

# DISCIPLES

## 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

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE

5000 Southpark Drive  
Durham, NC 27713

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday,  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;  
closed Friday

## CONTACT US

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## VISIT US ONLINE

Go to [holyinfantchurch.org](http://holyinfantchurch.org)  
or scan the QR code below.



**OPEN HEARTS · OPEN HANDS · OPEN MINDS**

TOGETHER, THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE "LIVE JESUS," REACHING OUT, EMBRACING ALL WITH COMPASSION, HUMILITY & GENTLENESS.

**THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY**

*"Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections." - St. Francis de Sales*



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Bob Dieter	Collin McKiney	<i>ex-Officio</i>
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**FIND IT ON THE WEB**

**Our parish website is your primary source for the most complete and up-to-date information** about the parish. Visit [holyinfantchurch.org](http://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 Augusta; 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; 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 Pelloquin; 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.*



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS May 22nd to May 28th, 2023

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

<b>Monday, 9 am</b>	<i>Mangano Family (honor)</i>
<b>Tuesday, 9 am</b>	<i>Vocations</i>
<b>Wednesday, 9 am</b>	<i>Lac Nguyen</i>
<b>Thursday, 9 am</b>	<i>Rey Anthony Reyes</i>
<b>Friday, 9 am</b>	<i>Preston Alan Reed, Sr.</i>
<b>Saturday, 9 am</b>	<i>Peace in Ukraine</i>
<b>*Saturday, 5:30 pm</b>	<i>John Restaino</i>
<b>*Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<i>Joyce Ammirata</i>
<b>Sunday, 11:30 am</b>	<i>Eileen S. Howell</i>
<i>*in person only</i>	

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

**[holynfantchurch.org/mass-intentions](http://holynfantchurch.org/mass-intentions).**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ac 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Ac 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11

**Wednesday:** Rev 21:1-5; Ps 95:1-7; Jn 10:22-30

**Thursday:** Ac 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Ac 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20;  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Ac 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:** Ac 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Once again, members of our parish community have been targeted through email by someone pretending to be a member of our clergy or staff.

Scammers often try to gain your trust by pretending to be someone you know, such as a member of our clergy or parish staff.

If you receive an email or text that appears to come from a parish staff member and that asks for access to your personal financial information or requests that you make a payment or purchase. DO NOT REPLY or CLICK LINKS in the email or text.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

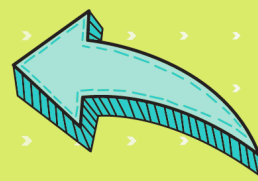
- **May 22** Bible Study 9:45 am
- **May 22** 55+ Core Team Planning 7 pm
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- **May 23** Centering Prayer 8 am
- **May 23** Justice Garden Workday 9 am
- **May 23** Stephen Ministry CE & Supervision 6:30 pm
- **May 24** Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
- **May 25** Marian Prayer 9:30 am
- **May 25** Knights Planning Meeting 6:30 pm
- **May 27** Justice Garden Workday 9 am
- **May 27** Reconciliation 4 pm

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

### Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - April 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$729,739	\$784,952	\$55,213
Christmas Offertory	\$30,000	\$24,507	(\$5,493)
Easter Offertory	\$20,000	\$15,431	(\$4,569)
Holy Day Collections	\$5,000	\$6,407	\$1,407
Maintenance Offertory	\$29,160	\$33,174	\$4,014
	\$813,899	\$864,471	\$50,572

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT SUMMER SCHEDULE IS OUT!



Check your mailbox for your postcard.  
Additional copies are available by the  
information boxes in the Narthex.

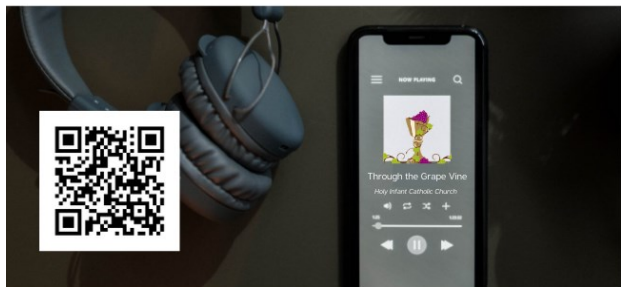
# Faith Development

## Families & Children

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## Youth & Adults

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## WEEKLY PODCAST

A special episode this week as Amber speaks with Mark Searcy, who was baptized, confirmed, and receive the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil last month. Mark shares about his journey of initiation into the Church and community, and the experience of receiving the sacraments at the Vigil



Use the QR code below to find more photos from First Communion to print and share with your families.



## REGISTER FOR VBC 2023

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. We are so excited to celebrate God's OUT OF THIS WORLD love! Save the date for **VBC 2023 beginning July 9th** and running through the 12th from 5:30-7:30 pm. VBS is open to children 4 years old through rising 6th graders. We are also seeking teens to volunteer during camp. The camp will be hosted in the Desales Center, with some events happening outdoors.

The cost is \$35 for one child, \$60 for two children, and \$75 dollars for three or more children. Financial assistance is available! Use the QR to register your child(ren). Please reach out to Michalene with any questions at msutton@holyyinfantchurch.org.



## REGISTER FOR BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES AND SAVE THE DATE

On **June 11** during the 11:30 Mass, we will recognize graduates with a special blessing. No matter where you are graduating from - high school, community college, or university - your parish wants to recognize this milestone in your life.

Graduates, please scan the QR code above to let us know if you will be joining us.



Congratulations to all the parishioners who received their first Eucharist on May 7th. We are so proud of each of these amazing young men and women.



# Ministries

**Pastoral Associate**

Lynn Sale

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## SENT BY GOD, JUST FOR ME - A STEPHEN MINISTRY STORY

I was 26, newly divorced, living far away from family and friends, and dealing with a lot of guilt, shame, and low self-esteem. Was I a total failure? Would anybody ever want me? Was God condemning me because of my divorce? I found a new church and made some friends, but still struggled. It seemed like all my church friends were perfect, happy, and full of faith—while I was flawed, gloomy, and full of doubts. When I shared some of this with my pastor, he suggested a Stephen Minister.

Before I met my Stephen Minister, I was worried she would judge and reject me once she learned about my past and got to know the real me. But she didn't. She was patient, loving, and accepting. I truly believe she was sent by God just for me.

We got together weekly. She'd ask me questions, get me talking, and then listen as I shared my struggles and doubts. She showed me God's love even when I didn't feel it. Over time, her faithful care helped me to see that perhaps I wasn't such a terrible person after all. Through her loving care, I began to think that if God loved me, then maybe I could love myself too.

After a while, I got to a better place emotionally, and our Stephen Ministry relationship ended. A few years later, I remarried and had a miscarriage, and she was there for me again as a Stephen Minister, providing the care and support I needed. We now live over a thousand miles apart—but she will always hold a special place in my heart. If you're dealing with any kind of difficulty, if you're struggling with faith questions or doubts, if you're wondering whether you are a worthy person, then I encourage you to consider getting a Stephen Minister. It just might be that God already has a special one picked out just for you.

## JOIN THE MULCH PARTY

**June 3rd from 8 - 11 am**

*All ages are welcome!*

Bring wheelbarrows, shovels, pitchforks, and small buckets. Wear garden gloves, sun protection, and bring water to drink.

Help beautify the landscape and see how the plants are growing. We want to create a diverse pollinator-friendly landscape and a beautiful area we can enjoy as we approach Holy Infant.



## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor to Neighbor is an outreach project that includes picking up and receiving donations of furniture and household items and then distributing them to families and individuals in need. A major new initiative is completely furnishing homes for refugees coming to Durham who are being sponsored by Church World Service. There are many ways that you can help support the ministry of Neighbor to Neighbor. Volunteers are always needed. Reach out to Lynn Sale at the email address above to learn more about this new ministry and get involved.



**CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR MORE  
UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT**



# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

## SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY HELPS MOMS

I often find myself reflecting on who helps me be a mom. I rely on my own mother's example daily but also find Salesian Spirituality a powerful parenting tool.

Saint Francis tells us to "Be who we are and be that well." It is so important to let our children be the person God has called them to be. This can be a challenge for me! I find myself saddling my kids with assumptions and expectations. Accepting them as they are can be tough sometimes. Our patron offers us parenting guidance. Francis encourages us to live lives based on little virtues - patience, gentleness and humility. As a mother to three teenage boys and a 20-year-old daughter I try to live these virtues but the older my kids get, the harder it is! Their lives are more complicated and choices have deeper consequences. We argue about their weekend plans, what's appropriate behavior with girlfriends, alcohol use, and why every moment doesn't need to be documented on TikTok.

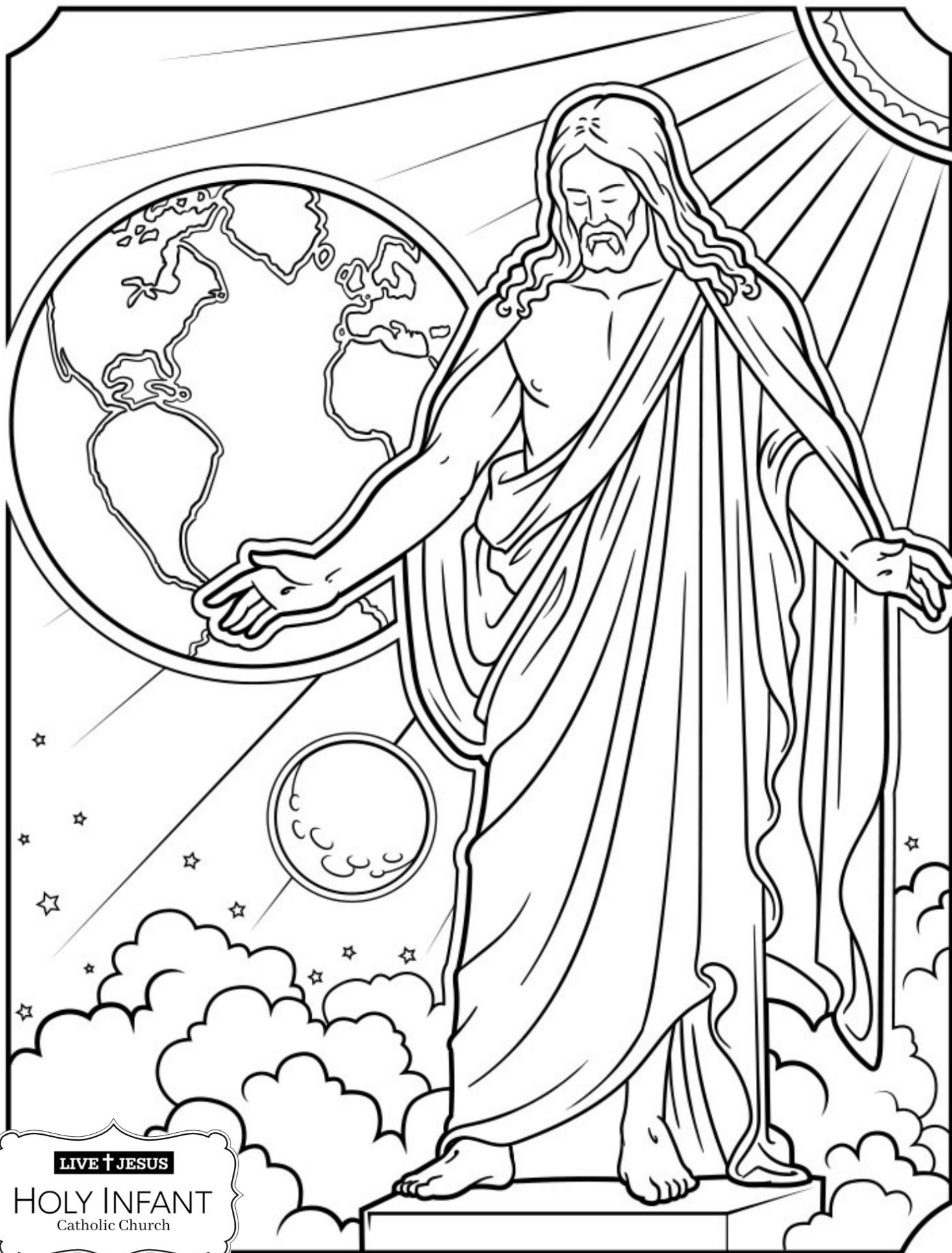
In these conflicts, I seek guidance from Francis as I draw upon the Salesian call to try to live a life of gentleness. When my kids test my greatest limit, when I want to scream at them, and when they do exactly what I told them not to, I try to remember Francis' words: "When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time." "Bending but not breaking" is such a wonderful image for parenting. Being an engaged parent is a precarious role and bending gently can require great patience. Francis tells us it's easier to be patient with those whom we do not greatly esteem, because we do not expect great charity from them. But in family relationships, the familiarity makes this call harder. In these exchanges, we must demonstrate the most amount of patience.

Patience. Humility. Gentleness. Francis' reminders help me be a better mom. As does his popular maxim to be you are and be that well. His words help me enjoy, celebrate, and treasure the opportunity to change a messy diaper, sit through a painful piano recital, comfort a child after a loss, make dinner for six, or stand at the sidelines on a cold, blustery day.

Each moment I am mother to these children I am engaging in a holy act. That is what I have learned from Francis. He tells us that when we perform simple, ordinary acts in an extraordinary way, we are living Jesus. There is true beauty and grace in the mundane tasks of caring for children and running a household. Whatever we are doing, when we use the gifts we've so generously been given, we are being holy. Tonight, I will set the table for dinner, help my son study for his AP exam and discuss 'summer rules' with my college sophomore. In so doing, I will be engaging in holy and meaningful acts. I will be parenting the Salesian way.

-Paula M. Riley  
*Mother of Four*

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing is so gentle as true strength.*  
*-St. Francis de Sales*



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