

# Saint Francis de Sales CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SACRAMENTS

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Daily Mass Weekend Mass	Wednesday ~ Friday Saturday Sunday	NOON 5:00pm; 6:30pm 7:30am(Spanish) 11:30pm(Spanish) 9:30am;(English)
<b>Reconciliation:</b>		Saturday	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Marriage:</b>	Please call the parish office six (6) months before your wedding date.		Communicarse con la oficina seis (6) meses antes de la fecha de matrimonio.
<b>Anointing of the sick:</b>	Please call the parish office		Communicarse con la oficina.



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Domingo 17 en Tiempo Ordinario



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC PARISH OF LUMBERTON, NC

**Saturday (July 27)**

**Mass 5:00 PM:** (+Sheryl Perva)

**Sunday (July 28)**

**Misa 7:30 am** (+Magdalena Flores Ornelas)

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**Mass 9:30 am** (+John Nimi Kionga)

**Misa 11:30 AM** (+Isidro Gonzalez)

**1<sup>st</sup>** 2 Kgs 4:42-44

**Ps** 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Eph 4:1-6

**\*\*** Jn 6:1-15

**Monday (July 29)** Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus-religious; Patron Saints of homemakers, housewives, & cooks. They are associated with hospitality & practical faith.

**1<sup>st</sup>** Jer 13:1-11

**Ps** Deu 32:18-19, 20, 21

**\*\*** Jn 11:19-27

**Tuesday (July 30)** St Chrysologus- bishop & Doctor of the Church; Patron Saint against fever and against mad dogs.

**1<sup>st</sup>** Jer 14:17-22

**Ps** 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8

**\*\*** Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday (July 31)** St Ignatius of Loyola-priest; Patron Saint of education, retreats, & soldiers

**12:00 noon** (+Osebio Castro Cruz)

**1<sup>st</sup>** Jer 15:10, 16-21

**Ps** 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18

**\*\*** Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday (Aug 1)** St Alphonsus Ligouri-bishop & Doctor of the Church; Patron Saint of Confessors

**12:00** (+Richard Geibert)

**1<sup>st</sup>** Jer 18:1-6

**Ps** 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

**\*\*** Mt 13:47-53

**Friday (Aug 2)** St Eusebius of Vercelli-bishop; Patron Saint of Vercelli, Italy

St Peter Julian Eymard-priest; Patron Saint of Eucharistic Adoration and priests

**12:00 noon** (+Richard Geibert)

**1<sup>st</sup>** Jer 26:1-9

**Ps** 69:5, 8-10, 14

**\*\*** Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday (Aug 3) [BVM]** Weekday

**1<sup>st</sup>** Jer 26:11-16, 24

**Ps** 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

**\*\*** Mt 14:1-12

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Confession is every **Saturday** from **3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**, or by  
**appointment** with the Parish  
office



### **Confession**

La confesión es todos  
los **sábados** de **3:00 PM a 4:30 PM**,  
o con cita previa con el sacerdote.

*We cannot guarantee this Sacrament without an  
appointment*

*\*No podemos garantizar este Sacramento sin cita previa.*

### MASS TIMES ↔ HORARIOS DE MISA

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (miercoles, 2lm  
es y 2lm es2): 12:00 noon**

**Saturday (sábado): 5:00 PM [English]**

**Sunday (domingo): 9:30 AM [English]  
7:30 AM y 11:30 AM [Español]**

**Please call the office for Sacraments & Social Hall  
Rentals, as they are by appointment ONLY.**

**Llame a la oficina de Sacramentos & Social Hall  
Rentals, ya que son SOLO con cita previa.**

### Office Hours (horarios del oficina) Bilingual Hours in Blue (Horario bilingüe en verde)

**Monday (Lunes): CLOSED**

**Tuesday (Martes): 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday (Miércoles): 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

**Thursday (Jueves): 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
\*closed from noon – 1:00 pm\*  
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

**Friday (Viernes): 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
\*closed from noon – 1:00 pm\*  
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**\*\*Due to Vacation Bible School Next week, the  
Office will Close at 4:30 pm Tuesday &  
Wednesday\*\***

**Baptism Updates** This year, Infant Baptisms (up to age 5)  
will be scheduled quarterly. The first Baptism date for the  
English this Liturgical year will Saturday, September 28th at  
10:00 am. If you have a child that needs to receive this  
Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office. The  
deadline to register for this first day is Monday, September  
16th. If you miss this deadline, you will be scheduled for the  
second quarter.

## PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD:

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**(July 20 / 21, 2024)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** \$ 5437.59

**2<sup>nd</sup>** \$ 578.00

**Total:** \$ 6015.59

**[Last Year:** \$4777.00]

We thank you all for your contributions. Please, remember to send your  
offertory envelope weekly or monthly or give online. Les agradecemos a  
todos por sus contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de  
ofertorio semanal o mensualmente o dar en línea  
<https://www.parishgiving.org/index?e=EB7D1D74B9E1D3AFD5A6E0FD209BC0BEC>  
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## Sunday's Reflection

Throughout history, God has fed His people generously.

He fed one hundred from the twenty barley loaves given to the  
prophet Elisha – and there was some left over as God had said.  
The Gospel recounts Jesus feeding five thousand with five  
barley loaves and two fish – and leftovers filled twelve baskets.  
God truly visits His people and feeds them generously.

But these signs were only hints of God's generous care. At the  
Last Supper Jesus ate with his disciples, He takes bread and a  
cup of wine and gives thanks and tells them to eat. He tells  
them that the bread they are eating is His body soon to be given  
for them, and the wine is now His blood soon to be poured out  
on the cross for the sins of all. Then He instructs them to continue  
this sacred rite in remembrance of Him.

You and I are here today to continue to fulfill that command of  
Jesus. Each time we celebrate Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with His  
body and blood. Our God comes to be one with us. St. Peter  
Chrysologus, an early writer of the Church, asks us to open our  
minds and hearts to the wonder of this gift: "God always gives  
greater gifts than He is asked for. ...He gives Himself as food to  
be eaten. ... (And God promises) 'You who have continued with  
Me will eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.' He who  
prepares such great provisions to sustain you on your journey,  
what has he not prepared for you in that ever-lasting abode?  
So, do not be anxious about the quality of this banquet."

If our God has provided the body and blood of Jesus as food for  
our journey, then His promise for the future will be just as  
surprising and generous. What, then, are we to do as we  
journey? St. Paul tells us: "live in a manner worthy of the call  
you have received." Live humbly, gently, patiently, bearing  
with one another through love. Strive to preserve the unity of  
the spirit through the bond of peace.

He is reminding us to remember the food we have eaten and  
allow Jesus to fill us with Himself. As we remember, we are  
called to live as Jesus did, to love as Jesus loved, to be humble  
and gentle and patient as Jesus was, to be transformed more  
and more in the image of Jesus so that we can be Jesus' presence  
in our world. The gifts of God are generous; the Gift-giver calls  
us to be generous in turn.



## Reflexión Semanal

A lo largo de la historia, Dios ha alimentado generosamente a su pueblo.

Alimentó a cien de los veinte panes de cebada que le dieron al profeta Eliseo, y sobró algo como Dios había dicho. El Evangelio relata que Jesús alimentó a cinco mil con cinco panes de cebada y dos peces, y con las sobras llenó doce cestas. Dios realmente visita a su pueblo y lo alimenta generosamente.

Pero estas señales eran sólo indicios del generoso cuidado de Dios. En la Última Cena Jesús comió con sus discípulos, toma pan y una copa de vino y les da gracias y les dice que coman. Les dice que el pan que están comiendo es Su cuerpo que pronto será entregado por ellos, y el vino es ahora Su sangre que pronto será derramada en la cruz por los pecados de todos. Luego les instruye a continuar este rito sagrado en memoria de Él.

Tú y yo estamos aquí hoy para seguir cumpliendo ese mandato de Jesús. Cada vez que celebramos la Eucaristía, Jesús nos alimenta con Su cuerpo y sangre. Nuestro Dios viene a ser uno con nosotros. San Pedro Crisólogo, uno de los primeros escritores de la Iglesia, nos pide que abramos nuestra mente y nuestro corazón a la maravilla de este don: "Dios siempre da mayores dones de los que se le piden. ...Él se entrega como alimento para ser comido. ... (Y Dios promete) 'Ustedes que han permanecido conmigo, comerán y beberán en Mi mesa en Mi reino. El que prepara tan grandes provisiones para sustentarlos en su viaje, ¿qué no ha preparado para ustedes en ese eterno?' ¿morada? Así que no os preocupéis por la calidad de este banquete".

Si nuestro Dios ha provisto el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús como alimento para nuestro viaje, entonces Su promesa para el futuro será igualmente sorprendente y generosa. Entonces, ¿qué debemos hacer mientras viajamos? San Pablo nos dice: "vive de manera digna del llamado que has recibido". Vivamos con humildad, dulzura y paciencia, soportándonos unos a otros mediante el amor. Esforzamos por preservar la unidad del espíritu a través del vínculo de la paz.

Nos recuerda que recordemos la comida que hemos comido y permitamos que Jesús nos llene de sí mismo. Al recordar, estamos llamados a vivir como lo hizo Jesús, a amar como Jesús amó, a ser humildes, amables y pacientes como lo fue Jesús, a ser transformados cada vez más a la imagen de Jesús para que podamos ser la presencia de Jesús en nuestro mundo. Los dones de Dios son generosos; el Donante nos llama a ser a su vez generosos.



For the month of June, we collected **41 lbs** of nonperishable food items for the Christian Care Center of Lumberton, helping those less fortunate in our local area. As a reminder, there are boxes by the main entrance and Gift Shop entrance of our Church where you can place any items you would like to donate. Durante el mes de junio, recolectamos 41 libras de alimentos no perecederos para el Christian Care Center de Lumberton, ayudando a los menos afortunados

en nuestra área local. Como recordatorio, hay cajas junto a la entrada principal y a la entrada de la tienda de regalos de nuestra Iglesia donde puede colocar cualquier artículo que desee donar.

**Important:** Our church is not a marketplace. We are a nonprofit organization. All money collected from any items sold on our church campus, at any day and time, must be given to the church and applied to a ministry as a donation. Parishioners wishing to sell for personal gain are not allowed to do so on the SFDS property.

All parishioners are encouraged to ask where the money is going before purchasing any items on our church campus. If the response is personal gain, we ask you to not purchase these items on our St. Francis de Sales property.



**Importante:** Nuestra iglesia no es un mercado. Somos una organización sin fines de lucro. Todo el dinero recaudado de cualquier artículo vendido en el campus de nuestra iglesia, en cualquier día y hora, debe entregarse a la iglesia y aplicarse a un ministerio como donación. Los feligreses que deseen vender para beneficio personal no pueden hacerlo en la propiedad de SFDS.

Se anima a todos los feligreses a preguntar a dónde va el dinero antes de comprar cualquier artículo en el campus de nuestra iglesia. Si la respuesta es un beneficio personal, le pedimos que no compre estos artículos en nuestra propiedad de St. Francis de Sales.



**Vacation Bible School is this week, July 29 – August 2, 2024**

**¡Esta semana se celebra la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones! Del 29 de julio al 2 de agosto de 2024**

**Parish Registration:** Why is it important to register at my parish? Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a particular church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows that you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining certificates, and getting contribution statements for taxes. You will also receive a packet of envelopes to place your regular contributions. This is important if you want to receive a year-end statement from the parish for income tax purposes. If you do not wish to receive weekly contribution envelopes, this should not be a reason not to register. **Just let the secretary know, and envelopes will not**

**be ordered.** Members can expect pastoral care from their parish, including baptisms and other sacraments. Our Parish Registration is online on our website under the HOME tab and below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPMdLVA-HS0cOFaNsJRupsXOaOmznloHC7ytBtx0Yn0jvSfQ/viewform>

Please complete all fields if possible. This information remains confidential and is used for communication, when necessary, but mostly used for church statistics. We do not, and will not, give your information to anyone without your permission. We use your email to communicate parish programs, events, special notices and important information from the Pastor. This form can also be used to update current family member information. Please remember to notify us of any new address, phone, or email changes, as well as any new additions to your growing families.



¿Por qué es importante registrarse en mi parroquia? Su registro afecta a la parroquia de muchas maneras. Los números del censo pueden determinar cuántos sacerdotes están asignados a una iglesia en particular,

qué beneficios y obligaciones tiene la comunidad para con la diócesis y cómo se planifican y programan las misas, confesiones y devociones. El registro demuestra que perteneces. También es necesario para ciertos beneficios, como programar sacramentos, obtener certificados y obtener declaraciones de contribución para impuestos. También recibirás un paquete de sobres para depositar tus aportaciones periódicas. Esto es importante si desea recibir un estado de cuenta de fin de año de la parroquia a efectos del impuesto sobre la renta. Si no deseas recibir sobres de aportación semanal, esto no debe ser motivo para no registrarte. Simplemente infórmese a la secretaria y no se ordenarán sobres. Los miembros pueden esperar atención pastoral de su parroquia, incluidos bautismos y otros sacramentos. Nuestro registro parroquial está en línea en nuestro sitio web en la pestaña INICIO y debajo:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPMdLVA-HS0cOFaNsJRupsXOaOmznloHC7ytBtx0Yn0jvSfQ/viewform>

Por favor complete todos los campos si es posible. Esta información permanece confidencial y se utiliza para la comunicación, cuando es necesario, pero se utiliza principalmente para las estadísticas de la iglesia. No damos ni daremos su información a nadie sin su permiso. Usamos su correo electrónico para comunicar programas parroquiales, eventos, avisos especiales e información importante del párroco. Este formulario también se puede utilizar para actualizar la información actual de los miembros de la familia. Recuerde notificarnos sobre cualquier cambio nuevo de dirección, teléfono o correo electrónico, así como sobre cualquier nueva incorporación a sus familias en crecimiento.



to everyone celebrating their birthday this week! (¡Feliz cumpleaños a todos ustedes que celebran sus cumpleaños esta semana!)

**July 28 – August 3, 2024**

**Antionette Blair, Gerarda Guevara Salazar, Ruben Reyes, Julio Tolentino, Gael C Arranaga, Anne Hendren, Mary Knadler, Theresa Schultz, Jessie Garcia Leyva, Victoria Nicole Fields, Paula Bass, Lizbeth Blanco Jimenez, Maria Huerta, Patrick Ebri, Eva Lorenzo, Lidia Capote-Flores, Victoria Walsh**

**Faith Fun Fact:** Did you know that in America, 75% of ALL hosts, that we use for communion, including the Protestant religion, come from one state?

Rhode Island!

**Dato curioso sobre la fe:** ¿Sabías que en Estados Unidos, el 75 % de TODAS las hostias que utilizamos para la comunión, incluida la religión protestante, provienen de un estado?

¡Rhode Island!

**Faith Formation Registration:** Registration for youth Faith Formation will begin next weekend. Keep an eye out for details and the link to register your children!

**Inscripción para la formación de fe:** la inscripción para la formación de fe de los jóvenes comenzará el próximo fin de semana. ¡Esté atento a los detalles y al enlace para inscribir a sus hijos!



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**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 September. 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](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org), or go to the website: <https://rachelinc.org>. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.







Join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama as the celebrant for the annual diocesan African Heritage Mass and Celebration, Aug. 18 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, 715 Nazareth St., Raleigh, NC. Reverend Pius Wekesa, pastor for Holy Cross, Durham, and the diocesan chaplain for the Swahili community, will be the homilist. The African Heritage Mass honors the African American, Francophone, Igbo, and Swahili Catholic communities, all a part of the diocesan African Ancestry Ministry & Evangelization Network (AAMEN) Office programs.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



David & Rhonda Martin,  
Sandra Rodriguez, Noelia  
Powell, Dr. Jerry Devine,

Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Janet Hester, Mitchell Pittman, Joseph & Shelby Young, The Brown Family (Erin, Adam, Marion, Delano), Cathy Cartrette, Doris Schneider, Gloria Lucente, Family of Juanita Chavis, Doris Warwick, Carol Walters, Carolyn Wilkerson, Dana Family, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Michelle & James White, Joan Van Huesen, Eileen Sampson, Carey Hunt, Joel Rivera, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, the Cáceres family, Gustavo Cáceres, Deceased members of the Cáceres, Rios, Alonso, and Santa Cruz families, Kathy Geibert, Mary Lee Wadrose, Ken Cross, Juanita Mishoe. Ruth Keen, Fr Mike Concik, Jimmy Dunn

**Sick and Homebound:** Victor & Claire Dorais, Robert Barnhill, Robin Barnhill, Richard Geibert, Lydia Yarborough, Carolyn & Richard Onorato, Howard & Nellie Canady, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, Tom Jacoby, Jan Henderson

**Nursing Homes:** Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines (Lumberton), Elisabeth Oxendine at Carrolton Nursing Home (Fayetteville)

**Recently Deceased:** Brandon Germaine, Richard Geibert

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH, VELANKANNI

14TH SEPTEMBER 2024, 9 AM  
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
2438 S ALSTON AVE, DURHAM NC

9 am Adoration,  
Blessing of Oil,  
Prayers for the Sick

10 am Rosary  
Procession

10.30 am Feast Mass  
Celebrant:  
Most Reverend  
Luis Rafael Zarama  
Bishop of Raleigh

12 Noon Fellowship &  
Lunch

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
REGISTER TO JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VELANKANNI2024-LUNCH](https://tinyurl.com/velankanni2024-lunch)  
(OR SCAN QR CODE)

ORGANIZED BY: [WWW.RTPATMILCATHOLIC.ORG](http://WWW.RTPATMILCATHOLIC.ORG)

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES FINANCE COUNCIL  
REPORT TO THE PARISH  
RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARISON (Cash Basis)  
YEAR-END 2023-2024

	Year-End Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Receipts**</b>		
Offertory	\$ 254,441	\$ 226,724
Other**	\$ 82,715	\$ 54,846
Rental of Social Hall	\$ 525	
Sale of Property	\$ 175,000	
<b>Total Receipts**</b>	<b>\$ 512,681</b>	<b>\$ 281,570</b>
<b>Disbursements**</b>		
Religious Education	\$ 11,096	\$ 14,920
Worship & Liturgical	\$ 12,484	\$ 8,748
Assistance & Food Pantry	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Clergy & Lay Personnel	\$ 153,272	\$ 133,342
Office Expenses	\$ 19,003	\$ 11,016
Bldg Maintenance, Utilities, & Insurance	\$ 81,341	\$ 36,576
Diocese of Raleigh Assessments	\$ 19,726	\$ 19,320
Committees & Commissions & Social Ministries	\$ 4,355	\$ 8,448
Commissions & Other Expenses	\$ 10,850	
<b>Total Disbursements**</b>	<b>\$ 313,326</b>	<b>\$ 233,570</b>
<b>Net Operating Receipts over/(under) Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 199,355</b>	<b>\$ 48,000</b>
<b>Mortgage Payments</b>	<b>\$ 36,000</b>	<b>\$ 36,000</b>
<b>Mortgage Forgiveness</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	
<b>Transfer to Savings</b>	<b>\$ 187,851</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>

\*\* Excluding receipts & disbursements collected for others, e.g., Missions, Catholic Relief, etc.  
The fiscal year for St. Francis de Sales runs from 1 July through 30 June.

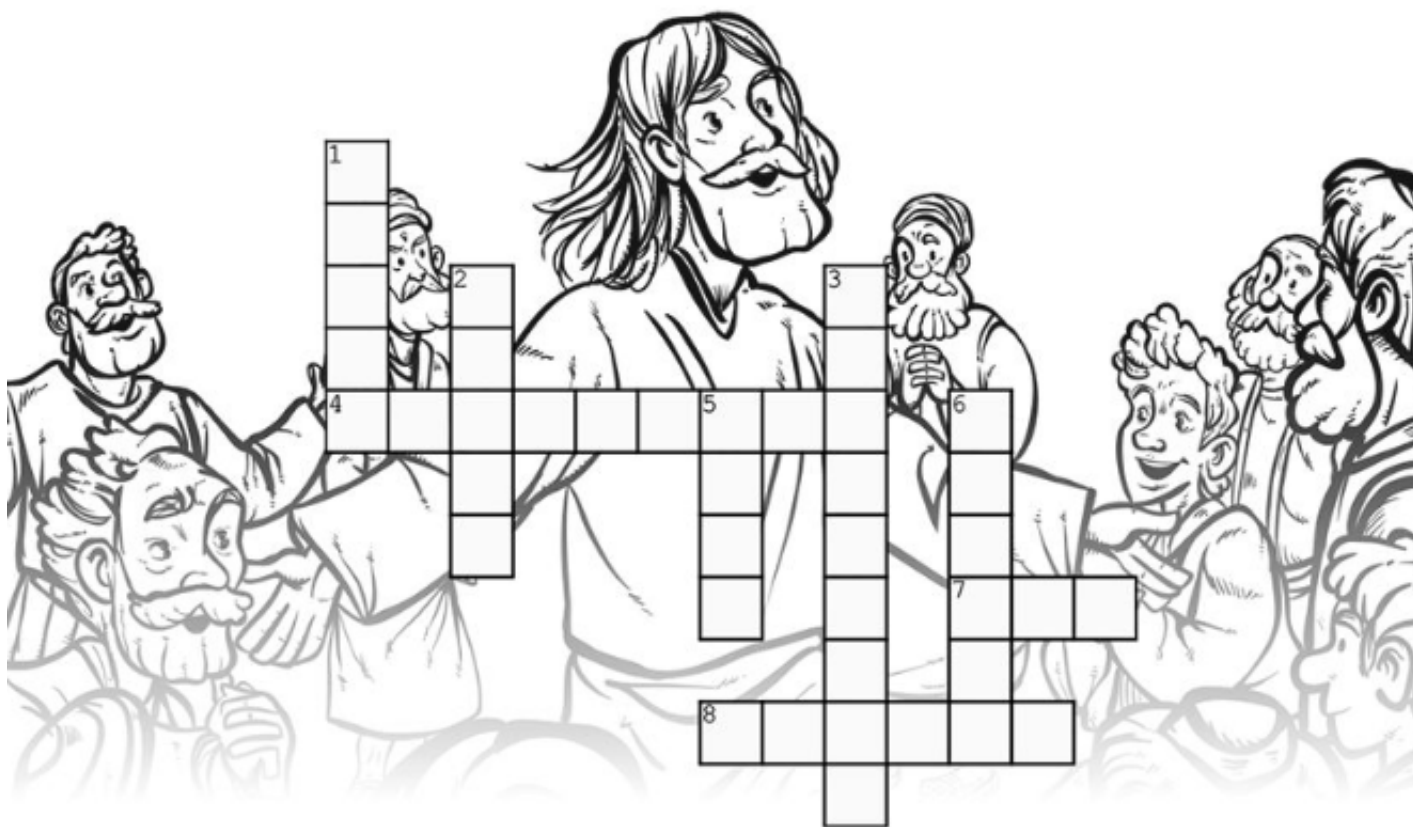
Bldg Maintenance reflects major repairs to ductwork and crawlspaces for the buildings during 2nd & 3rd quarters.

We sincerely thank you for your past and continued support. With your continued support and barring unforeseen expenditures St. Francis will stay fiscally sound.

Our **Kateri Circle** meetings are a great opportunity to join in prayer and fellowship with Native Catholics and provide a space to learn about Native American spirituality and the culture of our indigenous tribes. These monthly meetings are open to everyone and held on behalf of Catholic Native Americans and friends. Please share freely! Email your name to our staff at [nac@aamendor.org](mailto:nac@aamendor.org) ,OR fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/HZYGYQcRZY> to sign up and receive a Zoom link.

# "I AM" THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:22-71



## Across

4. Many of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ quit following Him after His first "I am" proclamation.
7. The people asked what works they must do to in order to get the miraculous bread that satisfies forever. Jesus responded, "I am sent from \_\_\_\_\_, believe in me."
8. The multitudes were astounded with the miracle of Jesus feeding so many with just five loaves of bread and two fishes, but while they were full and satisfied at the time, they returned to him \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

1. Jesus said, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of life."
2. Who alone is the Bread of Life that can satisfy eternally?
3. This story is found in the new \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Peter replied to Jesus, "My Lord, where else would we go? You alone have the words of eternal \_\_\_\_\_."
6. Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me shall not \_\_\_\_\_, and whoever believes in me will never thirst again."



## Saint Francis De Sales August 2024

### St. Mary Magdalene – Feast Day July 22



Mary Magdalene (sometimes called Mary of Magdala, or simply the Magdalene or the Madeleine) was a woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of His followers and was a witness to the crucifixion and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus's family. Mary's epithet *Magdalene* may be a toponymic surname, meaning that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee in Roman Judea.

The Gospel of Luke chapter 8 lists Mary Magdalene as one of the women who travelled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was possibly wealthy. The same passage also states that seven demons had been driven out of her, a statement which is repeated from Mark 16. In all four canonical (i.e. those in the Bible) gospels, Mary Magdalene is a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and, in the Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, so named because they have striking visual similarities, she is also present at His burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women, as the first to witness the empty tomb, and, either alone or as a member of a group, as the first to witness the resurrected Jesus.

Mary Magdalene is considered to be a saint by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran denominations. In 2016, Pope Francis raised the level of liturgical memory on July 22 from memorial to feast, and for her to be referred to as the "Apostle of the Apostles". Other Protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the faith.

Multiple legends and stories have been told about this saint. Some have been told since the early days of Christianity, such as she was the first or one of a group of the first people who saw the Risen Jesus and, by telling the Apostles, became the Apostle to the Apostles which was formalized, not bestowed, by Pope Francis. In Gnostic, i.e. non canonical writings which are considered as heretical by the Church due to their insistence on the need for special knowledge or gnosis in the Greek, she is portrayed as being the disciple Jesus loved and was the only one who understood His teachings. In some of these writings she is depicted as the wife or even as the concubine of Jesus, so its not difficult to see why these writings were rejected and condemned as heretical by the Church.



The idea of Mary being the wife of Jesus was revived in more modern times where she is portrayed as a wife in the 1955 novel *The Last Temptation of Christ* and in the 1988 film adaptation of the same title. As He is dying on the cross, Jesus has a vision sent from Satan of what it would be like if He married Mary Magdalene and raised a family with her instead of dying for humanity's sins. This is a truly devilish last-ditch attempt by Satan to tempt Christ.

More recently Dan Brown's 2003 bestselling mystery thriller novel *The Da Vinci Code* popularized a number of controversial ideas about Mary Magdalene, that she was Jesus's wife, that she was pregnant at the crucifixion, and that she gave birth to Jesus's child, who became the founder of a bloodline which survives to this very day.

There is no reliable historical evidence from the Biblical or apocryphal (not accepted by the Church but not quite to the level of being heretical) gospels, other early Christian writings, or any other ancient sources to support these statements. *The Da Vinci Code* also purports that the figure of the "beloved disciple" to Jesus's right in Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper* is Mary Magdalene, disguised as one of the male disciples; art historians however maintain that the figure is, in fact, the apostle John.

Mary Magdalene has had the reputation in Western Christianity as being a repentant prostitute; however, this assertion is not supported by the canonical gospels, which at no point imply that she had ever been a prostitute or was in any way notable for a sinful way of life. The notion of Mary Magdalene being a former prostitute or loose woman dates to an Easter homily by Pope Gregory I ("Gregory the Great") dated 591, in which he identifies Magdalene with the anonymous sinner with the perfume in Luke's gospel. For the first time, her sins are explicitly identified as being not only of a sexual nature, but as being the seven deadly sins representing the seven demons that were cast out of Mary as also described in Luke.

Despite lack of biblical evidence, the idea of the sinful but repenting Mary took hold, and in the ensuing centuries Mary the repentant prostitute came to replace Mary the Apostle to the Apostles. She became a frequent subject of medieval art due to the irresistible combination of covering a great deal of exposed female skin with a thin veneer of "righteous" piety. This type of presentation was successfully duplicated in the 1950's Hollywood Biblical blockbuster movies.

Lacking any Biblical proof of a previous sinful life we would do well to concentrate on Mary's unwavering devotion to Jesus, her witness to His resurrection and her role in early Christianity. Rather than focusing on spurious stereotypes we can better appreciate her as a devoted disciple and a key figure in the Gospel accounts.

Mary's reputation has certainly endured multiple tumultuous changes over the centuries, from Apostle to the Apostles to sinner to hooker to concubine/wife of Jesus to the mother of His mythical dynasty. So much for the claim that the roads to holiness and devotion are serene and peaceful. Both she and we will be better served by our adherence to the words of Sgt Joe Friday in the old *Dragnet* series "Just the facts Ma'am, just the (Biblical) facts."

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Devine  
Chair Emeritus Liturgy  
August 2024

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES FINANCE COUNCIL  
REPORT TO THE PARISH  
RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARISON (Cash Basis)  
YEAR-END 2023-2024

	Year-End Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Receipts**</b>		
Offertory	\$ 254,441	\$ 226,724
Other**	\$ 82,715	\$ 54,846
Rental of Social Hall	\$ 525	
Sale of Property	\$ 175,000	
<b>Total Receipts**</b>	<b>\$ 512,681</b>	<b>\$ 281,570</b>
<b>Disbursements**</b>		
Religious Education	\$ 11,096	\$ 14,920
Worship & Liturgical	\$ 12,484	\$ 8,748
Assistance & Food Pantry	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Clergy & Lay Personnel	\$ 153,272	\$ 133,342
Office Expenses	\$ 19,003	\$ 11,016
Bldg Maintenance, Utilities, & Insurance	\$ 81,341	\$ 36,576
Diocese of Raleigh Assessments	\$ 19,726	\$ 19,320
Committees & Commissions & Social Ministries	\$ 4,355	\$ 8,448
Commissions & Other Expenses	\$ 10,850	
<b>Total Disbursements**</b>	<b>\$ 313,326</b>	<b>\$ 233,570</b>
<b><i>Net Operating Receipts over/(under) Disbursements</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 199,355</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 48,000</i></b>
 Mortgage Payments	 \$ 36,000	 \$ 36,000
Mortgage Forgiveness	\$ 50,000	
 Transfer to Savings	 \$ 187,851	 \$ 12,000

\*\* Excluding receipts & disbursements collected for others, e.g., Missions, Catholic Relief, etc.  
The fiscal year for St. Francis de Sales runs from 1 July through 30 June.

Bldg Maintenance reflects major repairs to ductwork and crawlspaces for the buildings during 2nd & 3rd quarters.

We sincerely thank you for your past and continued support. With your continued support and barring unforeseen expenditures St. Francis will stay fiscally sound.

## August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Green - church (iglesia)</b>  <b>Blue - Graymoor Hall (Salon Graymoor)</b>  <b>Red - Social Hall (Salon Social)</b>				01st 12:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bible School (Escuela Biblica)	02nd 12:00 p.m. Mass, Exposition Blessed Sacrament (Misa, Exposición Santísimo Sacramento)  5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bible School (Escuela Biblica)  7:00 p.m. Benediction (La Bendición)	03rd 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confession (Confesion)  5:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Crecimiento RCC (CCR Formation)
04th 7:30 a.m. Misa (Mass)  9:30 a.m. Mass, Registration Faith Formation (Misa, Registración Catequesis)  11:30 a.m. Misa, Registración Catequesis (Mass, Registration Faith Formation)	05th 7:00 p.m. Formación para Coros (Choir Formation)	06th	07th 12:00 p.m. Mass, Rosary (Misa, Rosario)  7:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro VN (VN Choir Practice)  7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth Group (Grupo de Jóvenes Adolescentes)	08th 12:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  6:15 p.m. Grupo de Oracion Carismatico (Charismatic Prayer Group)  6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Ensayo de Coro)	09th 12:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Music Practice (Práctica Musical)  7:00 p.m. RCC Jovenes Adultos (CCR Adult Youth)  7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro M (M Choir Practice)	10th 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confession (Confesion)  5:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Crecimiento RCC (CCR Formation)
11th 7:30 a.m. Misa (Mass)  9:30 a.m. Mass, Registration Faith Formation (Misa, Registración Catequesis)  11:30 a.m. Misa, Registración Catequesis (Mass, Registration Faith Formation)	12th	13th 7:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro VN (VN Choir Practice)	14th 12:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  7:00 p.m. Misa Vigilia Asunción SVM (Vigil Mass Assumption BVM in Spanish)	15th Assumption BVM (Asunción SVM) [holy day of obligation] {dia santa de precepto}  12:00 p.m. Mass (Misa en Ingles)  6:15 p.m. Grupo de Oracion Carismatico (Charismatic Prayer Group)	16th <b>NO NOON MASS (NO MISA MEDIODÍA)</b>  5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Music Practice (Práctica Musical)  6:30 p.m. Escuela de Dirigentes (School of Leaders)  7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro M (M Choir Practice)	17th 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Altar Server Training (Entrenamiento Monaguillos)  10:00 a.m. Lectors Meeting (Reunión Lectores)  10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Youth Group (Grupo de Jóvenes Adolescentes)  3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confession (Confesion)



				6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Ensayo de Coro)  6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus (Caballeros de Colón)		5:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Crecimiento RCC (CCR Formation)
18th 7:30 a.m. Misa (Mass)  9:30 a.m. Mass, Registration Faith Formation (Misa, Registración Catequesis)  11:30 a.m. Misa, Registración Catequesis (Mass, Registration Faith Formation)	19th	20th	21st <b>NO NOON MASS (NO MISA MEDIODÍA)</b>  7:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro VN (VN Choir Practice)	22nd <b>NO NOON MASS (NO MISA MEDIODÍA)</b>  6:15 p.m. Grupo de Oracion Carismatico (Charismatic Prayer Group)  6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Ensayo de Coro)	23rd <b>NO NOON MASS (NO MISA MEDIODÍA)</b>  5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Music Practice (Practica Musical)  7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro M (M Choir Practice)	24th 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confession (Confesion)  5:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Crecimiento RCC (CCR Formation)
25th 7:30 a.m. Misa (Mass)  9:30 a.m. Mass, Registration Faith Formation (Misa, Registración Catequesis)  11:30 a.m. Misa, Registración Catequesis (Mass, Registration Faith Formation)	26th 7:00 p.m. Ensayo para Coro nuevo (Practice for new Choir)	27th	28th <b>NO NOON MASS (NO MISA MEDIODÍA)</b>  7:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro VN (VN Choir Practice)  6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (Formación de Fe para Adultos)	29th <b>NO NOON MASS (NO MISA MEDIODÍA)</b>  6:15 p.m. Grupo de Oracion Carismatico (Charismatic Prayer Group)  6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Ensayo de Coro)	30th <b>NO NOON MASS (NO MISA MEDIODÍA)</b>  5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Music Practice (Práctica Musical)  6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Ultreya  7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Ensayo de Coro M (M Choir Practice)	31st 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confession (Confesion)  5:00 p.m. Mass (Misa)  7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Planificación RCC (CCR Planning)

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