# 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.



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## **MASS INTENTIONS**



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here: stlukesraleigh.org

#### 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

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 10**

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

5:30 PM Christy Kim (B-day)

By her parents

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

12:00 PM + Valerie File

By File family

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

8:30 AM + Dcn. Frank Gariboldi

By Stephen & Kathleen Hill

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 14 Fasting and Abstinence

8:30 AM + Ray Davis

By Woodburn family

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16 2nd Sunday of Lent

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



## **Parish Weekly Calendar**

### RECONCILIATION
VIGIL MASS5:30 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 9_ 1st Sunday of Lent
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ROSARY BEFORE MASS8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
MASSES8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
RITES OF SENDING & ELECTION11:00 AM HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP12:15 PM
MONDAY, MARCH 10
LEGION OF MARY6:30 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 11
BIBLE STUDY9:15 AM
REGNUM CHRISTI (WOMEN)9:30 AM
MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GROUP1:30 PM
EVENING MASS5:30 PM WALKING WITH PURPOSE6:30 PM
REGNUM CHRISTI (MEN)
CHOIR PRACTICE6:30 PM
SCHOLA PRACTICE7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE8:00 AM
NOON MASS12:00 PM
CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE1:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD6:15 PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 13
MORNING MASS8:30 AM
G.I.F.T.S
LADIES BIBLE STUDY12:30 PM WALKING WITH PURPOSE6:30 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 14 Fasting and Abstinence
MORNING MASS8:30 AM
ADORATION9:00 AM RECONCILIATION9:30 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SOUP SUPPER6:00 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 15 JOURNEYMEN - INTO THE BREACH7:30 AM
RECONCILIATION4:00 PM
ROSARY BEFORE MASS
VIGIL MASS5:30 PM
VITA NOVA SOCIAL6:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 16 2nd Sunday of Lent
ROSARY BEFORE MASS8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
MASSES8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
COFFEE & DONUTS BY THE YOUTH GROUP9:30 AM
CY1 & CY2 (CONFIRMATION)9:45 AM
SANCTI SIMUS (ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION)9:45 AM

#### Attention:

Bulletin announcements are due by Friday for the following Sunday bulletin. Thank you.

#### Weekly Readings, March 9 - March 16

**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

**Monday:** Lev 19: 1-2, 11-18/Ps 19 (18): 8, 9,

10, 15/Mt 25: 31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55: 10-11/Ps 34 (33): 4-5, 6-7,

16-17, 18-19/Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10/Ps 51 (50): 3-4, 12-

13, 18-19/Lk 11: 29-32

**Thursday:** Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138

(137): 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7: 8 . I

Friday: Ezek 18: 21-28/Ps 130 (129): 1-2,

1-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5: 20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26: 16-19/Ps 119 (118): 1-2,

4-5, 7-8/Mt 5: 48 . IV

Next Sunday: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/Ps 27

(26): 1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 . II/Phil 3:

17-4/Lk 9: 28b-36

## If you would like to:

- Remember a loved one (living or deceased)
- Help celebrate a special birthday
- Honor an anniversary

Please consider **donating flowers** for our beautiful altar by signing up on the flower calendar located in the hall near the elevator.

For further information, please contact Carol Blando at *cbblando@gmail.com*. 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					
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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	j.	joe.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				
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Nursing Home Ministry	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.com					
Respect Life	Phyllis Gaukel	919-616-6427	phyllisrgaukel@gmail.com					
	Community L	ife & Facilities	5					
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@stlrnc.org					
Evangelization								
Legion of Mary	TBD	919-744-6998	Please Call					
OCIA Coordinator	Dcn. Mike Sanchez	Please Email	dcnmikes7@gmail.com					
	Pastora	al Council						
Dave Olechovsky	stlukepc@gmail.com 919-420-7410							
Finance Council								
Andy Kleitsch	akleitsch@gmail.com 919-274-9766							

## Mary's Corner

"From the moment of Jesus' birth, the black shadow of the Cross weighed heavily on Mary's Heart."

-Bossuet

#### 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@stlrnc.org or contact the Parish Office.

Names will be kept on the list for **3 weeks**. If they need to remain longer or if a name has been removed in error please contact the parish office. Thank you.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Those Who Are Sick:

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 Synowiez, Walt Ostack, Bill Wolf.

#### Repose 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.

Office of the Bishop

984-900-3103

Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Lent, we're invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another. We can do this in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these Lenten pillars.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl celebrates its 50th anniversary. This is the time for us to recommit to our global family as we learn about communities in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh. At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality. There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger—but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation us to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent—so all may live with dignity. Seventy-five percent of alms collected through CRS Rice Bowl supports CRS programs around the world. Twenty-five percent stays here in our diocese to help fight hunger and poverty.

Nearly 13,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses across the U.S. are committed to practicing the traditional Lenten pillars of spirituality to help our global family with CRS Rice Bowl. Please consider committing to supporting our sisters and brothers around the world while forming families and faith communities to be missionary disciples.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to join us for an enriching Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help people in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given potential.

In Christ,

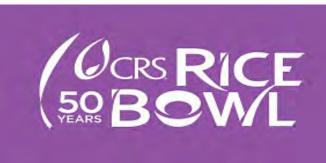
† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L. Bishop of Raleigh

## PARISH FINANCE REPORT

March 9, 2025

Our Parish Website: www.stlukesraleigh.org





A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their Godgiven potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

# Your Rice Bowls are available in the lower gathering space.

	Budget Comparison		
	Mo Budget	101,653.22	
Feb-25	Actual	70,906.31	
	Over Under	(30,746.91)	
	YTD Budget	691,005.69	
	YTD Actual	692,516.77	
	Over/Under	1,511.08	

**Budget** 0.22%

## **2025 BAA @ St Luke**

Ways to Give:

Cash or Check

Please process Online any

Pledge/Direct Debit/Credit Card

Givetobaa.org

Gift Report as of 03/04/25

2025 Goal \$146,555.85

**Committed:** 

\$78,481

## **Offertory Counting Ministry**

**Volunteers Needed!** 

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.

## Faith Formation

## This Week in Faith Formation

#### Sunday, 3/9 11:00a.m. Rites of Sending

12:15p.m. Carpe Diem & Vita Nova

Monday,

10:00a.m. **Magnificat Moms** 3/10

Tuesday,

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15a.m. 3/11

Wednesday,

WITW Lenten Mission 6:15p.m. 3/12

Thursday,

6:30p.m. Walking with Purpose 3/13

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper Friday, 3/14

6:00p.m.

Sancti Simus &

Saturday,

6:30p.m. Vita Nova Social Night 3/15

Coffee & Donuts Sunday, 9:45a.m.

**Fundraiser** 

3/16

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/stlukesraleigh/forms/st-joseph-s-feast-day-celebration



## osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/2024-25 Lydia Tatum

Register Online:

Director of Religious Education DRE@STLRNC.ORG

#### Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Contact Lydia Tatum to register at DRE@STLRNC.ORG

Contact Us

#### Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Contact Lydia Tatum to register at DRE@STLRNC.ORG

## Katja Mulligan

Faith Formation Assistant FaithAssistant@STLRNC.ORG

# Faith Formation

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

## **EPIC: The Early Church**

March 11

Session Seven: The Bitter Fruit of Heresy

## Wednesdays in the Word

## **2025 Lenten Mission**

The Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre

## March 12

Session Six: Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, and Fishes

## Walking With Purpose

## **Thursdays: Opening Your Heart**

(Women's Study)

## March 13

Session Twenty-one: How Do I Read the Bible in a Meaningful Way?

## 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

## ourneymen 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



## 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**

Saturday, 3/15

6:30p.m. Vita Nova Social

**Sunday, 3/16** 

Coffee & Donuts Youth Fundraiser 9:45a.m.

Saturday, 3/22

6:45p.m. Adoration Retreat

**Sunday, 3/23** 

12:30p.m. St. Jospeh Feast

Day Celebration

**Sunday, 3/30** 

YOUTH GROUP!

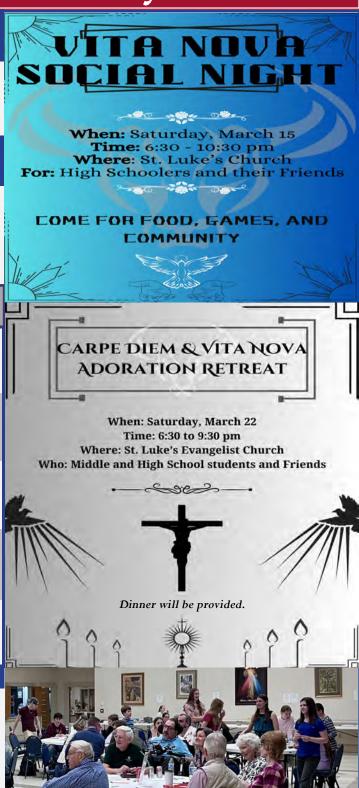
12:30p.m. Carpe Diem & Vita Nova

**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



## 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 prices 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



## 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: <a href="https://stlukesraleigh.org/magnificat-moms">https://stlukesraleigh.org/magnificat-moms</a>

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction is at 6:00 PM every Friday through April 11th.

Following the Stations of the Cross we will

continue with our Lenten Soup Suppers hosted by our many parish ministries. All are welcome to attend! (*This event is free and no registration required.*)

## **Upcoming Lenten Soup Suppers:**

3/7 – Knight of Columbus #1 / Lectors (Readers) / Ministers of Hospitality

3/14 - Parish Council / Finance Council / Legion of Mary

3/21 - Choir / Eucharistic Ministers / Hospital & Nursing Home Ministry

3/28 - Catholic Schoolhouse/Home School Families

4/4 - Bible Studies / Elementary Faith Formation

4/11 - Knights of Columbus #2 / Youth Ministry

If you would like to help with our soup suppers but are not a part of any of our ministries, please feel free to contact

one of the ministries and offer your services! We are happy to have you join us!

You can also sign up to bring an item or do setup/clean up by scanning the QR code.



#### **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.

# Trivia Night at St. Luke's!



## **Around the Diocese**

# LENTEN Penance Services

03/11 Tues.	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	St. Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina	
03/12 Wed.	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg	
03/13 Thur.	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	St. Luke, Raleigh	
03/13 Thur.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Mary Magdalene & St. Andrew @ St. Andrew, Apex	
03/18 Tues.	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	St. Mary Magdalene School, Apex	
03/19 Wed.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Francis, Raleigh	
03/20 Thur.	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	St. Mary Magdalene School, Apex	
03/20 Thur.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Bernadette, Fuquay - Varina	
03/24 Thur.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Eugene, Wendell	
03/26 Wed.	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	St. Catherine, Wake Forest	
03/26 Wed.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Michael & Mother Teresa @ St. Michael, Cary	
03/27 Thur.	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	St. Mary Magdalene, Apex	
03/27 Thur.	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Our Lady of LaVang, Raleigh	
04/01 Tues.	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh	
04/01 Tues.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Catherine, Wake Forest	
04/02 Wed.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Raphael, Raleigh	
04/04 Fri.	10:00 am - 11:30 am	St. Michael, Cary	
04/08 Tues.	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	HNOJ/St. Joseph, St. Mary, NC State	

# project rachel

#### **Project Rachel Support Group**

Abortion is experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find healing and peace. There is a support

group beginning in the Triangle area in late March.

If you have experienced an abortion and would like (confidential) information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email: project.rachel@raldioc.org, or go to the website: <a href="https://rachelnc.org">https://rachelnc.org</a>. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.raleighrunforlife.org">www.raleighrunforlife.org</a>. 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: <u>IgnitedByTruth.org</u> or 919-789-1428.

## Hadestown by STMA Theater

Step into the world of Hadestown: Teen Edition, where myth and music collide on March 27, 28, and 29, and April 4 and 5 at 7pm. Brought to you by STMA Theater, this eight-time Tony Award-winning musical brings the epic tale of Orpheus and Eurydice to life like never before. With electrifying music, unforgettable characters, and a heart-stopping story, Hadestown is a show you won't want to miss. Tickets available at <a href="https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/stmatheater/hadestown">https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/stmatheater/hadestown</a>



Make a commitment this Lent to take time for your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience helps married couples to communicate in all areas of their relationship. Get your marriage on the right path by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 2-4, 2025 in HICKORY, NC and Jun 20-22, 2025 in Raleigh, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <a href="https://">https://</a> NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at <a href="mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org">applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org</a> or 704-315-2144.

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## No Distractions in the Desert

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days... Luke 4:1-2

Blaise Pascal, the great French Catholic theologian, says we spend most of our lives seeking diversions. He means we find a million different ways to distract ourselves from the great questions: Who am I? Who is God? What does God want? Where is my life going? Those questions are too hard, they're too pressing, they're too difficult, so we distract ourselves in a thousand different ways.

What's the desert? It's a place where there are no distractions, and therefore the place where we can come face to face with the great questions. Why do we fast and abstain during Lent? Why do we engage in certain practices of self-denial during Lent? So that we might create for ourselves a kind of desert experience. We set aside certain distractions so that the great questions might emerge.

Can I urge you in that direction? Think of something that you do, some practice of yours, that is essentially a diversion, a way of just keeping your mind off the great questions. Isolate that, and then say, "During Lent, I'm going to leave that aside. I'm going to enter into the desert at least to that extent."

Lord, help me to give up something that is holding me back from asking the most important questions of my life.

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