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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

PARISH CENTER OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God. "-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; Sandy Balintfy; Jeff Baker; Colette Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; Mary Bocckino; Margaret Burnett; Joanne Callahan; Maria Capone; Alice Chamis; Albina & Chin Chua; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Irene Dunbar; Jason Ferrigan; Zosima Flores; Adela Florey; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Dave Jognia; Aileen Koch; 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; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Kathy Smith; Brian Smith; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Marisa Suarez; Richard & Emily Thomas

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS July 3rd to July 9th, 2023

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9 am Jack Murray

United States of America Tuesday, 9 am

Wednesday, 9 am Sheila D'Silva

Connie & Pat Soriano Thursday, 9 am (71st Wedding Anniversary)

Jose Paula Gomes (Birthday)

Saturday, 9 am No Mass

*Saturday, 5:30 pm Susan Murray *Sunday, 8:30 am Bert Crouchley Sunday, 11:30 am Cherie & Tito Juan

*in person only

Friday, 9 am

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 holyinfantchurch.org/memorial-donations.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:-2; Jn 20:24-29 **Tuesday:** Is 58:6-11; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 25:31-46

Wednesday: Gen 21:5, 8-20; Ps 34:7-13; Mt 8:28-34 **Thursday:** Gen 22:1-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8 Friday: Gen 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zc 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;

Rm 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

The 2024 Mass Intention Book is open! Contact the church office to reserve a mass date.

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - May 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$803,700	\$858,647	\$54,947
Christmas Offertory	\$30,000	\$24,507	(\$5,493)
Easter Offertory	\$20,000	\$15431	(\$4,569)
Holy Day Collections	\$5,000	\$6,407	\$1,407
Maintenance Offertory	\$32,076	\$36,198	\$4,122
	\$890,776	\$941,571	\$50,795

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July 3 Parish Office Closed

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July 4 Justice Garden Workday 9 am

July 5 RCIA Inquiry 7:30 pm

July 6 Marian Prayer 9:30 am

July 6 Playgroup at Piney Wood Park 9:30 am

July 6 Eucharistic Adoration 12 pm

July 6 Yarn Ministry 7 pm

July 7 FYM 55+ Cards & Games Night 7 pm

July 8 Baptism Preparation Workshop 9 am

July 8 No 9 am Mass

July 8 Justice Garden Workday 9 am

July 8 Daughters of St. Francis de Sales 10 am

July 8 Funeral Mass for Vita Jones/Archie Marie Henderson Jones 11 am

July 8 Reconciliation 4 pm

July 8 VBC Set Up 6:30 pm

July 9 Catechumenate Session 11:30 am

July 9 VBC 5:30 pm

July 9 St. Monica Ministry for Praying Parents 7 pm

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



Nourishing Our Bodies, Souls, and **Communities**



Parish Focus 2023/2024

15:05

- 14:55











Faith Development

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HELP CREATE VBC MAGIC

Volunteers are needed to support Vacation Bible Camp. Email Michalene at the email above to express interest.

VBC Set-Up: Volunteers will meet in the Desales center following the 5:30 mass on July 8th. Volunteers will assist with various tasks preparing and decorating the space to welcome kids the following day for the start of VBC week. Tasks are available for all abilities, all are welcome!



FINALE FOR DSW 2023

Our teens have been busy serving together through Desales Service Works! This weekend marked the end of DSW and we couldn't be more proud of the teens who volunteered their time and talents this summer to make a difference in our community.





WEEKLY PODCAST

Over the summer we're sharing some of our favorite episodes from our first season you might have missed. This week Amber picks our second full episode from last December of her beautiful conversation with parishioner Arianna Guitierez, who led our Mom's book club.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE NEEDED

Faith Development is seeking two bookcases for a classroom in the Desales Center. If you have a spare bookcase in your home that you are willing to donate, please reach out to Michalene at the email above.

Thank you to those who have donated other items to fill this space. We are so lucky to have such giving parishioners. Our children and staff are well-cared for by your generosity.



UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

July 6

Weekly Playgroup at Piney Wood Park Playground



July 9-12

VBC 2023



July 15

Family Morning in the Garden



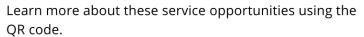
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FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

The donations that we collect for the Durham Food Pantry are running LOW. Please bring your non-perishable food to drop off in the Narthex when you come to Mass.

You are also invited to combat hunger by serving in other related ministries at Holy Infant:

- Urban Ministries of Durham
- Meals on Wheels
- The Food Justice Garden
- Families Moving Forward
- Bread for the World





Join the Forever Young Ministry on **July 21st** at 6:30 pm in the Desales Center for Lettuce Be Friends - 1960s style! Bring your 60s song requests and salad, sandwiches, or dessert to share.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Holy Infant is proud to have our Little Free Library, which can be found next to the playground. Parishioners are welcome to leave and take books as they wish. Books of all genres and for all ages are welcome to be left.

Please be thoughtful of the content of any books you share with the library and that they meet the values of our parish.



PARISH DIRECTORY INTEREST

There is an overwhelming interest in a parish directory! Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts and interest with our staff. We are grateful for the insight of our parishioners and excited to see this project come to fruition.

We will keep the parish updated on the plans for this project and hope to begin soon.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down.

If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with Lynn Sale (lynns@holyinfantchurch.org / 919-973-0018) or one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

IS THERE SUCH THING AS 'WOKE' SAINTS?

I still recall the words uttered by my mom in exasperation when I was a little boy who insisted on doing things my way and in my own time: "Michael, you have a mind of your own." I am pretty sure she didn't intend those words as a compliment back then, but that is how I interpret them today when they ring in the ears of my more mature years. Maybe that explains why my favorite saints and artists have always been the ones who came to view their own feisty, independent spirits as a gift, their willful selves part of God's will for them. They sensed that blindly obeying the rules, especially the more questionable ones, isn't necessarily the best way to build a loving relationship with God or to share God's love with a world in desperate need of it.

I recently donated a small collection of beautiful children's books I have purchased over the years to the Nick Virgilio Writers House, a facility near my art studio dedicated to promoting haiku poetry and literacy for the young people of Camden, New Jersey. Among the books I gathered were ones about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, the Quiltmakers of Gee's Bend, Nicholas Black Elk, and Rabbi Abraham Heschel. I sat and read each one before packing it in the box, lingering over the wildly imaginative artwork, painfully aware that in some states and school districts, these books would be banned. It broke my little woke heart.

If "woke" means being awakened to the painful realities of racism and discrimination, I guess I was woke long before it became a thing. As a child in Catholic school, I read The Diary of Anne Frank. Did it scare the hell out of me? It was a true story of a girl my age who died in a concentration camp a mere twelve years before I was born. Twelve years! It absolutely scared me. But it also taught me Christian compassion.

At that same early period in my life, the Civil Rights Movement was gaining strength. Growing up in a very white Philadelphia neighborhood meant I never witnessed it firsthand, but I watched it on the news. Water cannons and vicious Southern policemen with snarling dogs were just as scary to me as Nazi stormtroopers and SS commandants.

As I envision the long and winding road of my adult spiritual journey, I see it lined with my favorite cloud of witnesses, a beloved communion of saints creating a litany of holy woke-ness from across the ages of church history — and I want to be in that number when they go marching in. They include sassy prophets from the distant past who spoke their truths to abusive power and broke new ground: women like Hildegard of Bingen and Catherine of Siena or men like Francis of Assisi and Ignatius of Loyola. Courageous reformers like Teresa of Avila and Pope John XXIII weren't afraid to address the church's desperate need for spiritual renewal in their own times and they each did it in their own relevant way.

Black prophets like Thea Bowman and King led and guided us to endless amazing graces through music and the preached word. Black Elk and Kateri Tekakwitha enlightened us with Native wisdom and respect for creation. Óscar Romero and Mother Teresa helped us discover the presence of Christ in everyone, especially those in the most desperate circumstances.

St. Francis de Sales used to say: "Be who you are and be that perfectly well." This sounds to me like the woke secret to finding love and happiness in troubled times such as ours. When we hide the ugly truths of history — whether church or nation — we cannot properly heal. Healing begins when we love and forgive ourselves and follow that up with love and mercy for others in all their colorful, sexual, and cultural variety. I can just hear my saintly BFFs joining in the heavenly chorus with my mom: "Michael, you have a mind of your own." I have a heart and a soul of my own as well, and I feel blessedly, blissfully woke.



FOR OUR SHIELD BELONGS TO THE LORD, OUR KING TO THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.