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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.*, Chapel Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Church Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.*, Church * In-person & virtual

CONFESSION

Saturday, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Chapel or by appointment

ADORATION

Thursday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Chapel

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THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"Through devotion, your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable. "- St. Francis de Sales

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FIND IT ON THE WEB

Our parish website is your <u>primary</u> source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holyinfantchurch.org for details on many topics, including:

- † Mass and Liturgy Times
- **† Office Hours and Contact Information**
- **Calendar of Events**, including event details
- **News** within the parish and around the diocese
- Worship & Sacraments, including sacramental prep information for Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders; Vocations for men and women; and Funerals
- † Faith & Learning for adults, teens, and children; becoming Catholic; Catholic schools
- Salesian spirituality and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
- † Joining the parish
- **†** Getting Involved
- **†** Ministries & Groups

Safe Environment Victim Assistance Hotline

Call 866-535-SAFE

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

During the General Intercessions at our weekend Masses, we remember all members of our parish and community who are homebound or suffering any illness. Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Jean Arlotta; Mary Anthony; Jo Agusta; Nancy Balding; Jeff Baker; Colette Bean; Jerry DeBenetto; Jennifer Bland; Mary Bocckino; Margaret Burnette; Joanne Callahan; Maria Capone; Alice Chamis; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Irene Dunbar; Harry & Dotty Erickson; Jason Ferrigan; Shirley Fogary; Zosima Flores; Adela Florey; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Dave Jognia; Vita Jones; Tom Kennery; Aileen Kock; Bill & Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Walter Lupa; Peggy McIntyre; Maria Mitch; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Clarence Nonnenmacher; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Louise Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Bill Scheeler; Julia Schmidt; Betty Short; Kathy Smith; Brian Smith; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Marisa Suarez; Richard & Emily Thomas; Germaine Turcott; Betty Turner

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound, contact the Parish Center.

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2ND, 2023

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

April 3rd to April 9th, 2023

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9 am

Tuesday Wednesday, 9am

*Thursday, 7 pm *Friday, 7 pm

*Saturday, 8:30 pm *Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 11:30 am Monique Van Stekelenburg

No Daily Mass Blaine Short

Parishioners of Holy Infant

Good Friday Holy Saturday Dorothy Crouchley Geraldine Rozniakowski

*in person only

To honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a mass intention, visit

holyinfantchurch.org/mass-intentions.

For more information on memorials for altar wine, lamp or altar flowers, visit

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 41:1-7; Ps 27:1-3; 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 **Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;

Hb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Mc 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ac 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23,

Cl 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Holy Infant will be hosting a special mixer for congregants age 50+ on April 22nd at 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information!

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are in person unless otherwise stated.
Go to *HolyInfantChurch.org/calendar*for details on the following events:

- Apr 4 Center Prayer, 8 am
- Apr 4 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- Apr 4 KoC Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Apr 5 Decorating for Holy Thursday, 9:30 am-1 pm
- Apr 5 Holy Week Lector Rehearsal, 6 pm
- **Apr 5** Sung Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm
- Apr 5 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm
- Apr 6 Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30—11 pm
- Apr 6 Night Prayer, 11 pm
- Apr 7 Sung Morning Prayer, 9 am
- Apr 7 Decorating for Good Friday, 9:30—11:30 am
- Apr 7 Stations of the Cross, 12 pm
- Apr 8 RCIA Retreat, 8:30 am
- **Apr 8** Sung Morning Prayer, 9 am
- Apr 8 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- **Apr 8** Decorating for Easter, 9:30 am—1:30 pm

The parish library is open on Sundays from 8 am-4 pm



Sign up to support our monthly shelter meal!

Donations are due by April 9th at 1 pm.



Faith Development

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CGS OPEN HOUSE IN MAY

Have you heard about what Catechesis of the Good Shepard (CGS) is, but want to experience what is is all about? This is for you! Drop in with your children to our CGS atrium in the DeSales center to learn more about this Montessori preschool faith development program, all while your children explore the Atrium with our CGS Catechists.

Join us on May 7th, from 9:45 - 11 am.



ROOM AT THE INN CLEANUP

Responding to the call of Christ to nurture life, Room At The Inn, operates housing and programs for single, pregnant women and single mothers with children suffering from homelessness offering them opportunities to have new lives of healthy, hopefilled independence.

The Youth at Holy Infant were able to serve this needed ministry by cleaning "Amy's House", which is the secondary housing property for mothers and children.

Room At The Inn is a Catholic agency and welcomes all people of faith and goodwill to join them regardless of their economic, social, religious, racial or ethnic backgrounds.

We are so proud of our amazing Youth and the team of adults who lead them. God is working in our parish!

Ministries

Pastoral Associate Lynn Sale lynns@holyinfantchurch.org



PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES SPRING FUNDRAISER

On Monday, April 24th we will be gathering together as a community, woven together by our convictions about the sanctity of human life. We will hear heartwarming PSS testimonies and an encouraging message from Reggie Roberson, Lead Pastor of King's Park International Church. It's been a big year for matters of Life; come celebrate the ministry of PSS and think with us about our community's next steps in showing the tangible love of Christ to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Call (919) 490-0203 or email info@pregnancysupportservices.org if you have any questions or would like to reserve your seat. Reservations are due by April 10th.



SEEKING A HOME FOR REFUGEES IN DURHAM

Around the world 100 million people are displaced, including 27 million who have fled their countries because of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. More than 40% of these refugees are children. For the most vulnerable among them, resettlement to a safe country is their best hope for finding safety and building a future for their children.

In the past ten years, Church World Services Durham resettled an average of 200 refugees each year. Holy Infant has recently taken up the cause of supporting this lifechanging ministry in Durham. As a partner with CWS, it is our responsibility as a parish to find safe, affordable housing for our family. The size of our family depends on the size of the dwelling we are able to procure.

To begin this process, our parish first needs to secure a home for our future family. Our Refugee resettlement team will work with



THIS WEEK'S PODCAST EPISODE

This week we take an audio tour through the liturgies of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through the these leads to find the best location for the incoming family.

These housing options are secured about a month in advance of a refugee's arrival, furnished with largely donated furniture and home items.

Welcoming refugees and helping them get a strong start in the United States is good for all of us. Refugees overwhelmingly give back to the communities that welcome them, opening businesses, volunteering and becoming actively engaged citizens.

If you know of a rental home that may work, please reach out to Lynn Sale at lynns@holyinfantchurch.org who will put you in touch with the team lead.

Triduum and Easter Sunday to deepen our understanding of the rituals, symbols, scripture, prayers, and music so that we might experience this summit of our liturgical year more fully.

Next week the podcast will take a brief break as our team observes Holy Week. Episodes will resume on April 13th with a special "on the road" podcast.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday 10:30 am - Chrism Mass for the diocese at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, blessing and consecration of the holy oils used for sacraments, parishioners welcome

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 7 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Food Donations at the Altar, Eucharistic Procession to the altar of repose in Chapel, Adoration until 11 pm Thursday 11 pm - Night Prayer in Chapel, reposition of the Blessed

GOOD FRIDAY

Sacrament

Friday 9 am - Morning Prayer in Chapel

Friday 12 pm - Stations of the Cross in the Church

Friday 7 pm - Service of the Lord's Passion, Passion of the Lord according to John, Adoration of the Holy Cross, Reception of Holy Communion

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 9 am - Morning Prayer in Chapel

Saturday 8:30 pm - Blessing and lighting of the new paschal candle, Candlelit processions into the church, singing of Exsultet, Story of salvation, Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist for our Elect, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with water

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 8:30 am - Easter Sunday Mass

Sunday 11:30 am - Easter Sunday Mass, Incense, Brass



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



LIVE JESUS! 2023

Hundreds of Catholics gathered at St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly March 18 for Live Jesus! 2023, a morning of inspirational talks, fellowship and prayer organized by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales to prompt spiritual growth from the wisdom of the order's patron saint.

Artist and author Mickey McGrath, a religious brother with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, was one of the featured speakers. McGrath invoked parental themes, saying we should stay close to God as a baby bird nestles under its mother's wing, and walk through life, as St. Francis de Sales advised, like a child who constantly holds his father's hand while using the other hand to collect and use the goods of the world.

Oblate Sister of St. Francis de Sales Susan Louise Eder, principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Towson, Md. spoke about the witness and wisdom of St. Jane de Chantal, who corresponded with St. Francis de Sales in a series of letters. St. Paul VI Principal Tom Opfer spoke about modeling Salesian spirituality in everyday life. Mass was celebrated by Salesian Father Jack Kolodziej, a provincial from the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province.



PERFECTION

When I was a junior at North Catholic High School (Philadelphia, PA), I remember our Christian Morality teacher began the course by quoting the Scripture passage many of us heard last weekend, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). As a 16-year-old average student, this teaching seemed out of reach; it seemed impossible. I kept asking myself, "How can anyone be perfect?" I believed that perfection meant being better than others, being without any problems, going through life minus struggles and sins. With that definition in my mind, I reasoned that only Jesus and the saints were perfect. Perhaps Jesus did not mean for his followers to take this so literally.

Today, I think I have a better understanding of this teaching. Jesus really did mean what he said. He does not want us to be "average" or "pretty good." He wants perfection! While this is still a challenge, I am able to see that it is possible for all of us. I think we have to separate the call of Jesus to be our best and the psychological pressure to be flawless. The latter idea can lead to stress, burnout or guilt.

The message of Jesus is a call to be perfect, to become perfected and to grow in holiness. This is the Christian call to become saints. This is the vocation we were all given at baptism. This is the challenge to transform ourselves into what God has called us to be. Saint Francis de Sales tells us again and again to "be who you are and be that well." If we try our best to be our best, we can transform ourselves and the entire world into the Kingdom of God.

For de Sales, perfection is about striving to live each and every moment in the Grace of God. Tomorrow is not yet here and yesterday is gone forever. All we have is the present moment. It is in this moment that we are called to live perfectly. And if we can do this in the present moment, what is keeping us from doing it in the next moment? Over time, these moments of perfection will get easier and our call to holiness will grow stronger. Francis encourages us when he wrote, "God will lead us to perfection one step at a time."

-Father Jack Kolodziej, OSFS

