



HOLY INFANT
Catholic Church **LIVE † JESUS**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023

GLORY TO GOD



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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OFFICE HOURS

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

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Go to 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

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."
-Francis de Sales



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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 holysinfectchurch.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; Sandy Balintfy; Jeff Baker; Colette Bean; Clayton Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; 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; Susan Fleming; 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; 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; Maria Tadipa; Richard Thomas

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

September 4th to September 10th, 2023

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9 am	<i>Teresa Nhan Le</i>
Tuesday, 9 am	<i>Bill & Eileen Howell</i>
Wednesday, 9 am	<i>Monique Van Stekelenburg</i>
Thursday, 9 am	<i>Trey Dewolf (Birthday)</i>
Friday, 9 am	<i>Vanessa Baptista (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 9 am	<i>No 9am Mass</i>
*Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>John Spiridigliozzi</i>
*Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Raj & Ashok Menezes</i>
	<i>(Thanksgiving)</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Thanksgiving for</i>
	<i>Grandparents living</i>
	<i>& deceased</i>

**in person only*

To honor a loved one, living or deceased,
with a mass intention, visit
holysinphantchurch.org/mass-intentions.

For more information on memorials for altar wine,
lamp or altar flowers, visit
holysinphantchurch.org/memorial-donations.

Altar Flowers in Memory of Eric Olivier

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gen 2:4-9, 15; Ps 90:2-5, 12-14, 16; Mt 6:31-34
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Mc 5:1-4; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rm 13:8-10;
 Mt 18:15-20

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - July 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$87,037	\$92,731	\$5,694
Christmas Offertory			
Easter Offertory		\$169	\$169
Holy Day Collections		\$167	\$167
Maintenance Offertory	\$3,300	\$2,865	(\$435)
	\$90,337	\$95,932	\$5,595

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sept 4 Parish Office Closed
Sept 5 Centering Prayer, 8 am
Sept 5 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Sept 5 KoC Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
Sept 6 RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm
Sept 7 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Sept 7 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Sept 7 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm
Sept 7 Refugee Resettlement Team Meeting, 7 pm
Sept 9 No 9am Mass
Sept 9 Baptism Preparation Workshop, 9 am
Sept 9 Mental Health Issues Presentation, 9 am
Sept 9 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Sept 9 Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, 10 am
Sept 9 Funeral Mass—Clarence Nonnenmacher, 11 am
Sept 9 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Sept 9 Catechumenate Session, 5:30 pm
Sept 10 Stephen Minister Information Meeting,
after all masses

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



We're updating our Online Giving Page!

Starting in September our giving page will have a fresh new look. We hope you like it and find it more aesthetically pleasing and easier to navigate. This is a refreshed version of our old website, so all recurring donations will continue seamlessly.

New donations are put into a "Basket" which can be changed before you "Continue to Payment".

A transaction can be entered as one-time or recurring, and if you already have an account you can continue to sign in as usual. (Buttons are at the top of the page).



Faith Development

Families & Children

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Youth & Adults

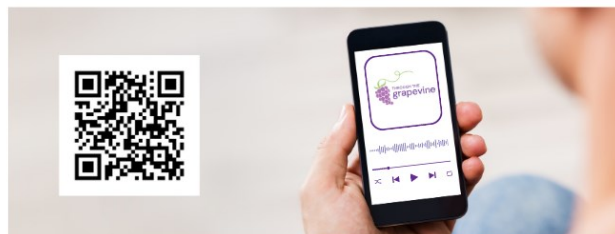
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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Our lifelong faith formation process aims to foster in our minds and hearts the experience of God's reign in our midst as we form communities of faith, proclaim God's Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and build a just and compassionate society, in which all people share God's gifts.

We are committed to whole community catechesis and faith formation that brings people of all ages together to explore some aspect of our Catholic faith through prayer, service activities, learning sessions, and community building.

Scholarships are available! Reach out to Michalene at the email above to inquire about scholarships or to donate toward our scholarship fund.



WEEKLY PODCAST

This week as most kids have finally gone back to school, we're sharing an interview Amber did before she went on maternity leave with Patrick Kurz, the principal at Immaculata Catholic School in Durham. Learn about the long history of Catholic education at Immaculata in Durham, and the benefits of and challenges to Catholic education today.

THANK YOU CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to the parish celebration last weekend.

Mary & Jim O'Rourke, Jerry & Maureen DeFranc, Audrey & Lynn Dail, Sam Applegate, Kat Zeph, Jacqueline, Mike & Sydney Romanelli; Ruth Stanton, Diane Gerding, Brian Brave; Marisa & Joe Spina; Josee & Owen Meehan; Carol Egan; Paul Fitzgerald; Lawrence Buckley; Mary Kennery; Deb Lewis; Diane & Dick Arsenault; Susan Brunssen; Carol Owen; Roberta Brave; Jackie Huvane; Joan Donovan; Susan Thomas; Joe Devlin; Richard, Jenny & Colin Brown; Bob Dieter; Jeff Spears; Bob Radcliffe; Tim Kennedy; Michael Beben; John Von Achen; Tom Stoffel; Chris & Tre Woodward; Mauricio & Rusty Aujero; Mark Prokrop; Midge Bowers; Hedwig Metzen; Julio Revueltas; Jan & Jeff Eichen; Monica Nogueira; Tom & Judy Hill; Ray & Jody Zeillman; Mary & Patrick Ratliff; Teresa Isidro; Cristina Nadalutti; Lisa & Doug Nuun; Bob LeFebvre; Rob McAllister; Brenda & Lloyd Schmiedler



It was a beautiful evening to gather as a parish family.
God is so good!



Ministries

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HOLY INFANT BLOOD DRIVE

The need for blood is constant; only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross!



Saturday, **October 7th** in the Fellowship Hall from 8 am - 1 pm

A CALL TO END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

Hunger: A Faith & Justice Response is an 8-session small group program by JustFaith Ministries. The program seeks to create a new movement of solidarity between Christians with sufficient access to food and those experiencing food insecurity, both in the U.S. and worldwide.

Using new information from articles, online viewing, and a resource book, lends new insights to participants' awareness of the causes and consequences of food insecurity. Encouraging new spiritual practices and actions cultivates an expanding community of Christians who are in action to end hunger in our world.

Meeting **September 13th through November 8th**
Wednesdays from 6:30-9 pm
In the Desales Center



THANK YOU FROM THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

The house was full of the necessities as well as many other nice-to-have items such as a microwave, toys, a tool kit and extra linens. The team would like to thank everyone for their contributions and also for their patience. It was difficult to plan ahead when we did not know the particulars of the house and the timing.

Some of you offered up furniture which we were unable to use, and we were able to direct it to other needy families. Others held on to items for weeks. All of this was very much appreciated. The folks at Neighbor to Neighbor, a ministry at Duke Memorial United Methodist that Holy Infant has partnered with, also were a big help.

The team learned a lot ourselves, and we are continuing to learn as we interact with the family. This project has highlighted Holy Infant at its best – Murakoze! (That's thank you in Kinyarwanda, the language of our new brothers and sisters.)

UPCOMING BURN REVIVAL

In movement with the Holy Spirit, St. Thomas More is now bringing you a night of Eucharistic Revival: Burn Revival. Women are invited to join in prayer with the Blessed Is She community, worship, and listen to a beautiful talk by Beth Davis. Enter into a Holy Hour with confession available for you to receive the Lord's mercy and goodness.

Friday, October 6, 2023

The Catholic Community of St. Thomas More
940 Carmichael Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514



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





THE WAY OF JESUS

As Christians, we lead with the Cross. At our liturgies, the Cross always leads our processions. The first action of the Mass after the procession is making the Sign of the Cross. At the beginning of our Baptism ritual, the first sacrament of initiation, the child is signed with the cross on the forehead by the Church's ministers, and the parents and godparents.

Christianity is a faith-filled with paradoxes, reflective of the reality of our daily lives. Some of our strongest bonds of love and friendship are formed when we are going through the most difficult circumstances together. The ones we love the most are usually the ones who most easily anger us. And so it is with the Cross, that an instrument designed to inflict the most painful death turns out to be the instrument by which God expresses his greatest love and by which we are redeemed.

So as we try to follow the "Way" of Jesus, let us carefully discern how we're being called to enter into imperfect situations, transcending our quick impulses to be petty or divisive, to become the instruments of healing and life that our world so desperately needs.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 20:7-9 God's word has brought me derision.

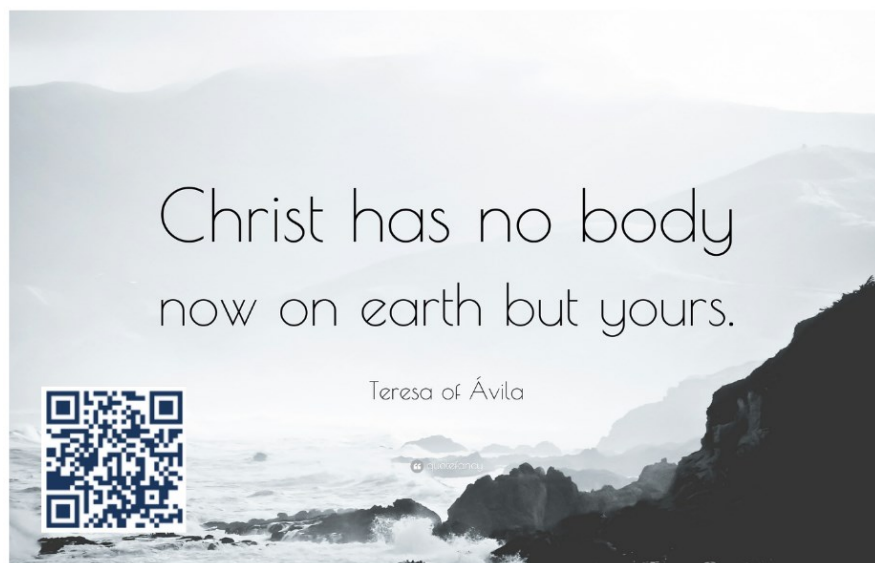
Psalms 63 "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Romans 12:1-2 "Discern what is the will of God."

Matthew 16:21-27 Take up the cross and follow the Lord.

Jeremiah lashes out at God in today's first reading for the misery he must endure as a prophet. Saint Paul, who knew well what it was like to be persecuted, urged the Romans to sacrifice their will to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Suffering is a part of life and is a necessary part of our calling as the Lord's disciples. May God's word strengthen us so that we may better endure suffering on our journey.

In what ways do I find it difficult to deny my own desires, priorities, and will, to follow Christ? How can my faith in the resurrection ease my willingness to do so?



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

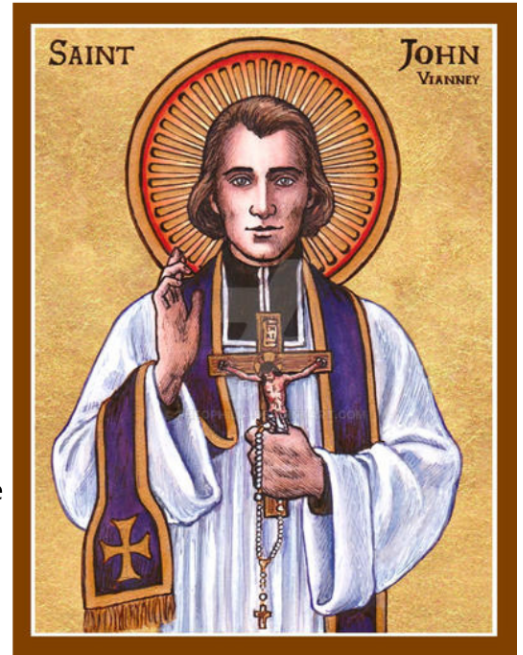
This weekend we sang "Christ, Has No Body Now But Yours" by Steven Warner. Use the QR code above to listen and sing it again.

Next weekend we celebrate the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time when we hear Jesus assure his disciples that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there with them.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE CURÉ D'ARS

St. Jean-Marie Vianney was a 19th-century French priest who was known for his kindness, holiness, and ministry as a parish priest. Almost 100 years ago, Jean (John) Vianney was canonized as a saint and named patron of parish priests. John was dedicated to the church and the people of Ars - a small village south of Lyon (the city where Francis de Sales died). He spent almost twelve hours a day hearing confessions and sharing the mercy of God. People from his village, his region, and all over Europe would come to his parish to experience the compassion of the "Cure d'Ars." Some people believed Vianney could look into their hearts and "read their souls." Others were inspired by his simple way of life and rousing sermons. Whatever supernatural gifts he had, the Cure d'Ars spent his life for the sanctification of his people and for the care of their souls. His greatest gift to the Church was his ability to help believers look beyond their earthly sins and accept the love and forgiveness of God.



The life and example of John Vianney reminds me of the founder of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Blessed Louis Brisson. Like the Cure d'Ars, Brisson was first and foremost a pastor, caring for the souls of God's people. He told the Oblates to "respect the soul of your student." These words were given at a time when most of the Oblate community was teaching in high schools. While the circumstances of Oblate life may have changed, the spirit of Fr. Brisson's words continue to resonate with every Oblate, in every apostolate in which he ministers. Oblates are called to respect the people in their schools, missions, and every place where they work to spread the spirit of Francis de Sales.

As a pastor concerned with souls, Fr. Brisson recognized the grace and power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He passed on the Oblates the advice of the Bishop of Geneva (St. Francis de Sales) to strive and be gentle and humble confessors. He recognized that we are all sinners and that we need to be patient with everyone, especially with ourselves. As Bishop De Sales had written to the priests of his diocese "The touchstone of the perfect confessor is that he be merciful with the vices of others, but never forget his own imperfections (from The Works of St. Francis de Sales, Annecy, 1928)."

St. Francis reminded the Visitation Sisters (and us) that when we sin and return to the Father, we must "go forth very bravely with perfect trust in the goodness of Him who calls us to holiness. God allows many difficulties to beset those who want to serve Him, but He never lets them sink beneath the burden as long as they trust in Him (Letter to Rev. Mother de Brechard, July 22, 1616)."

Today, the Oblates continue the practice of Francis de Sales, Louis Brisson, and John Vianney by being gentle pastors and kind confessors. They recognize that it is not only what they teach in a lesson or in the pulpit, but what they do in their daily lives that makes an impression on students, parishioners, and co-workers. In a conference with the early Oblates, Fr. Brisson reminded them that it is "in the classroom, in the chapel, in the confessional," that they care for the minds, hearts, and souls of their pupils and their people. Brisson called his community (and all of us) to not only know and teach about the Savior but in the words of his patron, to "live Jesus."

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