic. The mass is **3/17/25 at 1:00 pm** at St. Luke's Parish. For more information, please contact Brendan Godwin at Godwinsons1319@yahoo.com or Sean Harrington at president@wakeaoh.com.

MAGNIFICAT MOMS

Interested in connecting with other mothers of young children in our parish? Our Magnificat Moms playgroup meets most Monday mornings offsite from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

For more information and to join our email list, please visit our website: <https://stlukesraleigh.org/magnificat-moms>



CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

MARCH FOOD TARGET: Cans of Pasta Sauce

(NO GLASS, PLEASE - PLASTIC IS OK!)



A donation box is in the lower gathering space.

Scan the QR code for more details about CPO.

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 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!**



Knights of Columbus®

2025 KofC State Raffle \$5,000 Grand Prize

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for their annual raffle, and we hope you will consider supporting our council and the work of the Knights of Columbus. 50% of all ticket sales remain with our council here at St. Luke's and last year we raised \$1,820 for our council's activities.

Did you know that our council had one first place winner and two second place winners in recent years...one second place winner receiving \$4,000. There are five additional cash prizes of lesser value.

Get your tickets after Mass on the weekends of **March 8/9** and **15/16**, or you may reach out to one of our Brother Knights.

For more information or to get tickets, contact Tim Fitzharris via email at gusto47@aol.com or text him at 847-530-2531.

DRAWING IS IN MAY

SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint Casimir, a Polish prince, shunned material things and lived a prayerful and religious life. Giving into his father's demands to lead an army into Hungary, many soldiers fled the impending battle. Casimir returned home where his father Confined him.



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Carpe Diem & Vita Nova



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Week of March 2, 2025



How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/how-to-lent-trailer>



Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/foretold-trailer>



Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/whole-40-making-a-spiritual-plan-for-lent>

St. Luke's 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.



Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

Feast Day: March 7

Patron of: mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers

Death: 203

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church in Africa by the Emperor Severus.

Vivia Perpetua, a noblewoman with one son, followed the path of her mother and became a Christian. Felicity was a slave who gave birth to a daughter shortly before her execution.

Perpetua and Felicity stood side by side and were killed by sword at Carthage in the Roman province of Africa.

Source: 2025, Catholic Online, https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=48

Around the Diocese

Lenten Mission Concert

Join Holy Infant Catholic Church for a special Lenten Mission Concert on **March 10th at 7 pm** to experience the uplifting music of Dana Catherine. Hailing from North Carolina, Dana is a talented singer/songwriter, speaker, and former youth minister who travels the country spreading God's love through her music.

Dana's journey with faith began in her Catholic upbringing but truly flourished during her college years at UNC Chapel Hill. Through her ups and downs, Dana discovered the joy and peace that only Christ can bring. Now, she shares her "prayer songs" to inspire others to surrender their hearts to God.

Dana's music speaks to the vulnerabilities and strengths of the human spirit. Witness her energetic tracks and soulful ballads at the upcoming concert, and be moved by the message of hope and surrender in every note.

31st ANNUAL RUN FOR LIFE

Join Us for the 31st Annual Run for Life benefitting Birthchoice on April 12, 2025 at WakeMed Soccer Park, Cary, NC. Register now for the 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run at www.raleighrunforlife.org. Don't miss out on a morning filled with fun, fellowship, music, a bounce house for the kids and fantastic prizes! For group discounts or sponsorship details, please contact: Janelle Buchanan at (214) 497-0756 or Kathy Klein at (919) 815-1369. We look forward to seeing you there!



22nd Annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference

April 4-5, 2025 at NC State's Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. A Great Opportunity for Your Lenten Retreat!

Meet your friends, learn about your Faith from our great speakers, receive the sacraments, and be moved in Adoration and veneration of saint relics. Don't miss this unforgettable day!

Friday Night: IBT is offering a Lenten Youth Retreat... a Night of Adoration, Praise, & Worship for ALL ages. Led by Fr. Jason Brooks, with Speaker Dan Briggs, and music by Dana Catherine.

Saturday's speakers include Fr. Robert Spitzer, Fr. Augustine Wetta, Msgr. James Shea, Fr. Jason Brooks and Sonja Corbitt, plus Morning Mass with Fr. Michael Burbeck.

Adult admission for both days is just \$30. Students of all ages are FREE with food provided for both days. Who will you invite? Tickets: IgnitedByTruth.org or 919-789-1428.

Prayer

Once again we stand before you to ask for the strength and power of your Holy Spirit as we begin the great work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025.

Fill our hearts, we pray, with your peace and your light, so that our lives may be illuminated as the doors of your generosity open to the needs of the Diocese of Raleigh.

Let us become channels of your love and grace, responding with boundless compassion.

Remind all of us who wish to serve that we are stewards entrusted to each other's care and challenged to bring hope to all who are in need of believing and beholding that you are the source of good in every situation.

We give you praise and glory and raise our prayer to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Open YOUR HEART
OPEN A DOOR | 2025

BOA BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
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Book of Sacraments by Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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Pope John Paul II - Familiaris Consortio, Section 13

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